



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
July 2016

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7:00 pm
- 9 Polo Match Chinn's home

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***** Check club website calendar for times and location**

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From the Bridge

The Bellevue Pond is dead (at least temporarily). Long live the Pond!

We have had to make other plans. We'll start by canceling the rest of the Thursday Fun Floats, and scheduling the August and September Saturday Fun Floats at Lake Ballinger. We already celebrated the July Fun Float on Saturday, June 25th, before the closing of the pond. If we find that the Bellevue Pond is still "wet" later on, we may schedule "Flash Mobs" there on short notice. We will notify everyone by e-mail. If you are a club member and don't have e-mail capacity, please give me a call at (425) 641-4848 at home, and I will try give you word of possible events.

Thanks to the efforts of Robert Osmond, we celebrated a polo contest at Dennis Chinn's house July 9th. Amazingly, we finished with just as many boats as we started with, a first! We only had eight people there. We'd love to have more show up, even if you do not have your own polo boat. Robert has been generous in bringing a couple of extra competitive boats along for someone else to use. We hope to have more people there in the future.

Captain Bill Tuttle, veteran New York tugboat driver and ship pilot was there, and he had a blast. After all, he points out, that tugboating IS a contact sport!

August holds a promise of a Fun Float at Lake Ballinger, the Tualatin weekend, and then the Tug Championship up in Bellingham. September promises even more: a fun float on the third, Lake Bob on the 18th (this is a date change), and Fisherman's Festival on the 24th. Again, check the website schedule

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Monthly Meeting July 7th by Dr Ron

On a rainy night in July, our commander **Scott Bauman** called 19 members and one guest to order at 1707. **Scott** announced that the Bellevue pond will be closed to our use in several days and perhaps for some time to come. **Phil Northrup** mentioned an alternative at 200th and 50th which will be scoped out to see if it meets our needs. Schedule changes were mentioned and will be posted later on in this newsletter as well as on our web site. There will be no coffee fun float in July. However, there will be a polo match at **Dennis Chinn's** pool on the 9th. More members were encouraged to participate as a couple of the regulars will not be available. The fun float in August will be held at lake Ballinger followed by our outing to Tualatin. The tug championship will be in Bellingham on the 20th of August followed by the Burnaby event the next day. It was suggested that it may be prudent to get a hotel reservation in Bellingham and proceed to Burnaby the next day. The lake Bob function has been moved to the 15th, one week later. Members were encouraged to attend the Fisherman's festival on the 24th at the fisherman's terminal in Ballard.



Our guest for the evening was introduced. He is **Bill Tuttle**, a retired tug boat captain and pilot from the New York Harbor. Hopefully he will feel welcome and share some interesting stories regarding his career. **Scott** encouraged members to be mindful of the size of their boats when running in smaller ponds as it is difficult to maneuver larger boats in smaller venues.

Scott began the show and tell by demonstrating how he was able to get a deeper hull in his small Lindberg tug by adding ½ inches to the top of the

existing bulwark. Apparently one can purchase a hull from Microglass with an added ¼ inch to the bulwark. **Doc** showed the Amati kit of the Grand Banks 46 which is quite detailed with a very sturdy fiberglass hull and many laser cut pieces. **Rich** showed how he plans to RC a Lego boat by elevating the deck to accommodate the running gear, etc..

Robert demonstrated his progress in modifying an Invader hull. He meticulously installed Kort nozzles and how he lined up the belt driven props so they fit inside the nozzles. He plans to design his tug along the lines of an Admiralty tug. He mentioned that belts and gears can also be purchased from Berg as well as Stock Drive. **Tom** gave a report on how he disassembled a building and how he was able to transport it to its new home in Friday Harbor. This will be the cover for his real boat at this location.



After a break, **Scott** told the members that a firm (wear Frameworks) gave the club nine springer twin drive Zip kit boats which were used for advertising. These will be modified and painted and will be available for kids to run at our events. It is still uncertain if we will be able to

run our boats at the Pacific Marine Expo or not depending on whether Kevin or Ron Burchett will be able to bring a pond. Scott entertained conversation and critique regarding the regatta. Following the drawing which was awarded to **Doug Wilson** and **Bryan Morse** the lines were drawn in and we headed for our home ports.



