



# The Bilge Pump

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

## June

- 16 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 10am
- 25 Fun Float— Bellevue Pond 8am– 11am

## July

- 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
- 9 Fun Float \*\*\*
- 21 Coffee Fun Float \*\*\*

## August

- 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
- 6 Fun Float \*\*\*
- 13 Portland Model Boat Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon 9am – 9pm
- 18 Coffee Float \*\*\*
- 20 NW Tug Championship \*\*\* 9am-4pm

## September

- 1 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7 pm
- 3 Fun Float \*\*\*
- 11 Lake Goodwin Fun Float and Barbeque 10am—4 pm
- 15 Coffee Fun Float \*\*\*
- 24 Fishermen’s Festival at Fisherman’s Terminal in Ballard 11am – 6pm

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

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## **From the Bridge**

The June 2016 REGATTA has come and gone, and we have every reason to be proud of how it turned out. Congratulations to **Mel Suelzle** for winning “Overall Best Navigator.”

In other news, David Green has successfully rescheduled the July Fun Float , Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, to make final use of the Bellevue Pond before it closes for the year. More on this later...

Back to the Regatta. It might not have been perfect, but it was nonetheless an excellent performance. Some members might not have realized how much work this regatta entails. I want to give a big shout-out to the following people. **Al Kinsman** and **David White** for designing the course and obtaining all of the course elements. Doc for running registration. **Mel Suelzle** for making all forms and ensuring administration was done. This year **Bob Spiger** did an excellent job and ensured that we stayed hydrated. **Bob Jacobsen** did a very able job of selling the raffle tickets. **Robert Osmond** obtained raffle prizes and distributed them at the end. **David White** and **Al Kinsman** very ably acted as harbormasters. **Allan Wing** who spent six hours capably judging, and our talented photographer, **Darlene**. And let’s not forget the pondsmen, those knights in waders who set up the course, maintained it during the contest, and then took it down at the end- **Al Kinsman, Robert Osmond, Rog Lyons, Bill Heath** and his friend Jim. There were others who helped, and they should be thanked also.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all of these, and others, who

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## Monthly Meeting June 2nd by Dr Ron

Twenty members showed up for the meeting conducted by our commodore, **Scott Bauman** on a warm balmy evening. It is confirmed that the Bellevue pond will be drained on July 5 as they embark on renovating the park (?). We will most likely move to lake Ballinger for fun floats unless a more suitable location becomes available. New dates for our activities include lake Bob on 9/11 and the Fisherman's Festival on 9/24. Details of the upcoming regatta were discussed in some detail. **Mel** provided registration forms for those wishing to have them ready Saturday morning in order to expedite this process. A roster of members fulfilling various duties was reviewed.

**Show and tell started with Robert Osmond** showing his latest log boat project which he plans to run in the regatta. It most likely is a hull from Ron Burchett or Gary King and has a steerable Kort nozzle. He modified the rudder servo so that it can be mounted vertically on the side of the hull. He also showed a cool hatch he created on his lathe and milling machine.



**Phil Northrup** brought in his HMS Nelson battleship and showed the progress he is making. He is using magnets to hold the superstructure to the hull and has new props to be installed.

**Dr. Ron** elaborated on the progress he is making on his Coho build after a long hiatus.



**PHOTOS By Allan Wing**

**Bob Wickham** is now into small boats and showed how he installed running gear in his Lindberg modified mine-sweeper using motors he obtained by hacking old Futaba 3003 and 3004 servos. He told us how to solder the drive shaft to the motor while running. He also is using magnets to attach the superstructure to the hull in his modified Lindberg tugs.

Following the break discussion centered around the increased cost of our storage unit at Armadillo which has been increased to \$126 per month after much effort on the part of **Ed Maurer** to consummate the best price.



**Scott** mentioned that the Professional Mariner magazine editor contacted him regarding the tug festival and plans to cover this event. He will have her contact Keith to find out about location, date, etc..

**Scott** reported on our visit to the Kirkland Life Care Senior Living facility represented by **Scott, Mel, Robert Osmond and Dr. Ron**. It was apparent that the residents weren't too thrilled with our display and presentation but the staff seemed more than appreciative of our efforts.

