



# The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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### NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2010 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,  
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

## NOW HEAR THIS

### FROM THE BRIDGE



The friendly weatherman is calling for an end of the nice, sunny, warm weather we have been having. Our last Club outing in early November was nearly perfect for getting my boat in the water. Perhaps a

little windy for some boats with a high freeboard, but otherwise it was a fine fall day. I had decided to take the big sub out for one more patrol, and I had a pleasant afternoon largely below the waves.

When I had the submarine submerged, it is all I can do to make it do what I want, as that third dimension of up and down really makes for a busy time at the controls. In all of my underwater sailing, it has been almost impossible to both run the boat and take some photographs.

This time Club member Jeff Manning had his camera with him, and offered to take some shots of SS 236 running just under the surface. What a great bunch of photos he took! I have been passing them around to friends, showing them what a sub looks like at periscope depth. With my gray camouflage, my boat on the surface can be hard to

see. With a little wave action and at periscope depth, it definitely proves just how hard it is to find a sub running with only the scope up. Many thank, Jeff, for the excellent photos.

Which brings me to a question for you? How many times have you taken or had a friend take photos of your boats on the water? For many of you, you have spent countless hours planning and building an excellent boat, but you never photograph it in its natural element – riding the waves? And we could always use good photos for the website or the newsletter. Why don't you make that a goal for early next year, when your boat has just completed its winter refit. Take some shots and share them with everyone.....

We are heading into the holiday season. I hope everyone enjoys their family and friends.

Having said that, I am going to quite writing and show you a couple of Jeff's excellent shots. Hope you enjoy seeing what my boat can do.

Commodore Jim



Dive! Dive!



Going down.



Periscope depth.



Find the sub.



USS Silversides (SS 236)



## Member News

Alden Clark was again absent for the November meeting. There has been no news from him. We assume he is reasonably well but unwilling to drive.

Fred Hoeffken was at the November meeting but has no word yet about his pending surgery.

Bob Chapman found it necessary to visit the hospital once again because of a blockage. At last report he was at home and doing pretty well.

## Old Business

Nominations for 2011 officers remain open until the December meeting. Any one ?

If you and/or a guest are planning on attending the Christmas party please contact Jane as soon as possible. We don't need to come short on food.

We will take part in the Toy Show at Westport Plaza Sunday, February 6, 2011 **ONLY**. This will be a static display. Be prepared to brag about the models you are showing and our great boat club.

## Raffle

The October Mark Twain raffle winners were Ray Sepanski and Bob Chapman. Fred Cody gave up two of his raffle winnings so two more were raffled off, and the winners were Chris Kunz and Jim Wisniewski.

## New Business

To spread the workload among the membership Tom Eckert agreed to pick up two jobs now being done by Dave St. Clair. These are membership chair and the calling tree manager.

Commodore Jim also established a "Regatta Committee" to consider revisions of the annual regatta. No preconditions were set for this committee.

They will consider **ALL** aspects of the event, including dates, location, awards and judging. The committee will consist of Tom Eckert, chairman, Chris Kunz and Ray Sepanski

Correction the Swap Meet will be at the January meeting.

## Show and Tell

Jim Schwinkendorf displayed a small model of a fishing boat, about 15" long. He has it built, but still has to install a radio and motor. It is larger than his landing craft but smaller than his 6 foot long sub. Dave St Clair showed additional improvements to the recovery and placement for buoys and floating lighthouses. In addition he provided handouts of the electrical circuits used in developing his remote lifting and lowering of anchors. Dave is a remarkable teacher!

## Adjournment

The meeting closed at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Sepanski, Secretary

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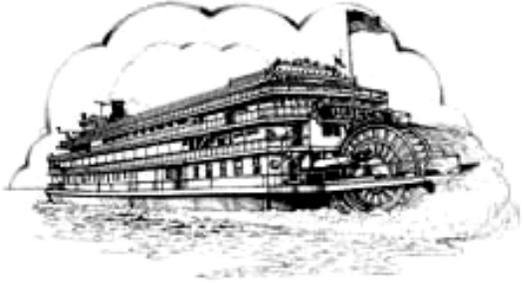
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## **Retired Navy Man Enjoys Hobby**

**Ship Model: Admiral Graf Spee, scratch built by: William Terra (ME - USA ); Scale: 1:20**

**Additional Information**

**The model is scratch built like a canoe using 1 1/4" bass wood strips & then covered w/fiberglass.**

**Estimated weight: 700 lbs**

**The beam is 52"**

**The length is about 30'**

**It can carry two people**

**The model is powered by a 15 hp outboard engine under rear gun turret..**

**It can sail 15 mph**

**Furthermore the model has a built in music system.**

**While William Terra cruises the lakes of Maine he enjoys listening to Wagner.**

**The Commander-in-Chief in the photographs below is William Terra**

**Construction time: Four years (so far). Estimated to take at least 2 years to complete entirely.**

**The Model - Status 2002**





# Old sea dog sets tongues wagging at Crufts



Thu Mar 11, 1:18 pm ET

LONDON (Reuters Life!) – A 16th century dog, the only known female to have served aboard King Henry VIII's ill-fated flagship the Mary Rose, has stolen the show at Britain's Crufts dog show this year.

The two-year old mongrel, lost aboard the Tudor warship 465 years ago, is a special guest of the Kennel Club this year, according to the show's organizers.

The painstakingly reconstructed skeleton, poised on its haunches, acquired the nickname "Hatch" after divers discovered her remains near the sliding hatch door of the Mary Rose's carpenter's cabin.

Her remains were found partly inside and outside his quarters suggesting she was trapped there as the huge warship, the pride of the English fleet, keeled over and sank in the Solent off England's southern coast in mysterious circumstances.

Experts from the Mary Rose Trust believe she almost certainly earned her keep as the ship's "ratter" -- superstitious Tudor sailors did not have cats on board as they were thought to bring bad luck.

And she was probably very good at her job -- only the partial remains of rats' skeletons have been found on board the Mary Rose, they say.

"Expert analysis of Hatch's bones suggests that she spent most of her short life within the close confines of the ship," said Rear-Admiral John Lippiett, chief executive of the Mary Rose Trust.

"It is likely that the longest walks she took were along the quayside at Portsmouth (southern England), her home town."

Hatch is just one of 19,000 Tudor treasures recovered with the wreck of the ship, a Tudor time capsule likened by archaeologists to a British Pompeii.

Her bones will be on display at the National Exhibition Center in Birmingham, central England, for the length of the show (March 11-March 14), before returning to take up a permanent home at the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth.

(Reporting by Stefano Ambrogi; Editing by Keith Weir)

## WORLD'S LARGEST SAILING YACHT - MALTESE FALCON - UNDER FULL SAIL



Maltese Falcon, the world's largest sailing yacht 88 meter (289 ft) has been sold for USD 100 million and is built by the Italian Perini Navi Yacht. This boat uses the innovative sailing system DynaRig. It consists of three constantly rotating masts, which hold 15 sails. The maximum speed of the boat is of about 21 knots. Maltese Falcon is able to cross the Atlantic in just 10 days.

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