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Subject: RE: [IRCWCC] Sorry Guys/Carl & Marty

A report, well! The event brought out over 20 captains but the weather was chilly and it rained intermittently on Saturday. Everyone I spoke to had a great time, including the Allies who spend a great deal of time exploring the bottom of the lake. I couldn't make it to the Saturday battles due to other commitments but as I drove up I came through rain showers that delayed the second sortie of the second battle of Saturday.

I missed Rookie Amend's debut with the Baden, which I am told he is so excited about that he is already planning a new ship. The most spectacular sink was Don's little South Carolina (or whatever it was) which sank within 30 secs. of the start of battle after being jumped by Cam and his Nassau at the start of battle. Cam jumped up to the port quarter of the Allied ship and hung there like a lamprey eel, rapidly expending ammunition into the small warship. Other Allied ships responded as fast as they could but the damage was done before they could drive off the Nassau, and Don's ship never even completed its starboard turn! I had a great weekend, but the Warspite did not, visiting the bottom of the lake 3 times! (Due to the laziness of the captain who has still not replaced the old balsa which takes Big holes!, some rudder problems in one case and some badly charged {or not so charged} batteries!)

The Allied were overwhelmed by the better (and in some cases more numerous) ships of the Axis, although I am told that Matt (Killer Matt) managed to pull off one of my tricks (not managing his pump properly and visited the bottom on Saturday. The Allied cause even augmented by Carl's great big Tar... Ship were no match for the Axis might.

David V. was sick and could not manage to make the battle but rose from his sick bed to bring us two 20 lb CO2 bottles and a tent that was well used on Saturday, then disappeared back home to recuperate.

Our reporter from Boating magazine seemed to have a great time and experienced the entire event from battle to the hotel experience! I think we can expect an excellent article about the hobby from him.

Marty