**Scott** announced that **Keith Schermerhorn's** Misty Moon fishing boat was featured in the AMA magazine (Academy of Modeling Aeronautics ?).

## From the Bridge Continued .....

..through the dint of hard work, made this regatta a success. This is proof that this club is full of eager participants who are quick to work together for the common good.

Now, we have a massive hole in our future schedule. Please assume that all venues that were originally scheduled at the Bellevue Pond will be held at other locations and possibly other dates. Please check the website schedule for our best guesses on the subject of venues. We will attempt to post them a week in advance.

To begin with, **David Green** has arranged to hold a Fun Float on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 11 am. The early beginning time is due to a large corporate picnic in the park, also beginning at 8. I think we will most easily find parking if we can arrive there prior to 8.

The all-important Tug Championship is scheduled for mid-August. Watch for date and venue announcements on the website schedule page. We will get the information to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, thank all of you for making the Regatta a success!

## June 5th 35th Annual Regatta Bellevue Downtown Park



Our 35th Annual Regatta was held at the Bellevue Downtown Park on June 5th. The weather was beautiful with temperatures in the low 80s. A breeze was welcome to cool things off, but raised havoc for some on the course.

We had 18 skippers who registered 41 boats to test their skills in navigating the very complex course created for this year's event. Usually the winds are light in the morning hours and pickup in the afternoon. This year the winds were a threat the entire day. This course had 12 landings making the winds a huge factor in the quality of the landings and the final scores.

The skipper with the greatest skill (luck) to avoid the winds, was none other than the author of this article with his early run of the Morgan Foss in the Medium Class which had a field of 12 boats. **Keith Schermerhorn** running his beautiful Misty Moon seiner, took top honors in the Large Class which had 8 entries. The Small class had 16 entries and **Bryan Morse** took first place with the 2nd best **OVERALL** score with his South Hampton tug. Complete listing of the award winners are at the end of this article.

Our scoring/tracking system was new this year and greatly simplified the registration and scoring process. Tallying the results was done quickly without need for someone to hide under a sun shade cover to enter data into a computer. **Bob Siger** handled the lunch and kept lots of liquids available that were greatly needed on the hot day.

The course was complex and took longer to run. With the elimination of scale judging, Navigation could begin earlier which helped get all the runs in and allowed the awards and raffle portions of the program to wrap up the event around 4:30. By then, most skippers were ready to call it a day and head for cooler environments.

All in all the regatta ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of many and everyone had a fun day which is the most important measure.



**PHOTOS By Darlene Wing**



1st Place Youth  
Alec Green



2nd Place Youth  
Tim Ripperger



**Large class:**

1. Keith Schermerhorn "Misty Moon" 166
2. Roger Lyons "Chrilulat USCG 153" 159
3. Phil McKinney "IMS Alfredo Orianci" 157

**Medium class:**

1. Mel Suelzle "Morgan Foss" 175
2. Robert Osmond "Pacific" 170
3. Alan Kinsman. "#2". 162

**Small class:**

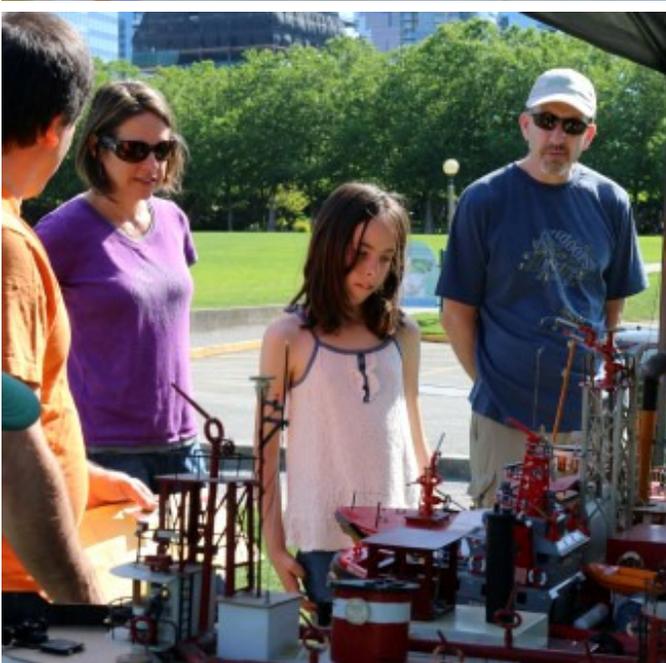
1. Bryan Morse. "South Hampton". 173
2. Alan Kinsman. "Lil Brutus". 166
3. Keith Schermerhorn. "Lopez". 159

