



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2013 at Bob Evans, 3583 Pennridge Dr.,
Bridgeton, MO**

NOW HEAR THIS



FROM THE BRIDGE

Since ancient history, man has climbed aboard a vessel in order to travel across the waters. And since those far away times, man has always managed to get himself into trouble when sailing upon said

waters. Maritime law is a whole separate set of rules and regulations recognizing that being out on rivers, lakes and oceans brings about certain perils above those normally associated with man standing on firm ground.

Since those earliest of days, there have been disasters, shipwrecks, groundings, rescues and similar topics linking man and his maritime experiences. Just looking back into history brings to mind great instances during war and peace. Think about such things as the names Titanic and Lusitania in times past and Costa Concordia in more recent times. You can see that regardless of how sure people have been that they have things under control on the high seas, lessons are still being learned. The above mentioned events all had a rescue involved. In 1939, a submarine named Squalus made a normal dive and, like many other boats, didn't come back up as planned. A rescue effort was made and was partially successful.

So what has this got to do with sailing model boats? Well, if you have been out sailing, either by yourself

or with other Club members, the chances are pretty high that King Neptune has reached up from the depths, causing an incident with your model boat, and requiring a rescue. And a Club Commodore is no exception.

Thinking that I might have just one more day of acceptable sailing at St Ferdinand Park this fall, I loaded the big submarine in the car and headed for the pond. And, yes, I had fully charged the batteries and checked everything out. Upon arrival at the pond, I discovered that I was the only one there. But we submarine guys are lone wolf boaters, so I went ahead and launched the boat. It sailed away from the side of the pond and turned to port – whereupon it just plain quit running!!!!!!

And when I said I was alone, I really meant it. No fishermen, other boaters, people exercising – NO ONE. So there floated the boat without any power, and in nautical terms – adrift. Now why am I telling you this story? It is to provide a suggested course of planning and action on your part, one that could greatly lessen the angst of just watching a floating boat with no control.

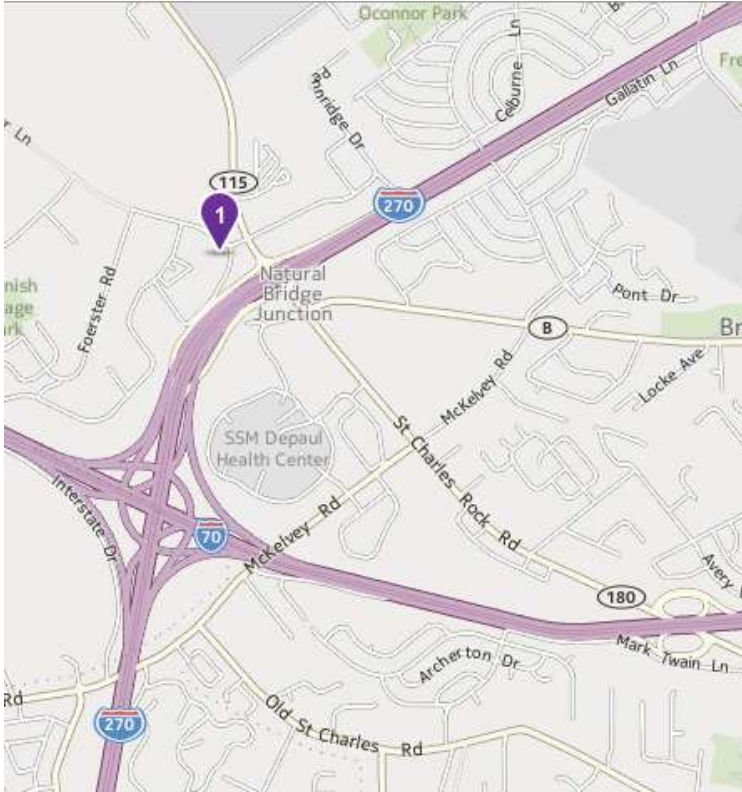
Regardless of whether you think there will be a bunch of fellow skippers or, as in this case, found myself sailing alone, the prudent thing for me to have done was to simply bring a second operational, fully charged boat with me. In other words, a rescue boat. It would have taken me little time to put a second boat and transmitter in the car. That would have given me the means to rescue my

own boat if by myself, or assist in a rescue if someone else had gotten into trouble.

Happy sailing.

My point here is to bring two boats with you when you go sailing. At least then you can do something other than spend the afternoon waiting for the wind to blow your unmoving boat across the pond..... And believe me, rescue is a good thing!!!!

Commodore Jim



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The Christmas Social will be held on Monday, December 2 at 5 PM. This is the Bridgeton Bob Evans restaurant as shown on the map. There will be no meeting at St Stephen's.

