



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2014 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS



FROM THE BRIDGE

Think about the word "plot." Some of you may think about that in the context of a book – what the story is about and where it's going. Some of you may think about it with

some more sinister connotations – like a nasty scheme when someone plots against another. It's something like a plan.

In US Navy terms, the "plot" is a tool that tells were a ship has been, making port and starboard turns, and most generally with a planned course, for an idea of where the ship has been and where it intends to go. The plot is studied by the captain, the XO, and the navigator. The plot is kept up to date by sailors who are quartermasters, and along with the navigator, are responsible for keeping this written and drawn record up to date. In the past, it was usually a sheet of paper, showing the details of the ship's movements. Today the plot may be electronically and computer generated, using all of the modern day navigational devices and systems available.

We have just untaken the review of our Club's plot, to look at our history, our current status,

and where we can or should go. I asked some of our members, headed by Father Tom Keller, to do this, especially involving our Club's ability and prospects of continuing.

It's no secret that our membership is aging and thinning. Today there are fewer people who want to build model boats, and we all have many more distractions that seem to take more and more of our hobby available time. Our Club size is now roughly about three dozen members, and we're all getting older, having more health issues, and sometimes just plain lacking energy. Father Tom's analysis showed this to be true, but also has given us some insights about how to continue as a Club.

First, with fewer members and therefore a smaller income from membership, we will need to more carefully watch our finances. More things will more closely match our income and expenses. We will focus more on our normal sailing opportunities, and probably do less public and outside events. We are going to try to have more interesting meetings, with greater emphasis on model or prototype boating and less time spent on Club administration. We are going to have to downsize some things, and replace those with more time for socializing. But the good news is we have a sufficient treasury to afford insurance and keep sailing

model boats, but mostly in our traditional and fun locations, like St. Ferdinand Park and the Boat House. We will probably plan for a smaller scale Regatta. We just don't have the financial nor manpower resources to do otherwise. But we will to have FUN.

So you have now seen the plot for our Club. I am planning to chart our course accordingly and keep sailing. Happy boating, and everyone have a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Holiday Season!!!!

Commodore Jim

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**5:00 PM Dinner at Applebee's, 2309 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033, and 7:00 PM meeting at St. Stephens Church**

**Tentative 2013 meeting dates are:**

**February 3, 2014                      March 3, 2014**


**April 7, 2014                              May 5, 2014**

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church

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St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club  
Meeting December 2, 2013

Eleven members and three spouses gathered at Bob Evans restaurant in Bridgeton for a combined holiday meal and the end of the year meeting. Commodore Jim Schwinkendorf presented the Commodore's Award to Jane Rivers-Chapman for her years of service to the Club as Editor and Publisher of the Broadside monthly newsletter, as well as her many contributions to keeping the Club running smoothly. The Commodore also presented a Mariner's Award to Chris Kunz, the retiring Secretary of the Club. Commodore Jim announced that another Mariner's Award would be presented at the January meeting to Fr. Tom Keller, who was unable to attend this gathering, for his contribution to the Club as Chairman of the Future Planning Committee. Dave St. Clair and Bob Keeler won special Mark Twain gift cards in the raffle. The happy gathering adjourned at 7 PM.

Minutes as presented by Chris Kunz, Secretary

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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O'Fallon, MO 63366

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, George Kirby

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From the Editor,

Since I received the Commodore award, and the award showed the Belgian Navy ship and also the insignia, I felt it appropriate to provide you with a little background information regarding this vessel.

I thought my fellow Admirals would be interested in the history and information, so here it is, as well as a picture of the Louise-Marie. What an appropriate a name for the frigate, since my middle name is Marie.

Happy Holidays,  
Jane, Editor

## Belgian frigate Louise-Marie (F931)



### Career (Netherlands)

Name: HNLMS Willem van der Zaan (F829)

Namesake: Schout-bij-nacht Willem van der Zaan

Builder: KMS, Flushing (Netherlands)

Laid down: 6 November 1985

Launched: 21 January 1989

Commissioned: 28 November 1991

Decommissioned: 25 August 2006

Sold to Belgium on 22 December 2005

### Career (Belgium)

Name: F931 Louise-Marie

Namesake: Queen Louise-Marie of Belgium

Christened: 8 April 2008, by HM Queen Paola of Belgium

Purchased on 22 December 2005, from the Royal Netherlands Navy

In service: 8 April 2008

Renamed: 8 April 2008, from HNLMS Willem van der Zaan

Homeport: Zeebrugge Naval Base

Status: Active

### General characteristics

Class & type: Karel Doorman-class frigate

Displacement: 2,800 tonnes

Length: 122.325 m

Beam: 14.37 m

Draught: 6.2 m

Speed: 30 knots (56 km/h)

Complement: 15 officers, 70 NCO's, 60 sailors

Aircraft carried: Alouette III helicopter

The F931 Louise-Marie is a Karel Doorman-class frigate of the Naval Component of the Belgian Armed Forces that was commissioned in 2008. It is the second of the two frigates of this class that were purchased from the Royal Netherlands Navy on December 22, 2005.

It served in the Royal Netherlands Navy as the HNLMS Willem van der Zaan (F829).