PHOTOS By Allan Wing

Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta - Keith Schermerhorn



This year's event will be held up North in Bellingham at Whatcom Falls Park derby pond on Saturday, August 20th. The move is due to the usual location has a minus tide issue for a while as they work on the park in Bellevue. The park is located within the city of Bellingham just minutes off I-5 on the East side of the freeway with entrances off Lakeway Drive and Electric Avenue. Hotels and other accommodations close by. The water is fresh and clear with a bit of a current and a dam with a waterfall at the one end. Have no fear, this waterfall will not allow boats to go over as there is a wall and bridge at that end. The grounds are elevated a bit and will make for easy viewing and launch/recovery of tugs.

Plenty of room for canopies with trees all around. You will be able to drive right up to the site to load/unload that day. But you will need to remove your vehicle and park in the designated area upper parking lot in the morning. Afternoon, can relocate to lower lot if you choose. This is due to the fact there will be a 5k run in the morning and need the lower lot. Facilities are nearby on the fisheries side just beyond the pond.

The events of the day will be the same with barge handling, salvage and a new team tow format, raffle, food, and lots of models fun. One of the unique features here will be the water is deep and allow big boats the luxury of not bottoming out. Another is that one will be able to cross the bridge to see things from the opposite side as well (not during run though). So get your tugs ready, practice moving things, and plan on coming up for some fun. Will provide the details in August newsletter.

As a reminder: Burnaby Association of Marine Modelers has their regatta the next day and is less than an hour away. So maybe make a weekend of it as this is the only place you can do 2 events in 2 days in 2 different countries! They have a great place to do this and it is always a good time with many different activities there including racing sailboats and fast electrics along with scale navigation.

NORTH END REPORT - Keith Schermerhorn



July meeting was held on June 27 as our normal date would have been the 4th of July and that was too explosive of a date to commit to. Next meeting will be August 1st with another at the end of August on the 29th since we don't want to "Labor" on the holiday Sept. 5th. So with the schedule set, we commenced onwards with the business of the evening for the 4 attendees. Looks like our fun float for July is going to be cancelled as the weeds in the pond are getting a little too thick. A quick reminder that the fun floats down south will change to lake Ballinger. There will be a model display August 6 in Blaine at the Drayton Harbors Days indoors for Saturday from 10-5 pm. Steam boats will be gathered there along with a couple sailing ships. Tualatin in Oregon is a fun weekend getaway the next weekend before the big boat weekend.

Discussed the new location for the tug event that will be held in Bellingham at Whatcom Falls Park in the Derby pond. A couple of us had been there before and commented that it is a combination of twin Lakes and KOA in Lynden as far as the scenery and water. Directions for parking and unloading will be provided in August. Possible new display may happen in October at the new Bellingham Maritime Festival as Keith is looking into this as a possible event.

Show and tells were pretty quick. Keith showed the progress on Marks boat with some new better aged wood and deck fitting. Wood was aged after letting it sit in a mix of vinegar and steel wool to make it "grey" like sun bleached wood.

Don brought along his sons Shelly Foss model to ask for advice on the running gear and if the electronics were adequate enough for this boat. Also discussed sealing up the deck to help prevent water intrusion. Looking good and should be a good running boat when done.

A few more laughs and we parted for our home ports once again. Until August, when we meet again with more people and projects..

From the Bridge Continued often. We'll post any changes there.

