



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2010 at Boat House Forest Park, 6101 Government Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



Survivability. Now that's probably a word that we don't think a lot about when we are planning or building a model boat. But perhaps it should be. I just finished reading a book on three real WW II destroyers in

Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet that met a typhoon head on and didn't make it. And I have also read another book on all of the submarine disasters that have resulted in lost boats – and there have been a LOT!!!

While most of us are probably not planning to run our model boats in a typhoon or hurricane any time soon, we nonetheless encounter some mighty big “scale” waves from time to time, as well as other unforeseen events that put our craft in jeopardy – gusts of wind, collisions, electrical and radio problems, and leaks. In the real world, the whole concept of maritime risks has special laws, insurance, rules, and common sense requirements.

In the science of physics, anything having negative buoyancy **SINKS TO THE BOTTOM**. One ounce of too much weight doesn't sink the boat just a little – it sinks it **ALL OF THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM**. Generally speaking, a boat either floats or it sinks.... Most surface boats are constructed to remain afloat,

but there are considerations and tradeoffs that come into play in our world of the wet.

Take a look at your favorite boat and imagine serious conditions that could afflict it, and how well is your boat going to be able to survive under grossly unfavorable circumstances? Is the hull built solidly, with structural bulkheads? Is the hull itself made from a robust material? How stable is the boat when it rolls or encounters some big waves or winds? How good is the electrical system? How reliable is the radio gear? Play some “what if” games and see how well your boat might survive. If you get some negative thoughts, maybe it's time to add some improvements to make your investment of time, money, and warm fuzzy feelings for your boat to remain intact.

A collision between two boats can result in the boat with poorer stability rolling on its side, taking on water, and going **ALL OF THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM**. It may be a great looking boat, but it may need some help so as to make it more survivable. The three destroyers first mentioned were unstable, took a heavy roll, and ended up with water going down their vents and stacks, losing propulsion power and pumps. Their instability kept them on their sides. They did not survive.

So some things to consider are stability, what happens with water inside the hull and how much, where are vital components located and are there better locations for them, what is waterproof and what is not (and perhaps what should be)? Can my radio gear and motors get the boat from the middle of the pond to shore if something bad happens? Do I have any back-up systems and should I?

While we don't normally plan to have problems, we can have them. Murphy is alive and well. (and

possibly a sailor). A boat sailing with some thought given to its survivability will probably be plying the waters for a long time. That's more fun than doing a hunt and rescue mission. If you have things in the boat that don't quite function correctly, you can bet that the malfunction will occur in the middle of the pond.

So take a look at your boats and make improvements as necessary. And avoid typhoons.....

Commodore Jim

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Our normal sailing afternoon for May will be held on Monday, May 10, at the Boat House in Forest Park, between 1PM and 4:45PM. We will have people to direct you at the Boat House. Parking there is limited, so plan to drop off your boat. Then park nearby where you can find a place.

The Boat House is located at the lowest level in the Park, and not too far from the Muny. There are signs in the park to guide you to the Boat House.

Following our sail, we will have dinner there instead of at Appleby's. Right after dinner we will head to our normal meeting location at St. Stephen's. For that move, leave Forest Park and go west on I-64/US 40 to North I-170, and exit east onto Airport Road. Travel east on Airport Road to New Florissant Road, go a block south, and then left to St. Stephens.

We will be talking about this at the April meeting, so attend if at all possible.

Commodore Jim

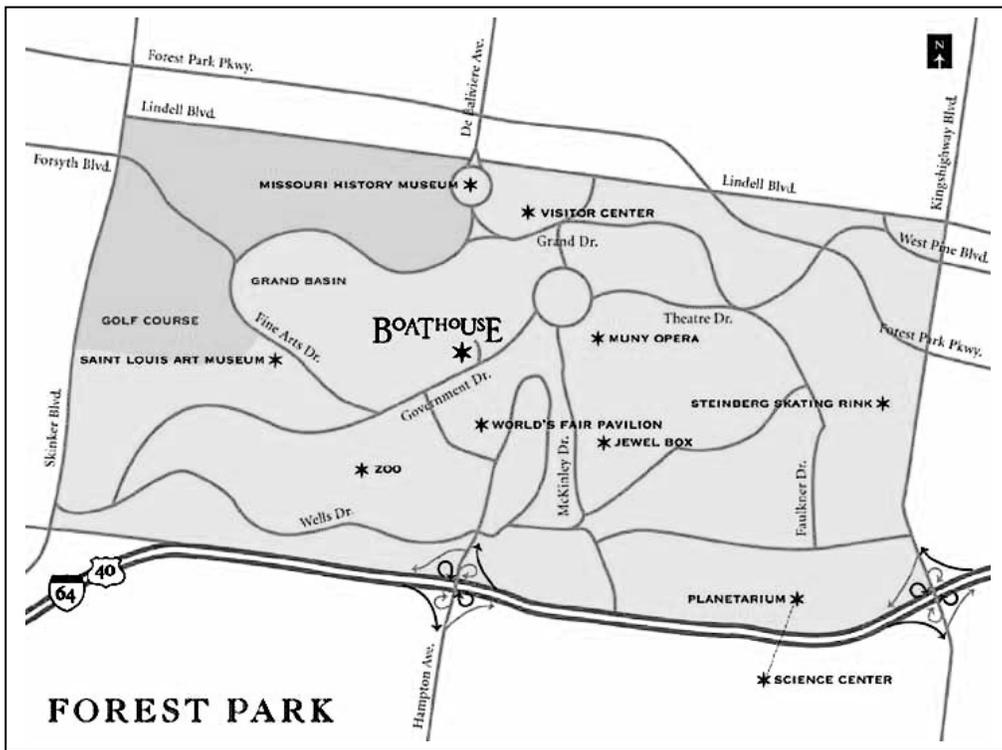
May 10, 2010 - Getting lost in beautiful Forest Park is never a bad thing.

