



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

April 2019

Look Ahead Events

May

- 1 Opening Week – SYC 9 am to 3 pm
- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 PM
- 4 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9 AM

June

- 6 Meeting at Galaxy 6 PM
- 8 NWRCSM's 39th Annual Model Boat Regatta- Bellevue 9 AM to 4 PM
- 20 Coffee Float – Bellevue 11 AM

July

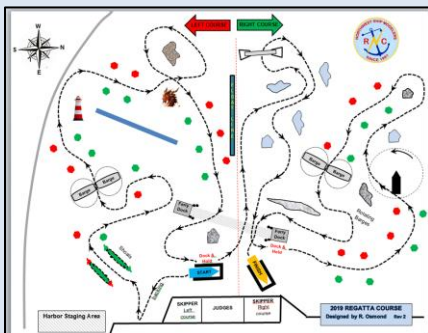
- 10 **Wednesday** Meeting (**Date Change**) at Galaxy Hobby 6:00 PM
- 13 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9:00 AM
- 25 Coffee Float - Bellevue 11:00 AM

AUGUST

- 1 Meeting at Galaxy 6:00 PM
- 3 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9:00 AM
- 10 Portland Regatta 9AM to 5PM
- 17 Tug Championship, Bellevue 9 – 5
- 31 Twilight Fun Float, Bellevue 7 to 9 PM

More events information is provided on calendar page later in the newsletter and,

Check our website for the latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com



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From The Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



Our April 2019 return to the Bellevue Pond for our fun float was welcomed with a most bleary and wet day. But given the foul weather forecast we had an excellent turn out of skippers within the capacity of two popup awnings and two boxes of donuts. Given our record for good weather, many were puzzled by the rainfall until we learned that our reliable rain god, **Lono**, was allowed to dry out due to a defect in his protective storage environment, which was a baggy full of water to keep him well hydrated and without any need for more moisture. Hopefully his care



**A DRY LONO IS NOT
A HAPPY LONO**

taker (Robert Osmond) will try to obtain some higher quality baggies to insure that **Lono** is kept wet and happy so we have better weather for future events. This is especially important as we head into the more active part of our schedule. Once the rainfall fully hydrated Lono, the sun came out and the day was very pleasant for us while we packed our gear and left for our homeports.

Planned for our April fun float was a Springer boat event. Since the number of Springer captains was light and the weather somewhat ugly, it was decided to reschedule the Springer contest for our next fun float which normally would be on May 4th. However we did not schedule a fun float in May as because planned for the Opening Day fun float on May 1st. Having another fun float in the same week was thought to be not a good idea so soon after an all-day event. In retrospect, it would be best to have a May 4th fun float to conduct the Springer contest AND set up some practice docks and gates in preparation for the Regatta on June 8th. So mark your calendars and plan to attend the fun float at the Bellevue Pond on May 4th bringing your best Springer boat and the boats you plan to enter in the Regatta.

For now we need to turn our attention to Opening Day of the boating season. This event is our first event of the 2019 season. On May 1st we will hold our annual fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club (SYC). This is always a popular event that kicks off our season as well as that of the entire boat community. This event is a popular one and a fun day of casual model boating with lots of visitors and spectators from the local boating community. Having this event during week helps us enjoy the preparations for the big opening day celebrations without having to endure the hubbub of the weekend. This is a great way to show off your best boats to other boating enthusiasts and checkout your own fleet for our upcoming model boating season. This is also a great way to show our appreciation to the Seattle Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facility during the winter when the Bellevue Pond is unavailable. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate. More details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

The day after our SYC float, is our May meeting where we will finalize our plans and preparations for our Regatta. Some of the major elements are completed including a new challenging course creation from **Robert Osmond**. Robert has mercifully included only 2 close in dockings, and only 4 ferry route crossings but still in very plain view of the judges. Robert hopes to keep the course well inside the drain whirlpool to minimize the problems of distant eyesight issues, but it will further test the ability of large boats to navigate in tight quarters. Skippers of larger boats are encouraged to enlist the aid of a small tugboat to make the tight turns. A preliminary copy of the course is included elsewhere in this newsletter. Robert has improved the design of fixtures that make up the regatta course. He has made new gates that are standard sized (25") and will be compact for storage. During May a work party will be formed to finalize the items to be used at the Regatta. Our regatta donations are being jointly worked by **Aimee Eng**, **Keith Schermerhorn** and I to all the usual supporters of our Northwest events in Bellevue and Tualatin. Of course we welcome other donations from member's stocks of modeling items. Many thanks to Pacific Power Batteries and Loyalhanna Dockyard for their quick and positive response to our request for donations.