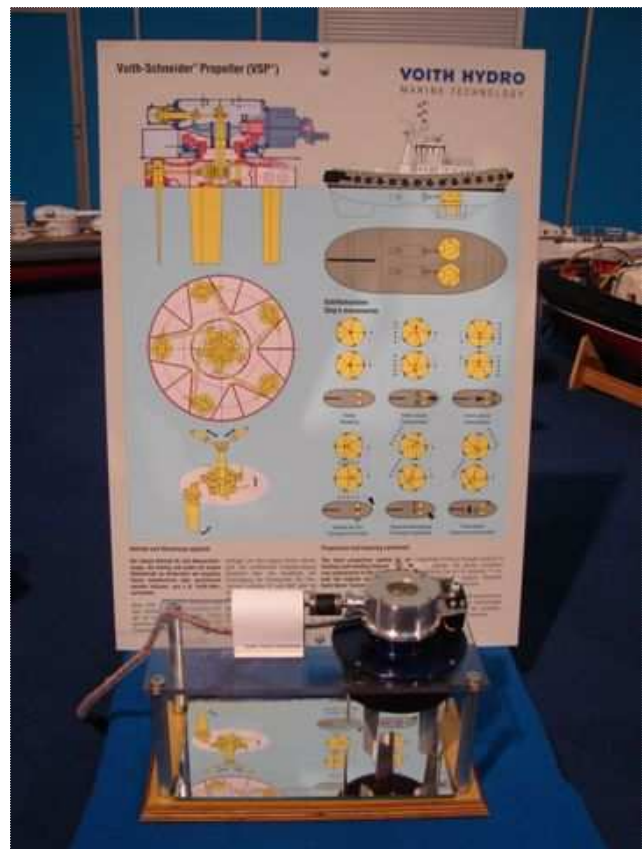
The HNLMS Willem van der Zaan was rechristened as the F931 Louise-Marie on 8 April 2008 in Antwerp by Her Majesty Queen Paola of Belgium. Louise-Marie is under command of commander Carl Gillis.

In September 2010, Louise-Marie was reported to be preparing for a second deployment to the Horn of Africa.

On the 29th November 2013, she arrived in London, UK as part of the preparations for the centenary of the start of World War I delivering the soil from 70 WWI Battlefields collected by British and Belgian Schoolchildren.

Belgian frigate Leopold I (F930), for the other ship of this class that was sold to Belgium.

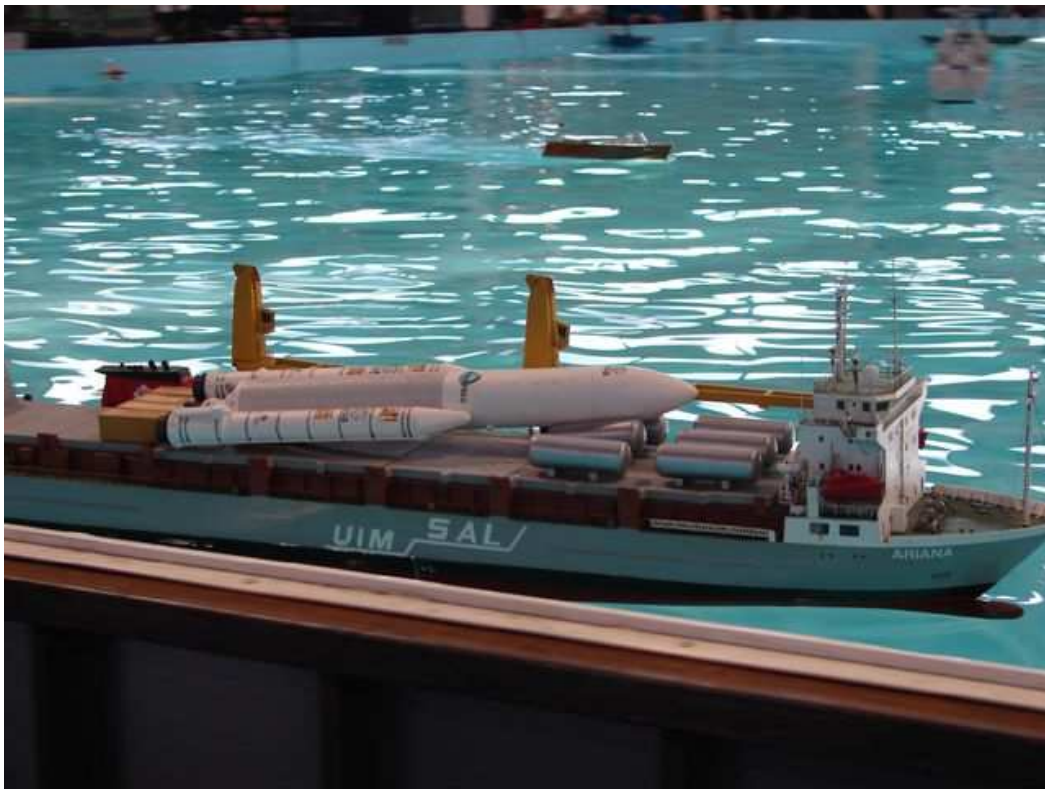
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