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# MISSION REPORT



**BONYTHON PARK**

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We had an enjoyable days running again with some clear skies but gusty winds, a good turn out of the FBGW crew with only a couple missing. A good turnout of models - minus the fleet of Scott Rice who is still recovering from his arm repair and suffering a winter bug. The Flower class corvettes of Richard Atkinson, Bob Murdoch and Tom Cholich were out in force alongside HMA Ships VAMPIRE, SYDNEY and PARRAMATTA owned by Jim Warren, Vince Capurso and Brenton Tancock respectively. My USS LONG BEACH and Chris McKay's I-25 B class sub were also along for the day. Gunter Scheffe had his 1:50 scale MV TROUBRIDGE and SMIT ROTTERDAM. Gunter joked that he will get a 1:72 model in the water eventually once he has finished building stuff for everyone else!

This time a number of us had floating docks along to protect the hulls from the pond edge which is one of the few negatives about this pond. The three corvettes set off on OOW manoeuvres and Chris's I-25 set off to test his improved rudder design which would have worked fine if his brand new rudder servo decided to work properly! He pulled her out and set about replacing the errant servo for a second run.

Jim's VAMPIRE was back with her original battery setup and was much more stable than the previous running day and ran without dramas all day. Vince's SYDNEY ran well as usual and Brenton had PARRAMATTA (III) out for a spin.

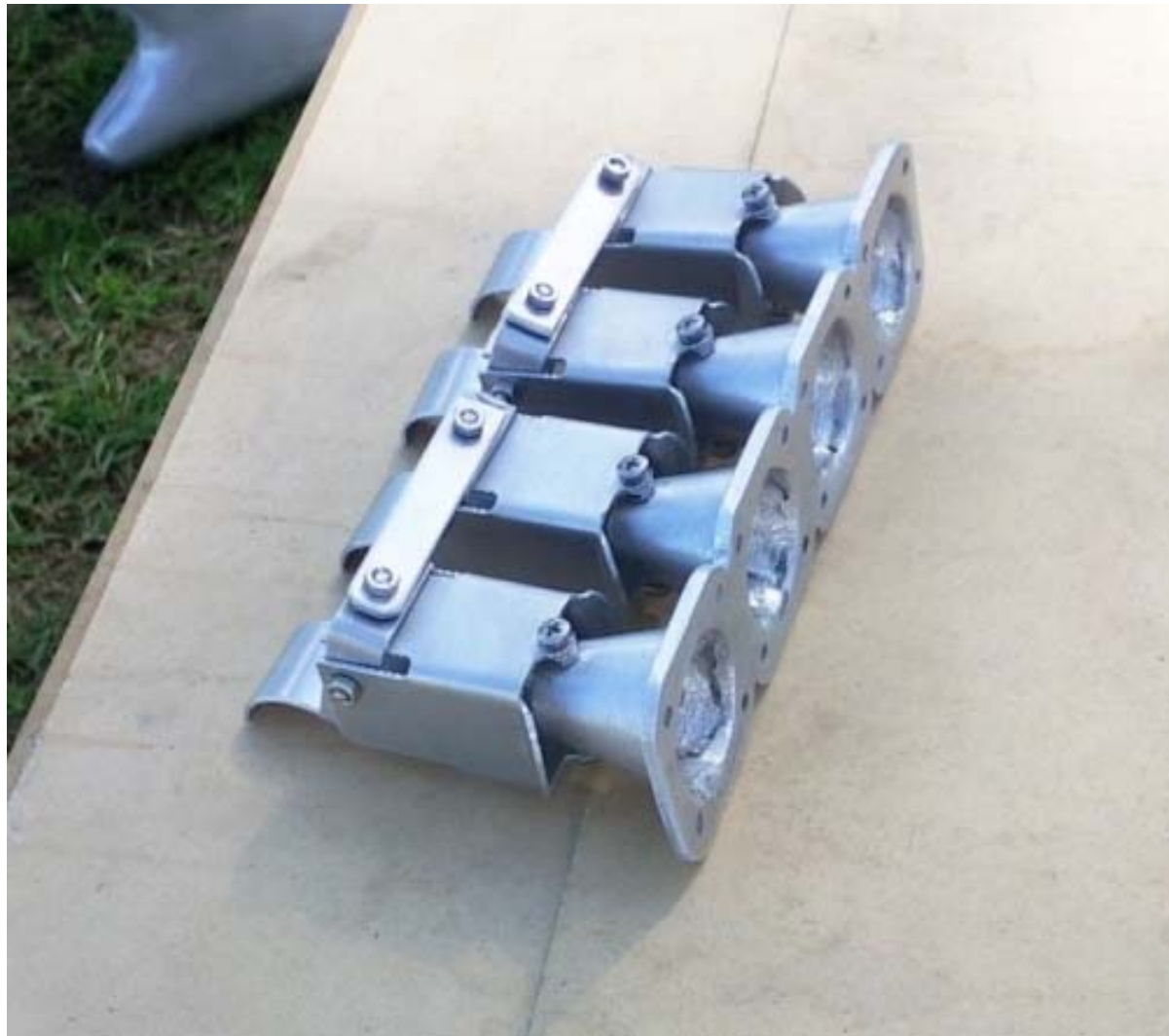
No Homer worthy events occurred during the days operations!!

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Graham Donnell and Warner Van Laatum (recently returned from his yearly escape to the north of W.A.) rolled up without models, while Nick Atkinson brought along his mind blowing aluminium LCS-2 hull and scratch built jet unit nozzles and handed me a USB drive with some pictures of his build so far!! I have posted them in the alloy LCS2 build on the forum.

Numerous members of the public stopped to watch the goings on and ask us about our models, I also played water polo with the softball of some English tourists that ended up in the pond. A 3m cruiser in gusty winds is not the right vessel for ball recovery! Eventually the ball was driven across the pond by the wind and a few nudges of LONG BEACH's bow.

Thanks again to Vince for picking my model up in his wagon....I should have a new transporter shortly.



Nicolas Atkinson's prototype jet pump nozzles for his LCS2



LCS2 bow (this has been welded then filed smooth!)



LCS2 hull alongside my USS LONG BEACH, note the massive Beam of the LCS2!



Tom's lad Nick at the helm of the zebra corvette. A future member me thinks!



HMAS VAMPIRE (Jim Warren), USS LONG BEACH (Bruce Stevens) with HMAS SYDNEY (Vince Capurso) and HMAS PARRAMATTA (Brenton Tancock) behind.



VAMPIRE with Gunter Schefe's 1:50 MV TROUBRIDGE and SMIT ROTTERDAM



Three Flower class corvettes hunt for Chris McKay's I-25



HMAS PARRAMATTA III (Brenton Tancock) cruises the waters



Chris McKay carries out the delicate extraction of his errant rudder servo on the I-25



I-25 patrols at periscope depth after repairs



Lurking beneath as the pesky corvettes circle above



HMAS SYDNEY at the buoy as the zebra passes behind