April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

By Ron Bray

Photos by Robert Osmond

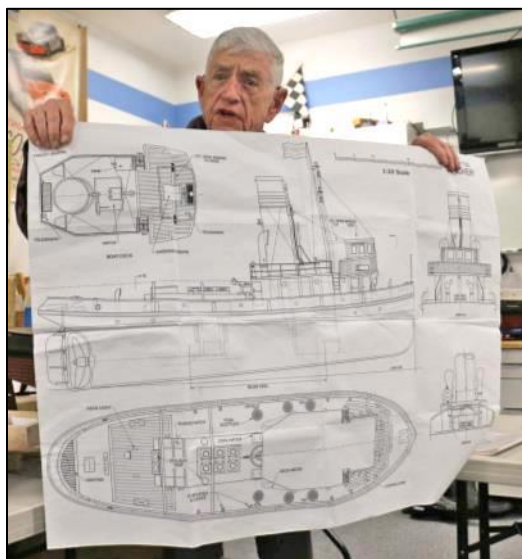
The meeting began at 1800 hours and our commodore, **Mel Suelzle** introduced two guests. The first was **Shibly Amed** who has a host of projects in que. He later joined the club. The second guest was **Kevin Nolet** who lives in North Bend and is working on a model of the ferry Chimacum.



Show and tell began with **Doc** showing his finally finished ferry Coho. He was able to finish the model after being housebound with the snow and then a bout of influenza. It seems like it takes forever to finish all the small details especially all the delicate railings.



John LeGate gave great information on how the make oars and oarlocks for the lifeboats on his model of a 1/30 scale tug Ulyses.



Rex Olson showed plans of the steam tug Arther and the fiberglass hull with an articulating Kort nozzle. He plans to scratch build the decks and superstructure.



Rich Goodrich demonstrated the strength of his Springer build by standing on it. As strongly built as it is, he still thinks that it will weigh no more than 9 pounds



Tom Stevens showed progress he is making on his Frazier River Sea Imp tug he purchased from Roger Lyons. It is a kit produced by Gary King. He brought in a generous supply of window material for the taking.



Robert Osmond showed a number of models from **Ed Maurer's** collection which will be auctioned off after the break. He showed a couple of packages of 1/35 military figures and told us the sources where they can be purchased. A 6-volt smoke generator from Harbor Models was displayed. Apparently, the amount of smoke can be proportional to motor speed and two choices of smoke can purchased; steam or diesel. He also passed around some "D" shaped rubber which he bought at Home Depot – great for tug fendering.

Mel pleaded for someone to take a fiberglass hull of the Shelly Foss which is taking up space in his garage.

Al Kinsman was happy to return it to his hull collection.



Phil Northrup brought in several models for sale. One of these is a WW2 tug which was used by the Army. It was shipped to the Pacific Theater in crates and took about 8 hours to assemble. A nice model of a tug with a Kort nozzle and belt drives sold quickly. Brunhilda. Another model that sold was a Midwest tug kit with an elevated wheel house. He has an Atlas Lathe with many parts and pieces for which he hopes to sell for \$400. It is a big heavy lathe and will require some young muscle to move it.

After the break, **Ed's** boats were auctioned, and **Phil's** models were sold. One of Ed's hulls was fitted for Voith Schneider drives and most likely was made by Gary King. There was no interest among the members so it will most likely be a raffle prize at one of our regattas. The financial report was given, and the upcoming schedule discussed. This weekend fun float will also feature the biannual Springer event with Mel in charge. He plans this to be a blind two-member challenge.



There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1935 after **Alan Wing** and **Rich Goodrich** were the winners of the raffle drawing.



2019 SYC BOATING SEASON OPENER FUN FLOAT

On **May 1st**, our club will hold our annual fun float as part of the opening day celebration at the Seattle Yacht Club. This is always a great place to display and demonstrate our models to Yacht Club members who actively preparing for the huge opening celebrations that will peak on the weekend. Our models are of special interest to this group. While many own full size pleasure craft, they fully enjoy fine models of all types. We hope that many of our members can attend this event and bring their best models for a great day of boating of all sizes

Our participation is scheduled for 9AM to 3PM. Please plan to attend. Arriving early will insure a good parking spot. Driving directions are below:

