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MISSION REPORT

RYMILL PARK

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As you may be aware, we here in SA had a scorcher of a day, temperature wise, touching into the low 40C mark, so it was collectively decided to start earlier than planned to try and beat the heat.

I arrived at our newer spot at Rymill Park at about 7.45am, to find Bruce already there, must have wet the bed 😊

Subsequently, I unloaded all of FB Gulf Waters gear that I look after for storage and transport purposes and started setting up.

Having just completed that task, Scott, Graham, Vince, Warner and then Richard all arrived within about 5 to 10 minutes of one another. We got the gazebo's erected then commenced the important days activities: sailing our ships!

Unfortunately, the water was very rich with algae and as such it turned the colour of the water very green. Having finished HMAS Vampire at last, she set sail in all her glory as if just been commissioned into the fleet.



We had quite a few onlookers and interested members of the public seeking info about our vessels and what Task Force 72 were all about so we didn't get a lot of sailing as such done early.

It wasn't until later in the morning that a few of the boys decided to traverse the bridge to the island for a bit more shade, discovering that it was better water for sailing on the northern end of the lake, as the breeze was coming from that direction and sending all the rubbish in our direction to the south.

With that, we moved onto the island and began about an hour's continuous sailing, until USS Saucy had a power failure and the rest of us took it in turns to try and manoeuvre her towards the shoreline so that she could be recovered to determine the source of the problem.

That eventually happened and it turned out that Saucy had a loose power wire, so was back in the water soon after.



Some of you may have seen on the Task Force 72 web site, the video taken by one of our visitors, who incidentally should become a member in the not to distant future, from his alpha class submarine. The camera is mounted in front of the conning tower inside a waterproofed Tic Tac container, running for about 15 min and getting some very good footage.

As the temperature was rising at a rather rapid pace, it was decided to call it a day at about 11.30am.

Hopefully we won't have these temp's at our next outing on the 27th of February.

Good sailing to all until my next report.

Report: Jim Warren, images; Jim Warren, Bruce Stevens and Scott Rice





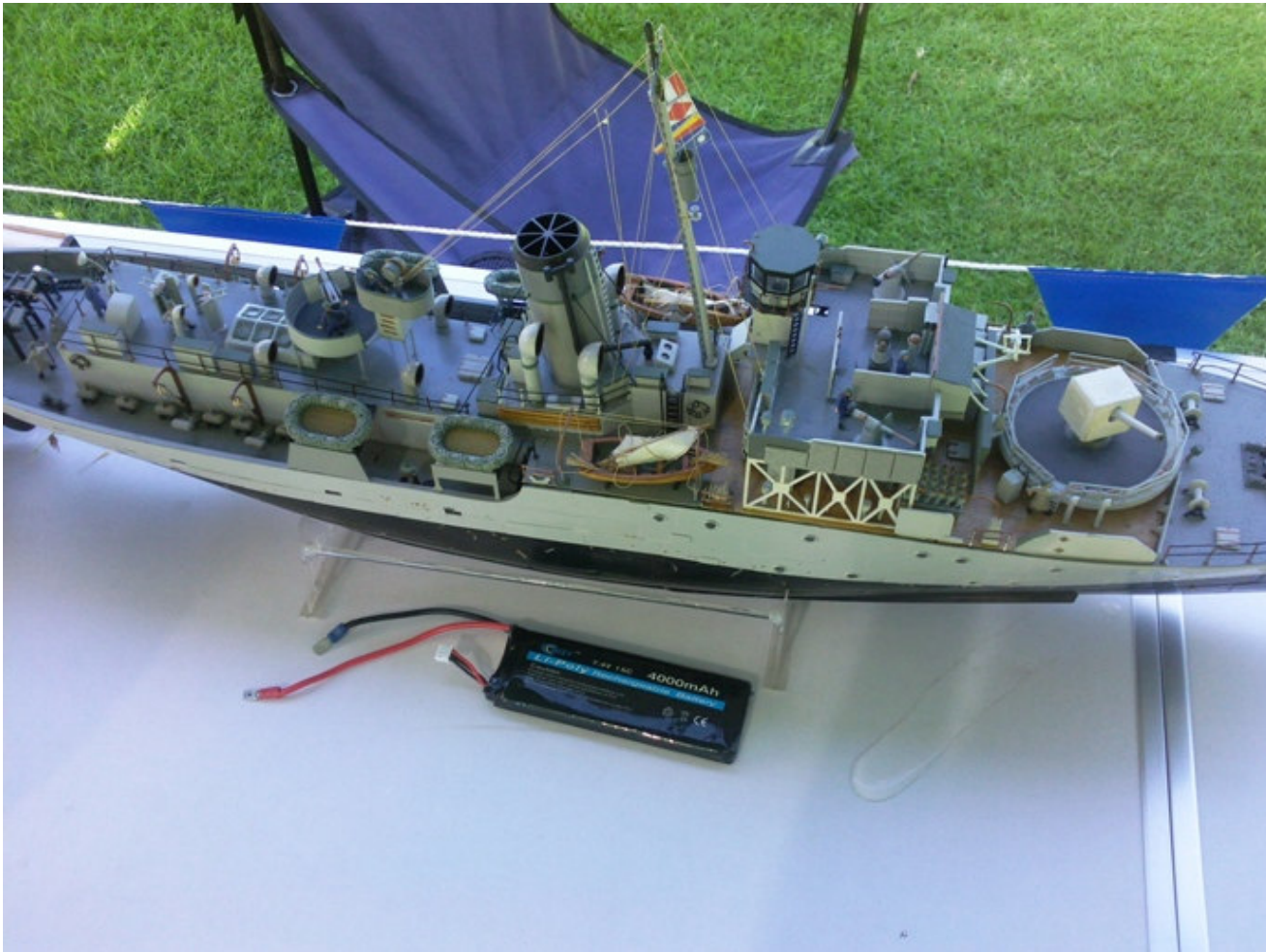
A visiting Russian Alfa class submarine was lost while on its way from the White Sea to the Red Sea and ended up in the Green Sea by mistake.





The Task Force 72 Fleet Base Gulf Waters mobile HQ, temporarily erected at Rymill Park





USS Saucy under dockyard hands to ascertain why all main engine power was lost





Adelaide, Long Beach and Scott seek shade from the scorching heat





Some of the piratical crew of Fleet Base Gulf Waters





Using Long Beach as a tug to try and get Saucy back inshore





Slowly but surely Saucy moves closer to the shore





Bruce driving Long Beach during the rescue, a bit slower than Long Beach's normal speed





Three FBGW ships at rest at the pier.

