

= Osvetnik @-@ class submarine =

The Osvetnik @-@ class consisted of two submarines built by Ateliers et Chantiers de la Loire , Nantes , France for the navy of the Kingdom of Serbs , Croats and Slovenes (later Yugoslavia) . Launched in 1928 ? 29 , the vessels were named Osvetnik (Nemesis) and Smeli (Daring) . They were built to a partial double hull Simonot design similar to the French Circé @-@ class . The Osvetnik @-@ class was the second class of submarines to serve in the Royal Yugoslav Navy , and joined the two larger British @-@ made Hrabri @-@ class submarines to make up the pre @-@ war Yugoslav submarine force . They were armed with six 550 mm (22 in) torpedo tubes , one 100 mm (3 @. @ 9 in) gun , and one 40 mm (1 @. @ 6 in) anti @-@ aircraft gun , and could dive to 80 metres (260 ft) .

Prior to World War II both submarines participated in cruises to Mediterranean ports . Both submarines were captured by Italian forces at the Bay of Kotor during the German @-@ led Axis invasion of Yugoslavia in April 1941 . After refit , they saw service as experimental and training vessels with the Regia Marina as Francesco Rismondo and Antonio Bajamonti respectively . They were both scuttled in September 1943 following the Italian surrender , Francesco Rismondo by the Germans following her capture , and Antonio Bajamonti by the Italians themselves .

= = Description and construction = =

Yugoslav naval policy in the interwar period lacked direction until the mid @-@ 1920s , although it was generally accepted that the Adriatic coastline was effectively a sea frontier that the naval arm was responsible for securing with the limited resources made available to it . In 1926 , a modest ten @-@ year construction program was initiated to build up a force of submarines , coastal torpedo boats , torpedo bombers and conventional bomber aircraft to perform this role . The Osvetnik @-@ class submarines were one of the acquisitions aimed at developing a naval force capable of meeting this challenge .

The Osvetnik @-@ class was built for the Kingdom of Serbs , Croats and Slovenes (later Yugoslavia) by the Ateliers et Chantiers de la Loire company at Nantes , France . Their design was based on a partial double hull Simonot design , similar to the French Circé class . Their Serbo @-@ Croatian names of Osvetnik and Smeli translate as " Avenger " and " Daring " respectively . They had an overall length of 66 @. @ 5 m (218 ft) , a beam of 5 @. @ 4 m (18 ft) , and a surfaced draught of 3 @. @ 8 m (12 ft) . Their surfaced displacement was 630 long tons (640 t) , or 809 long tons (822 t) submerged , and their crews consisted of 43 officers and enlisted men . They had an operational depth of 80 m (260 ft) .

They had two shafts driven by two MAN (Maschinenfabrik) diesel engines (when surfaced) or two Nancy electric motors (when submerged) . The diesel engines were rated at 1 @, @ 480 bhp (1 @, @ 100 kW) and the electric motors at 1 @, @ 000 shp (750 kW) , and they were designed to reach a top speed of 14 @. @ 5 knots (26 @. @ 9 km / h) under diesel power while surfaced , and 9 @. @ 2 knots (17 @. @ 0 km / h) on their electric motors when submerged . They were armed with six 550 mm (22 in) torpedo tubes (four bow @-@ mounted , two stern @-@ mounted) , one 100 mm (3 @. @ 9 in) gun , and one 40 mm (1 @. @ 6 in) anti @-@ aircraft gun . They had a surfaced radius action of 3 @, @ 500 nautical miles (6 @, @ 500 km) at 9 knots (17 km / h) , and 75 nautical miles (139 km) at 5 knots (9 @. @ 3 km / h) submerged .

= = Service history = =

Smeli was launched on 1 December 1928 , and Osvetnik on 14 January 1929 . They arrived in the Bay of Kotor on the southern Adriatic coast on 9 December 1929 . In 1932 , the British naval attaché reported that Yugoslav ships engaged in few exercises , maneuvers or gunnery training due to reduced budgets .

= = = Osvetnik = = =

First of the class , Osvetnik was involved in a series of visits to Mediterranean ports during the interwar period . She was captured in port by the Italians during the German @-@ led Axis invasion of Yugoslavia . She was refitted and modernised before being commissioned by the Italians as Francesco Rismondo , but was only used for training and experimentation . She was captured then scuttled by the Germans in September 1943 .

= = = Smeli = = =

Smeli was the second and last of her class . She participated in several cruises in the Mediterranean during the interwar period . After capture by the Italians , Smeli was refitted and modernised before being commissioned as Antonio Bajamonti , but was only used for training and experimentation . She was scuttled by the Italians in September 1943 after the Italian surrender .

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