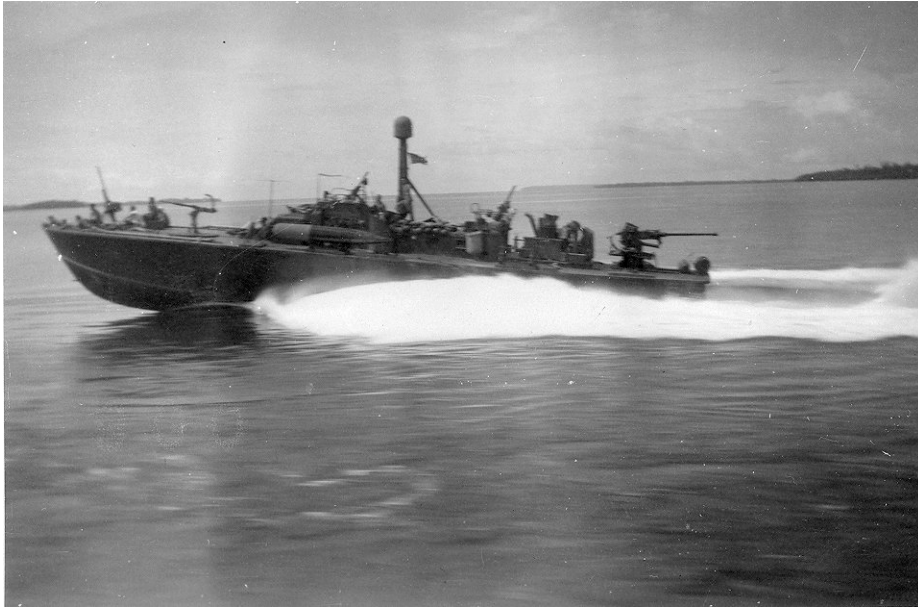


Patrol Torpedo Boat, US Navy, (PT 323),

The Boat (from Navsource.org)

- Laid down 8 January 1943 by the Electric Boat Company, Elco Works, Bayonne, NJ
- Placed in service 8 April 1943, assigned to Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron twenty one, and sent to the Southwest Pacific. Saw numerous actions in the New Guinea area of the Philippines.
- PT 323 ( "Calamity Jane" ) was attacked and destroyed by a Japanese Kamikaze 10 December 1944 in Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands.



The Model: Built By Jim Carnegie, GLNS

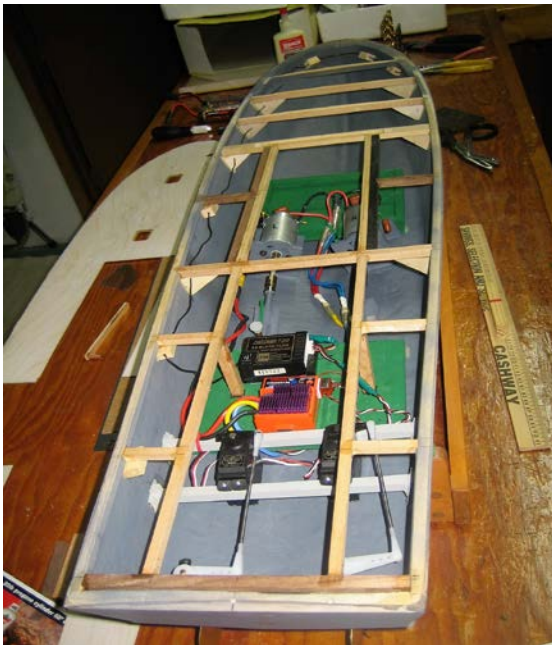
This model was originally built (probably as PT 109) prior to the year 2000 by an unknown modeller. It eventually became the property of Great Lakes Nautical Society member, Paul Simon, who operated it from his home located on the shore of Lake Huron. The model was originally built using the parts from an old electric drill for propulsion which made it extremely heavy and underpowered. During one of Pauls' runs the lake developed wave action which was too much for the model to handle, and she became another victim of Lake Hurons maritime disasters. Approximately one and a half to two months later, after a severe storm on the lake, one of Pauls neighbours appeared at his door and presented him with the badly destroyed wreckage of his PT boat which had been washed up on the beach. The only thing left was parts of a badly worn deck and a fibreglass hull with several holes worn in it by sand and wave action.

The model sat around for several years and in 2014 Paul brought it to a GLNS meeting and asked me if I would like to have it. It has been one of the largest restoration projects I've ever undertaken, but as the years went by it proved to be well worth the effort.

