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# MISSION REPORT



**BONYTHON PARK**

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Since I have been asked to submit the Mission Report I figured I'd jump back in time a few weeks and do both our running day's from July!!

First up was our run on 10 July 11. I had organized an impromptu christening of the refurbished model boat pond at Bonython Park. This site had been out of action for many years and is a good spot for getting new models sorted out....and a good number of the FBGW crew turned up for the day which was blessed with a sunny but crisp winter Sunday.

Those who rolled up early got to see Tom's Zebra camouflaged Flower class corvette have its maiden voyage. She ran flawlessly....until he slowed down after a dash and the wake came thru the open mine laying doors! She sank in less than 10 seconds....we also got to see Tom wade out (minus pants) in the very cold water to effect a recovery.

Fortunately this was recorded for posterity by Vince and myself with phone cameras!!

New member Chris McKay arrived just after the sinking with his superb Japanese I-25 B-class submarine painstakingly built by extensively modifying the Lindberg I-53 model kit. Chris is still fine tuning the model but she ran well for only her second outing in public.

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Richee had Graham's recently acquired USN Gato class submarine along for some test runs and for a brief time both subs patrolled beneath the surface of the pond, then the Gato was returned to the beach for more tinkering.

I had USS LONG BEACH along for a run (with much thanks to Vince for transporting my model again!!) and brought along my salvage tug hull with her new Kort props (which turned up in timely fashion the Friday before the run!!). This enabled me to conduct new sea trials (any excuse will do) she has much improved performance with the new props.

Vince had HMAS SYDNEY, Graham brought HMAS KATOOMBA along and Bob had a small selection of his vast multi scale fleet (and I do mean vast) including the deadly Robo Duck!

Scott and Jim had previous commitments and rolled up with out models which is a rare thing indeed!

Coming soon our run on the 31st of July 2011.....



Tom Cholich retrieves his Flower class submersible corvette...



Tom drying out his electronics



Tom's zebra camouflaged Flower class corvette and Chris McKay's Alfa and Japanese I-25 submarines





Salvage tug SOUTHERN TITAN (Bruce Stevens) with HMAS KATOOMBA and I-25



I-25 (Chris McKay)



Robo duck (Bob Murdoch) closing in...



USS LONG BEACH (Bruce Stevens) washing the docks



HMAS SYDNEY (Vince Capurso) with LONG BEACH and Tom's corvette



USS LONG BEACH cutting a nice wake as seen from the top of the hill



Alfa class tracking pirate Gato!!



USN Gato class submarine (Graham Donnell)



HMAS KATOOMBA (Graham Donnell) up on the bricks...no it wasn't because of my wake!!