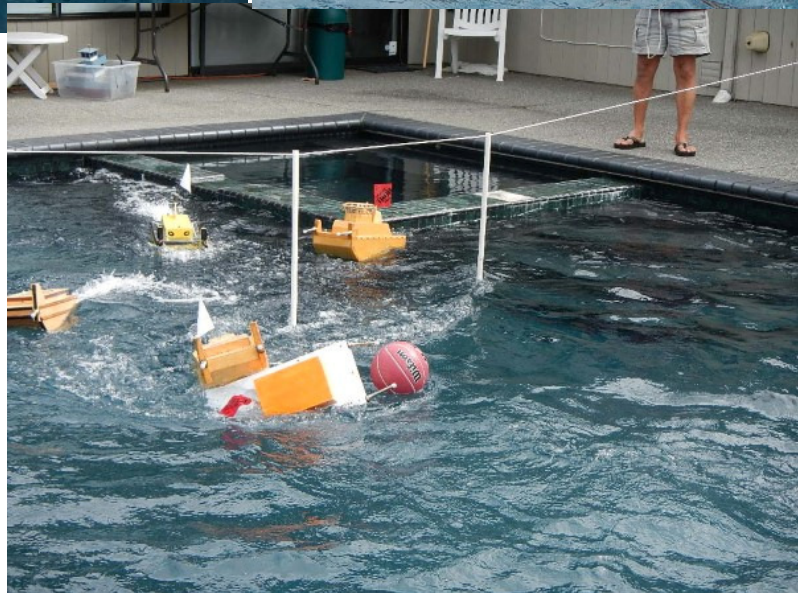
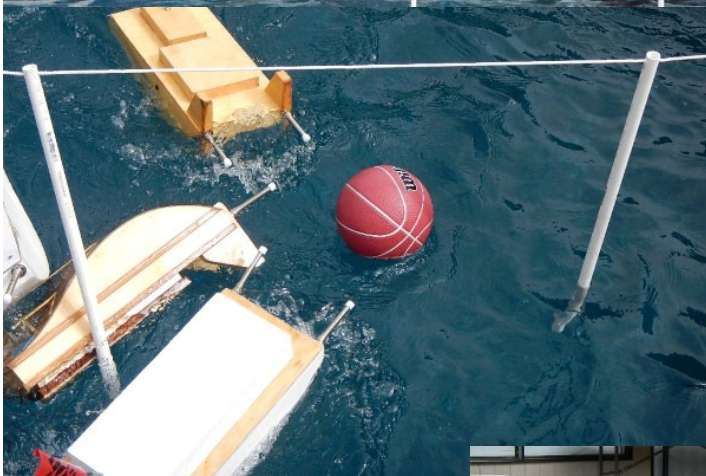
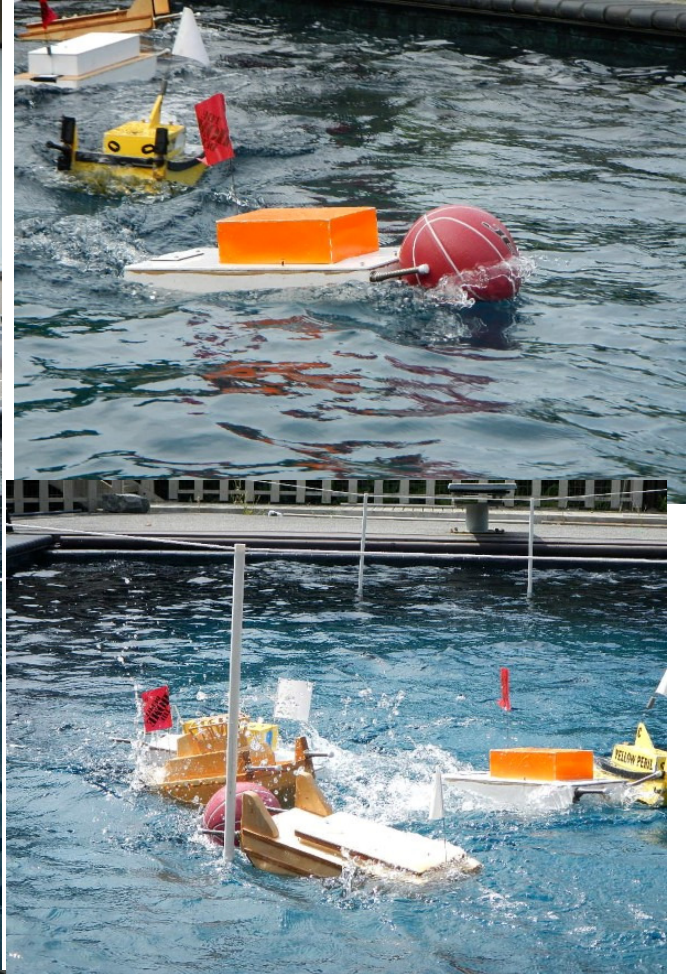
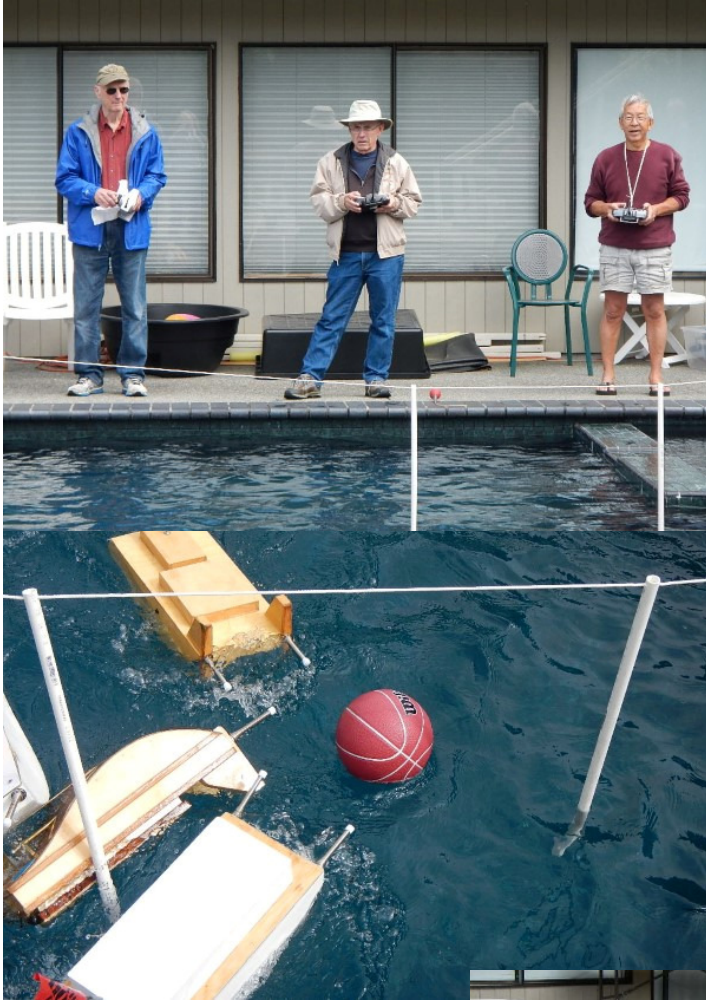
I am pushing the building of small model boats, as Bob Wickham is doing. He is producing beautiful small Lindberg ship models. We all know that three- and four-foot models look great on the Bellevue Pond and in the harbor at Fisherman's Festival. But they are clearly too large for the twenty-by-thirty-foot pond at the Monroe Fairgrounds. Wouldn't it be great if we had appropriately-sized model boats for BOTH venues?