**Youth:**

1. Alec Green. "Carol Morgan". 153
- 2 Tim Ripperger. "South Hampton". 141

**Regatta Best over all Navigator:**

Mel Suelzle. "Morgan Foss". 175



## POLO SPRINGER MATCHES ARE A “BIG HIT”

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. Our last event was on May 14th and was a typical fun 2 hours. The weather was perfect, and most of the time we had 8 boats running initially, However the usual “crash and bash” event quickly took its toll and virtually every skipper spent time on the deck trying to perform repairs and return to the action.

**Our next event is scheduled for June 11th Note the date and plan to join in the fun.**

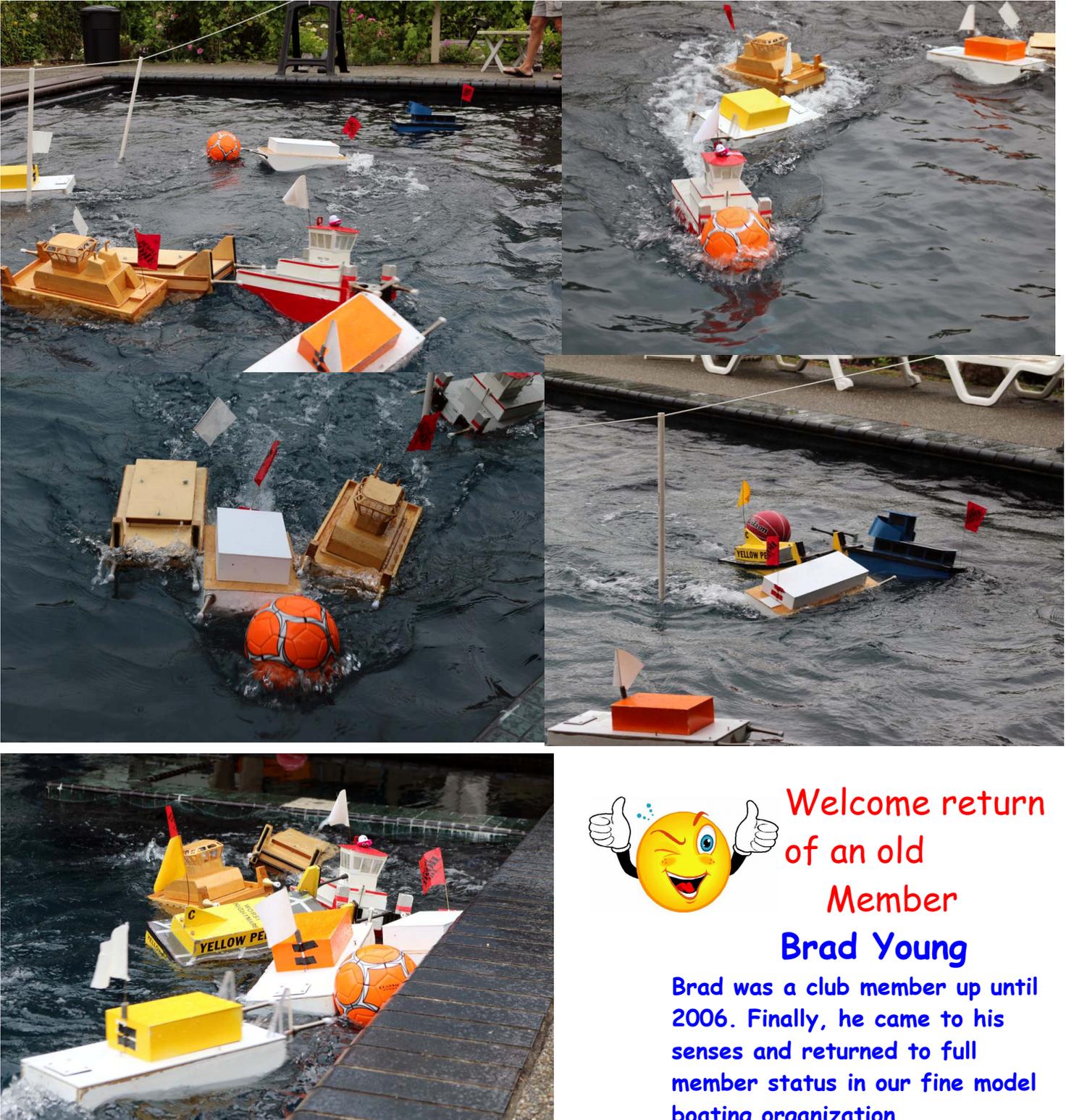
Directions to Dennis' house are **Dennis' home address is 9001 NE. 37TH PL, Bellevue.** This is generally located near the East shore of Lake Washington just north of 520. From 520, you take the 92<sup>nd</sup> street exit, head north on 92<sup>nd</sup>, turn left on 37<sup>th</sup> Place. The street ends in a cul-de-sac. And Dennis' house is on the left. The pool is in the rear of the house best accessed from side of the house. . Dennis will have coffee and after the usual crash and bash of the hotly contested polo match, pizza will be available.



