



# **TASK FORCE 72**

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## **MISSION REPORT**

### **WENTWORTH FALLS**

**SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2009**



**The first run at the clubs home at Wentworth Falls Lake saw a small but enthusiastic turnout of modellers, several backing up from the previous weekends run at Manly Dam.**

**Local member John Konda was there early, with his Krivak III Dzerzhinsky and US Army Hospital Ship St Olaf. El Presidente Mike James was another early arrival as was Peter Jones who brought along part of his ever growing fleet of small tugs, coasters and small merchant ships.**

**The Club's President of Vice, Allan Pew, brought along his partially completed Indian destroyer Mumbai and was joined by John Bridge with the landing ship HMS Fearless. Several prospective members were also there to watch and learn more about the club.**

**The weather was outstanding, the water not too cold (especially for the Blue Mountains) and the company was outstanding.**

**We had a number of locals drop by during the day to watch the models, ask questions and learn about the strange denizens who had taken over the lake.**

**We were also pleased to have our 2008 Annual Regatta reviewing officer, Lieutenant Commander Anthony Hanley and his wife Anne drop in to say hi and look over the models. If he keeps visiting we might convince him to start building a boat.**



**A great days sailing and a great prelude to the Australia Day run at Cook and Phillip Park.**

**Words and photos: Mike James**





**A fine study of the Krivak III frigate Dzerzhinsky at anchor**





**Fearless preparing to set sail**





**Fearless sailing past her proud owner, John Bridge**





**A close up on of the detail on Fearless' superstructure**





**Allan Pew's still building INS Mumbai rest in the anchorage**





**John's award-winning US Army Hospital Ship St Olaf**





**The intricate detail in St Olaf is clearly visible**





**Tug Alfred of Liverpool coming alongside St Olaf**





**Despite the size difference Alfred can easily manoeuvre St Olaf's bulk**





**Alfred was willing to chance his arm with anything, no matter how big**





**Two partially completed ships, Indian destroyer Mumbai paces the conjectural tanker Protector**





**A shot of the busy anchorage as Fearless exercises her radio-controlled landing craft and St Olaf approaches the buoy**

