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# NEWSLETTER

**Captain's Log** 1st January 2010 *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

*We don't normally have an issue for the January off-season, but it annoyed me that the newsletter number was out of step with the month so here is an issue for Jan, to kick off another decade.*

*Recent news is that Cairnlea Lake nearly claimed another victim on December 27th, when Phil's HMS Undine submarine came Undone and failed to surface. Phil went for his usual swim, but to no avail this time. All appeared lost until Chris managed to snag it with his grappling line and haul it in. Well done, Chris! Now all you need do is find your own...*

## Neptune the second

Congratulations Richard on the recent baptism of your Thunder Tiger Neptune submarine at the lake, hot on the heels of Chris's. These models, variously available as kits or pre-built, are amazingly well-engineered and complete model submarines with room for lots of extra equipment such as video cameras. But do they come in any other colours?



## A Footie triptych

What do you do when your Footie's becalmed in the middle of the lake? Claire and Peter have got a neat solution (below).



## Visiting craft

It was good to see some members of the Illawong Model Boat Group come to share our lake on our Christmas picnic sailing day. Pictured are Andre's paddle tug Glasgow, complete with smoke generator (upper picture) and Rosey and Brian's scratch-built HMS Warspite (lower picture).



## Techno quiz no.1 solution

Did you work out the answer to the techno-quiz in the last issue? It is of course 39 degrees, and quite independent of the model's speed, displacement or heading. This is known as the Kelvin wake angle, after the great physicist Lord Kelvin, who first analysed it. Who said model boats aren't educational? No official correct entries were received by the editorial office, so the prize of one thousand Frequent Floater points jackpots to next time.