**PHOTOS By Allan Wing**

But it wasn't all WORK and NO PLAY. Skilled craftsmen quickly isolated their problems and return to action on the pitch. Everyone had plenty of run time and the action was very brisk and a good time was had by all.

Come and join in the action on the 11th. Its fun to watch and often extra boats are available to run and try your hand as the action packed event.



Welcome return  
of an old  
Member  
**Brad Young**

Brad was a club member up until 2006. Finally, he came to his senses and returned to full member status in our fine model boating organization.

## Northwest R/C Ship Modelers 2016 Calendar

- JUNE**
- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
  - 4 **JUNE REGATTA** – Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 9 am – 4 pm
  - 11 Polo Match—Dennis Chinn Pool 10am—noon
  - 16 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 10am
  - 25 Last 2016 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 8am– 11am
- JULY –**
- 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
  - 9 Fun Float (check website calendar)
  - 21 Coffee Fun Float at (check website calendar) 10am
- AUGUST**
- 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
  - 6 Fun Float at (check website calendar)
  - 13 Portland Model Boat Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon 9am – 9pm
  - 18 Coffee Float (check website calendar) 10am
  - 20 NW Tug Championship (check website calendar) 9am-4pm
- SEPTEMBER**
- 1 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7 pm
  - 3 Fun Float (check website calendar)
  - 11 Lake Goodwin Fun Float and Barbeque 10am—4 pm
  - 15 Coffee Fun Float (check website calendar) 10am
  - 24 Fishermen’s Festival at Fisherman’s Terminal in Seattle 11am – 6pm
- OCTOBER**
- 6 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7 pm
  - 8 Fun Float (check website calendar)
  - 15 Twilight Float (check website calendar) 7pm
- NOVEMBER**
- 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
  - 5 Fun Float (check website calendar)
- DECEMBER**
- 1 Christmas Dinner and Party 6:30 - 9pm

\*After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Bellevue Pond will not be available. Check our website [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com) to confirm times and locations

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## Kirkland Life Care Senior Living Facility - Mel Suelzle



On May 12, Ron Bray, Scott Baumann, Robert Osmond and I participated in a Nautical theme program at the Kirkland Life Care Facility. We displayed our boats and gave a short presentation to a group. Later our boats were displayed for review by all the folks that participated in the event. Pirate apparel and tattoos were abundant and we were treated to a nice lunch of fish & chips and crab cakes. The staff at his facility was very appreciative our participation and everyone enjoyed the boats we had on display.



**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" X 10" \$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

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

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**Used Enco Compact 5 Lathe for sale** with many accessories, including a 4 jaw chuck. I bought it to learn the art of small hobby machining, but it sits unused. It's 14" wide, 29 ½" long & 9 ½" high. I paid \$750.00 for it but will sell it for \$600.00. It needs a better home, maybe to a model boater who will use it.



**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 on either of these two items.



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 Vanttec Ret-44 ESC. If there is interest please contact [ted@borchert.net](mailto:ted@borchert.net). He is open to offers.