
MISSION REPORT



BONYTHON PARK

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For our "First Official Run" at the boat pond we managed to score a near perfect day with virtually no wind and clear skies! A good number of the gang rolled up with a handful missing due to winter bugs.

Scott Rice made it this time and brought along his new project HMAS CANBERRA (FFG-02) for first sea trials with superstructure. She ran well and had extremely good speed even able to out pace my USS LONG BEACH (I may need new reactor cores....hmmm). Vince's HMAS SYDNEY (FFG-03) joined CANBERRA out on the water.

Graham D (formerly Commodore now Vice Admiral Grumpy!!) had his beautiful HMAS TOBRUK out for a run. She ran sweetly and it was great to see her and Jim's HMAS VAMPIRE cruising albeit briefly as Jim had changed the Daring's battery size for a lighter one and was having some stability issues! Not good when dealing with a finely balanced model!! She was in and out pretty quickly!! Jim also had the beginnings of his next project - the forward mast and foam cores of the forward superstructure for USS MISSOURI (BB-63). He will have the opposite kind of ballast problem with her!!!

Brenton Tancock had his HMAS PARRAMATTA (III) out for a run and she is coming along nicely, Gunter Sचेफे had his 1:50 Ocean tug ABEIL BOURBON and sail training ship out for a spin (literally as it turned out!!) as the sail training ship suffered an electrical problem and promptly went around in circles for some time eventually making her way back to shore. Tom Cholich had the zebra camouflaged Flower class back for round two having sorted out her own electrical issues and immediately found some new ones....all his controls were now reversed!! Tom discovered this by accidentally ramming the largest moving object on the lake....USS LONG BEACH! He scratched my paint!! (SOB ☺☺) Neither ship sustained major damage although the Flower class did stop dead a short time later for no reason....

Richard Atkinson looked like he was going to be a no show with the winter flu but being the hardcore mad keen club member that he is turned up to spread his enthusiasm (and germs). He looked like the living dead...but still came along. His brother Nick stopped past and had a look at my trusty 1:10 brushless jet sprint boat which I had brought along to show him the jet unit as his Monster LCS2 has 4 similar units.

I brought USS LONG BEACH along as usual as well as my floating docks. I discovered the brick edging easily scars the paint work after the first run on the 10th. Apologies if I forgot anyone...



USS LONG BEACH (Bruce Stevens) HMAS SYDNEY (Vince Capurso) and HMAS CANBERRA (Scott Rice)



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HMAS TOBRUK (Graham Donnell)



The FBGW crew packing up and chatting



Tom's Flower class with some more bits built and painted in camouflage



USS LONG BEACH and HMAS SYDNEY on patrol



USS MISSOURI (Jim Warren) begins to take form



HMAS PARRAMATTA (Brenton Tancock) and HMAS CANBERRA



Gunter's 1:50 scale ABIEL BOURBON



ABEIL tries to recover the rogue Sail training ship!