The Boat as originally found on the beach.



Stripped down and re fibre glassed with modifications to the hull to make it a 1/25 scale ELCO eighty foot PT boat. Machinery and new deck sections added.



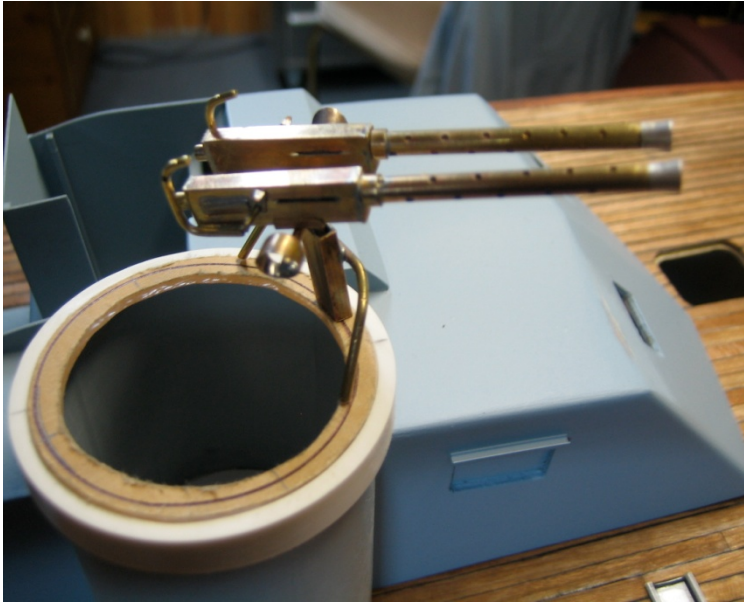
Construction and fitting superstructure components.



Applying cherry planking and "Dead Lights" to the sub deck.



All armament is scratch built from brass to 1\25 scale.

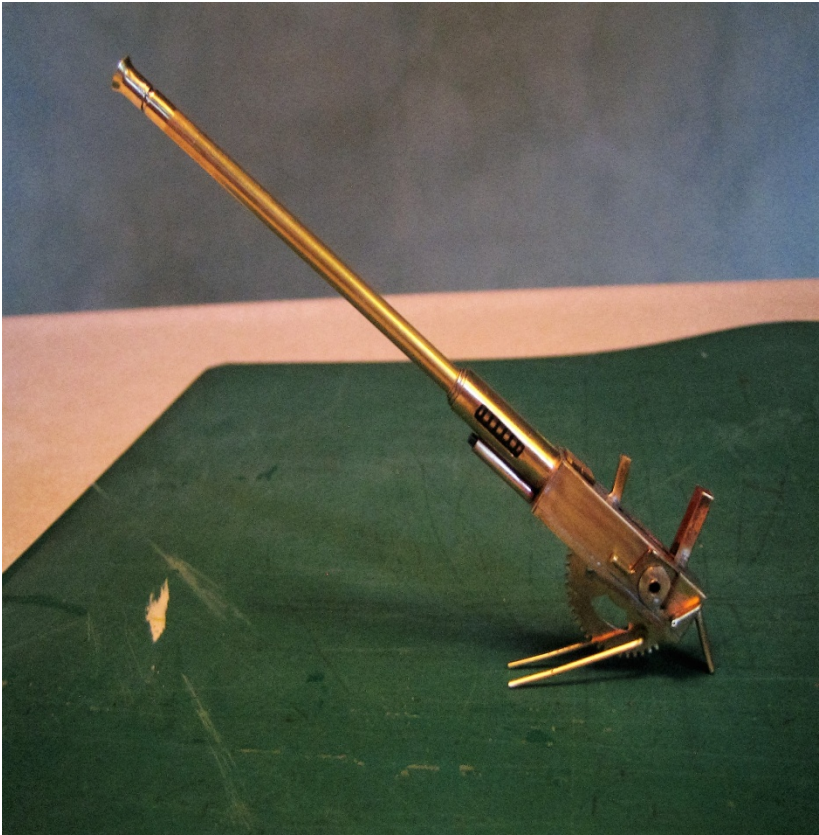


The 50 cal Brownings and the 20 mm Orlikon





The 40 mm Bofors gun



Finally, the completed model of the PT 323. I originally chose the model of the PT 323 due to her history and plan in the future to add a crew to the finished model to bring her to life. She has already had her water trials and performs well.