The Boathouse is situated in the center of Forest Park between the Muny and the Zoo. You may get to it from all the entrances to the park by just following the signs.

The easiest way to get to the Boathouse is from the Forest Park exit at Hampton Avenue off Highway 40 (Interstate 64). Take this road into the Park until it dead ends and make a left on to Washington Drive. Take this road until it dead ends and make a right on to Government Drive. The Boathouse will be on your left.

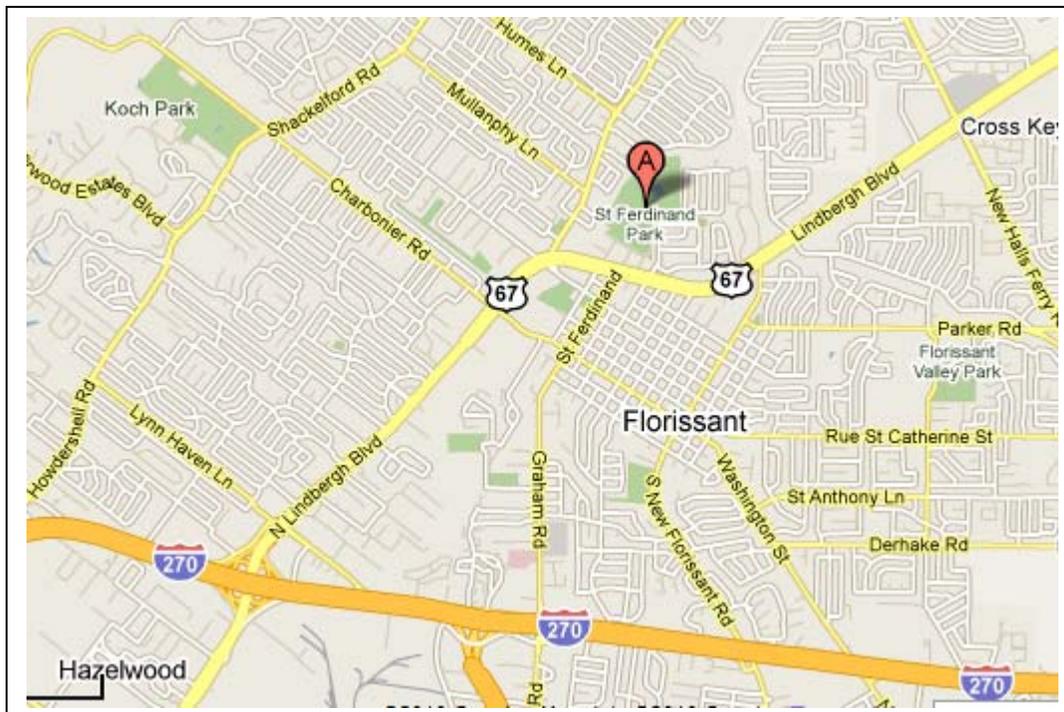
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**Still turned around? Just give us a call and we can guide you in:
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April 5, 2010 sail at St. Ferdinand Lake 1:00-5:00PM (weather permitting) and 5:00 PM Dinner at Applebee's, 2309 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033, and 7:00 PM meeting at St. Stephens Church.

Third Sunday every month – Sailing at St Ferdinand Park, Florissant, MO



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Membership Dues

##Please take note of the following: ##

Dues for new members will be prorated on a per month basis based upon our beginning of May 1st dues. Please make checks (no cash) payable to “St Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club” in the amount of \$30.00. Send checks (no cash) to

Dave St. Clair
4623 Dulin Creek Road
House Springs, MO 63051

PS If you would like to have your e-mail address included for receipt of the Broadside and other publications please include it on a separate sheet of paper, to my attention. If you have moved since your last renewal, please note change of address, etc.

Thank you, Dave St. Clair

Tentative 2010 meeting dates are:

Grafton, IL – June 19 and 20

Union Station - September 18 and 19

June 7, 2010

July 5, 2010

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

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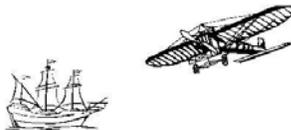
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Check out this yacht!



hands to build this yacht with enormous dimensions: the WHY 58x38. (58 meters long and 38 meters wide).

A famous French ship building company and one of Monaco joined



The yacht has an area of 3400 square meters, with seating for 12 passengers and 20 crew.

This is a "green" yacht.

Wally et Herm's uses green energy to save 20 to 30% fuel and 40 to 50% electricity consumption on board. There are 900 sq. meters equipped with solar panels, producing a daily output of 500 kW.

130 meters, a music room, a dining room, a cinema, sun decks, suites, terraces, a lounge, and a bibi.

Three decks, a 25 meter pool, a spa, helicopter pad, sauna, gym and massage room, a promenade of

The decks are connected by stairs but there is also an elevator.

The suite of the owner:

With an area of 200 sq. meters and completely covers the third deck. (This is the bedroom) The sea view is great, and there is a private terrace 25 meters long.

The yacht has the shape of a horseshoe and has a roof so everything is bathed in a sea of light.

The spacious lounge. on the lower deck are the common premises, such as lounge, piano bar and dining area.





The dining room opens onto the sea view.

For the guests, 5 suites with sea views (on the middle deck). There is also a reading room.

Now is that shipshape or what?





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