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This month we note the sad passing of Mike Gill, Peter Webster's sailing companion at Cairnlea, from a heart attack. It serves to remind us that we cannot know how long our stay on this earth is, and that we need to make the most of every day. If you have a pet project, in the field of modelmaking or elsewhere, one that you've dreamed about for years but always with the qualifier "one day....", well - today is one day.

MMACA hosts our newsletter

The Tasmanian based Model Makers and Collectors Association is now hosting our newsletter on their website, where you will find both current and back issues. See: www.mmaca.com

Seaplane tender progress

Progress with my seaplane tender was initially quite rapid but has slowed now due to the fiddly construction of the wheelhouse with its multiple compound angles. The large amount of look-in this provides, along with a planned open hatch on the starboard side, has meant that I have had to revise my plans and rework the interior to provide a higher level of detail than I originally thought I could get away with. Expect a full report in a future issue.

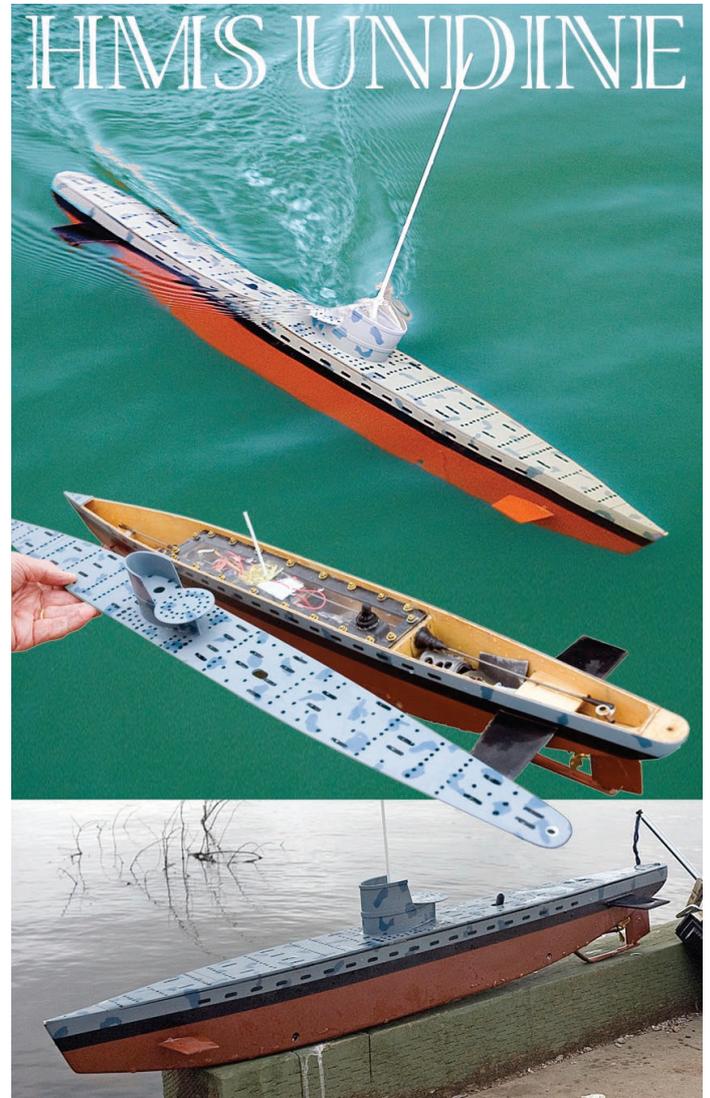
1931 Seaplane Tender - hull complete, superstructure commenced



HMS Undine

Know all men that in January of this year Phil Brain did join that select band of people who have successfully demonstrated the operation of a model submarine and thereby did qualify for membership of the League of Underwater Gentlemen (LUG).

Phil's retrieval was unorthodox in that it involved a swim out to the middle of Jack Roper Reserve after falling battery voltage was noted but put out of mind in favour of "one more circuit..." Fortunately Phil is well experienced in this area.



Undine was built from a free plan that appeared in Marine Modelling some time ago and is highly recommended to anyone looking for a simple introduction to model submarines. It is a dynamic diver, using its forward motion and hydroplanes to dive. The box-like hull is quite cavernous for a model submarine and simple to build, whilst retaining the look that satisfies most people's expectations of a model submarine. One strongly recommended improvement is to use machine studs and nuts for clamping of the access hatch, rather than screws tapped into the wooden side members.

A simple two-channel radio may be used, along with a low-cost motor and battery but the fun to be had is out of all proportion to the low cost. A model submarine will literally add a new dimension to your marine modelling.