We had nine models and transmitters donated to the club last month, by Mackenzie Waller of a company called WearFrameWork. I guess they were used for some advertising purpose, then were excess of need, so she found a place where they would be useful. We appreciate the donation. They were distributed to club members, who will be responsible for charging batteries and making any necessary repairs. Those members will bring them to Fun Floats and monitor their use by onlooking children. This should be fun.

Finally, we are looking forward, to the Pacific Marine Expo on November 17-19 at CenturyLink Field. Rumors have it that they MIGHT have a running model boat pond there. It may be too much to hope for, but we want to have appropriate small model boats ready for it if it happens.

POLO SPRINGER MATCH JULY 9th

If you haven't been to one of the recent Springer Polo matches you are missing a lot of fun. Matches are held at Dennis Chinn's pool which is a perfect size and setup. Springer polo is not the place for the faint of heart or tender boats. Rather is it a real "crash and bash" event with light on strategy and team play and long on fun and frivolity. Even if you don't have a polo boat, spectators are welcome and often spare boats are available for use.



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- OCTOBER**
- 6 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7 pm
 - 8 Fun Float Lake Ballinger Park -10am—noon
 - 15 Twilight Float Lake Ballinger Park -10am—noon
- NOVEMBER**
- 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 - 5 Fun Float Lake Ballinger Park -10am—noon
- DECEMBER**
- 1 Christmas Dinner and Party 6:30 - 9pm

*After July 1st, the Bellevue Pond will not be available.

It is suggested that you check our website www.shipmodelers.com to confirm times and locations of events.

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CLASSIFIED SECTION

Have something you want to sell or buy? Send a brief summary of your ad to: **newsletter-editor@shipmodelers.com** . Include a photo if needed. Newsletter deadlines are the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month. Items received after this date will be published the following month. Be sure and include an email or phone number. Include a photo if needed. Newsletter deadlines are the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month. Items received after this date will be published the following month.



Fiberglass Brooklyn hull that was recently bought from Loyalhanna. The hull is s 38 ½" long, 10 ¼" wide & 7 ½" tall. I paid \$189.00 for the hull \$50.00 shipping, \$239.00 total. I'll sell it for \$125.00.

Contact: Ken Valk, Camas, WA. Home:
360-833-1548

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Ted Borchert , a club member before moving to California. He has a partially completed tug kit he would like to sell for someone to complete. The 36 inch Shelly Foss hull is as pictured. The Dumas kit is complete, except for the original box. Also included are two (2) motors from the Cliff & Bob Shipyards costing \$10.00 each; a

Vantec Ret-44 ESC. If there is interest please contact ted@borchert.net. He is open to offers.

LOOKING FOR A BOAT HULL? Gary King of Vancouver B.C. Is a supplier of quality hulls. Many of the top models use his hulls. Below is a listing of hulls he currently has available. If you are interested contact Gary directly at West Coast Model Tugs, 230 Blackman Street ,New Westminster B.C. Canada, V3L 2A7

Sidewinder 14" X 7" " \$200
Dorothy Mackenzie 18" X 7" \$500
Ken Mackenzie 21.5" X 11" \$550
Sea Imp XII 28" X 14" \$250
Sea Imp VIII 32.25" X 14.25" \$450
Sea Imp X 14" X 7" 3/8 " scale \$500
Nellie Irene 28" X 10" High speed tug \$350
Foss Voith Harbor Tug 40" X 15" 3/8" scale \$550
Tiger Sun 28" x 15" 3/8" scale \$550
Island Guardian 24" X 11.5" \$ 350
Westminster Hunter 24" X 11.5" \$350
Bandera 36.5" X10" \$300

Storm Force 34.5" X 12.75" \$300
Crowley Invader 9000 51.5" X 14" 3/8" scale \$400
Miki Tugs from 1940 46:" X 10" 3/8" scale \$500
Steam Tug flat bottom 20.5" X 7.5" \$120
Lisa Marie Life Boat 24" X 8" \$200
False Creek Ferry 20" X 8" \$120
Alan B 16" X 7" \$300
Harken 1 16.25" X 7.25" \$150
Dozer Tug 15.5 X 7.25 \$150
Crowley Voith Hull \$400.00

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Jerry Julian has a model for sale, a Dumas Trojan cabin cruiser. \$135.00



He also has a sailboat model for sale, about 36" x 11". No winch. \$95.00

Both items are for pickup in Olympia, WA. Contact Jerry Julian 360-943-7009 if interested.



Roger Lyons has several items for sale:

- ⇒ Loyalhanna Dockyard 110' Sub Chaser (1/32nd scale at 41"L) for \$300 and four boxes of parts. Check Loyalhanna website for more info.
- ⇒ ITALERI 1/35 SCALE ELCO 80 FT TORPEDO BOAT PT-596
Box was opened & some parts are missing
- ⇒ Lion Roar PE DETAIL UPDATE CONVERSION Kit
Box was opened & some parts are missing
- ⇒ M.A.S. 568 4a Series ITALIAN PT BOAT (2 ea.)
Both are New in box
- ⇒ Dynamic Models Semi Kit

Contact Roger at lyon44@ymail.com for more information

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