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It was suggested to me that I resurrect the old BMBG Newsletter for the duration of this very trying period of the corona virus outbreak. We no longer have the contact of our sailing sessions or nightly meetings so perhaps the newsletter may go some way toward maintaining a sense of community and keeping the modelling spark alive.

Never has the need for an engaging hobby activity been more important than now. Materials and parts can still be had, delivered to your door, and time for once is in good supply, so what are you waiting for? Tell me about what you're working on so that I can put it in the newsletter for all to see. Take care and stay well.

A message from Murray

Strict COVID-19 social distancing rules have suspended BMBG meeting and sail day activities. I suggest we utilise this extra time for model building. Sail into the shed, anchor yourself to the bench, work on the current project or clean an old model. Stay on course.



Righto, Gov'ner!

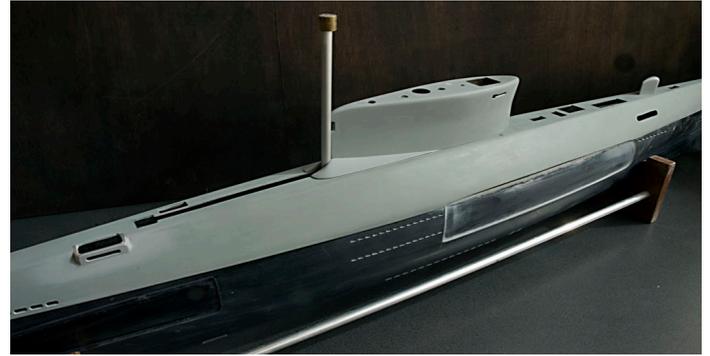
Alan has been busy producing this magnificent looking governor for his Stuart S50 stationary steam engine, based on designs found on the Internet.

The governor is fully functional, the rotating weights as they fly out controlling the amount of steam admitted to the engine via a rotary valve.



Type XXVI U-Boat progress

This report covers the upper hull work on my U-Boat, though much has been done on the interior layout also.



The cut-outs in the deck will need to be fitted with perforated metal grilles or retracted bollards - the side slots are for the forward hydroplanes. Narrow slits in the sides of the conning tower are for the running lights; the large cut-out is the bridge and the circular cut-outs for the various periscopes/sensors.



A long narrow aperture on the aft deck provides for the folding snorkel to be retracted. The feature on the starboard side aft of it is a bit of a mystery, but I have concluded it must be the exhaust port for the main diesel engine, to be covered by a maintenance grille. Some of the 200+ free flooding slots in the lower hull are also visible in the photo below.



Model Boats magazine

Model Boats magazine has gone into hibernation due to COVID-19 with the May issue being the final issue printed. Check their website for updates on the shut-down period and what this means to subscribers.