Tentative 2014 meeting dates are:

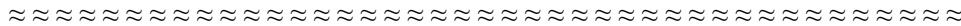
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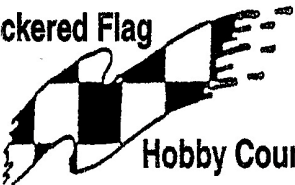
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St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club
 Meeting November 4, 2013

Commodore Jim called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM with the pledge of allegiance. The absence of Mike Alligood due to a fall recently was noted. All hands wished him a speedy recovery. George Kirby told the members that Bob Olsen's son died this past month. The members signed a sympathy card to be mailed by George to Bob.

The October minutes as published in the Broadside were approved. George Kirby gave the Treasurer's report, including the status of income and expenses for the 2013 Regatta. George Kirby noted that he had sent a thank you card on behalf of the Club to our member Al Luensmann for his donation in support of the Regatta.

Father Tom Keller, Chairman of the Future Planning Committee, handed out a St. Louis Admirals Fees and Donations Proposal that he explained to the members. One verbal modification for the members to consider would be a possible fee of \$5.00 annually to be assessed for the monthly mailing of a printed copy of the Club newsletter to help defray the cost of postage. The proposal includes the following: Annual dues would remain at \$30.00; Regatta registration would remain at \$10.00; monthly sailing at St. Ferdinand would remain free; the monthly dinner get together would continue to be each person pays his or her own meal; the monthly meeting would continue to include a suggested donation of \$1.00 from each member for the St. Stephen's food pantry; for Special Event sailings (e.g., the Mehlville indoor pool winter sailings), a suggested donation of \$5.00 from each participating member to help defray the cost of the site rental and the liability insurance; for parties such as the annual picnic and the Christmas social, each member would pay his or her own individual meal.

Related to the Committee's proposals, Bob Keeler turned in to the Commodore the following suggested changes to the by-laws: the pledge of allegiance be mentioned in the by-laws as an official part of the agenda for each meeting; approval of the minutes of the previous meeting be made automatic upon their publication in the monthly newsletter, Broadside; a suggested donation of \$5.00 per participant for insurance at the monthly meeting when

members consider a special sailing event, i.e., if you sign up for a special sailing event, you make a suggested donation of \$5.00 at that time; that the "55 degrees F and dry" rule for the monthly sailing at St. Ferdinand Park be dropped in favor of each skipper applying common sense to suitable sailing conditions as they are at the time.

Commodore Jim reiterated his support for the general principle of pay as you go for each member participating in special events beyond the regular sailing at St. Ferdinand.

Commodore Jim opened the floor to nominations for officers for 2014. Dave St. Clair and George Kirby said they would be willing to stay on as Vice Commodore and Treasurer, respectively. Chris Kunz said he would not seek another term as Secretary due to a commitment to another organization. Commodore Jim said he would agree to serve another term as Commodore if the members agree to the Club having an appointed Program Director for meetings and if someone else planned the Regatta.

Bob Keeler volunteered to serve as Secretary for 2014. Fr. Keller agreed to serve as Program Director with the expectation that there would be a planning meeting with the Club officers to provide guidance on how best to structure future monthly meetings so members would get the advice and assistance they need in boat building and repairs. Dave St. Clair said he could help out with demonstrations but would need input and feedback from members which he didn't receive in the past.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following nominees as Club officers for 2014: Jim Schwinkendorf as Commodore; Dave St. Clair as Vice Commodore; George Kirby as Treasurer; Bob Keeler as Secretary. The motion was passed on voice vote of the members.

Commodore Jim led a discussion about the 2013 Christmas social. It was decided that the social would be combined with the regular December meeting as has been past practice. The gathering will be held on December 2, 2013 at 5 PM at the Bob Evans restaurant at 3583 Penridge Drive in Bridgeton, MO., telephone (314) 739-2336. A senior menu is available. Each person will pay for his or her own meal. A short Club meeting will be held at the restaurant after the meal. There will be no meeting that night at St. Stephen's church in Ferguson, MO.

Luther Disher and Chris Kunz won the Mark Twain gift card raffle.

Dave St. Clair held up a painting of his Mister Darby 11 done for him by Chris Kunz. George Kirby held up a sub-C battery and reminded members that the tab on top will cause the battery to heat up if it comes in contact with any metal, including its own case. Gordon Koderhandt brought two boats for the swap meet and Dave St. Clair made the winning bid on a Graupner kit of the Glasgow sidewheeler.

The next meeting will be combined with the Club's annual holiday social and is scheduled for December 2 at the Bob Evans restaurant in Bridgeton, MO.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes as presented by Chris Kunz, Secretary

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

George Kirby
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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.

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Skippers concentrate on sailing their boats.



A view from the hill as boats maneuver before a race.



Nine boats round the weather mark.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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