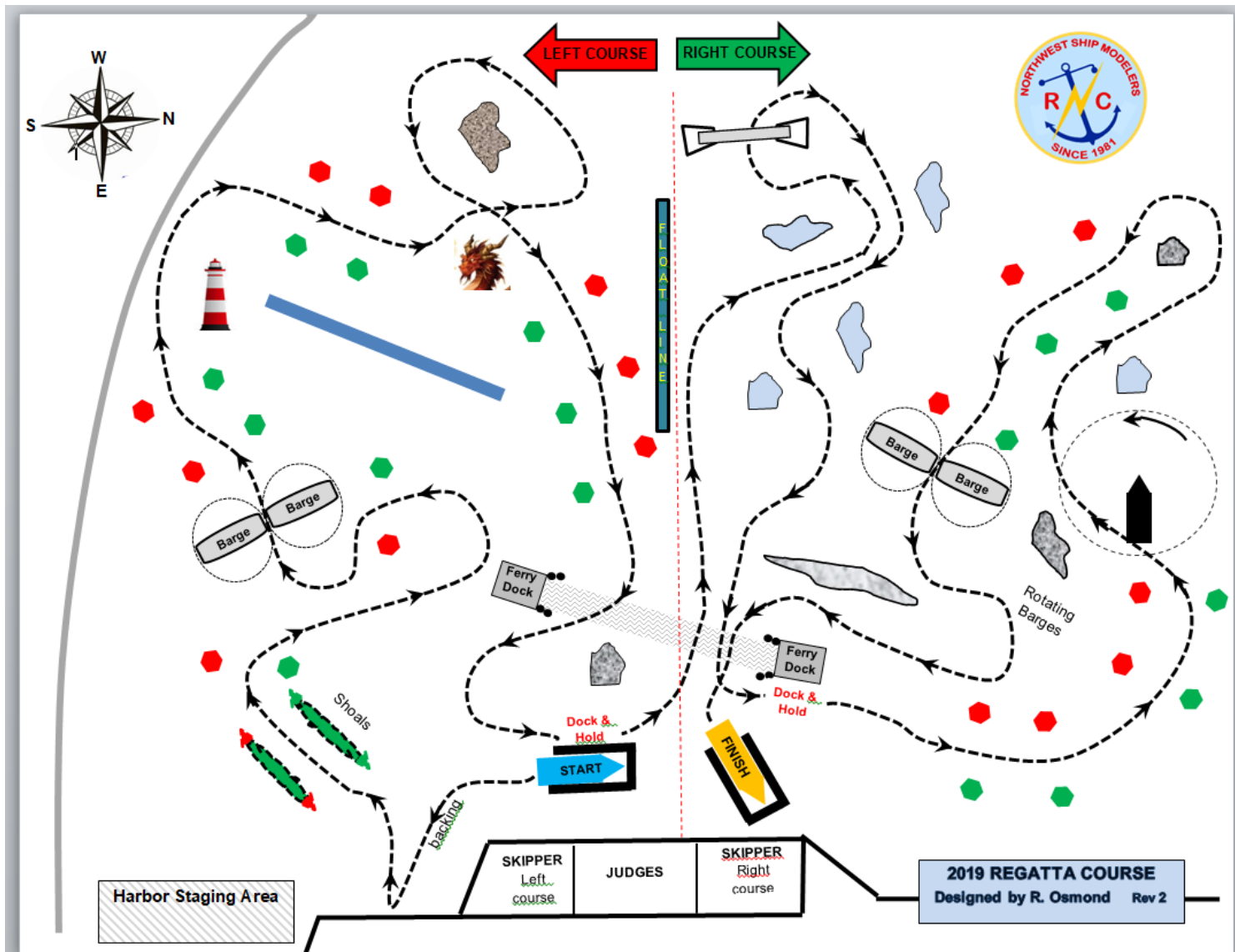
The SYC is located on Portage Bay at **1807 East Hamlin Street, Seattle WA, 98112**, just north of the 520 bridge across Lake Washington and south of the University of Washington.



Those arriving via Highway 520 (either East or West bound), should exit at Montlake Blvd and head north. Turn left (west) on East Hamlin at the traffic light which is the first left past 520. For those exiting from 520 westbound, there is not much time to get in the left lane to turn westbound onto Hamlin, so it may be best to turn right (eastbound) onto Hamlin, go around the block, to the left, then turn left onto Montlake Blvd, and an immediate right onto Hamlin. It's a long way around, but it works!

NWRCSM's 39th 2019 Regatta Course

Our 2019 regatta will be held on Saturday, June 8th. Pictured above is the preliminary version number 2 of the course layout planned for this event. Robert Osmond is still tweaking the design, but major changes are not expected.



Fun Float -- April 6, 2019

By Robert Osmond

Photos by Robert Osmond

Eleven intrepid skippers braved the rain and howling wind to make their way to the shelter of the well anchored tent for the April Fun Float.



We were glad to see **Rex Olsen** out at our event. He had had cataract surgery then got the flu and was out of commission for a couple of months.

The boats had no issues, but some of the skippers were getting a little damp from time to time.



The Springer event was postponed till the May 4 Fun Float to encourage more springers to show up, and because the two shelter tents were a little crowded at times.

Robert Osmond had his 4 springers all charged and radios ready, but will bring a couple of them to the May Springer event.



One new member **Kevin Nolet** brought his scratch built Washington State ferry boat to get advice on motors and drives.

The coffee and doughnuts flowed freely and the comradery was up to its high standard.

Looking forward to seeing more of you at the May 4 fun float.



Skagit R/C Ship Modelers North End Meeting Report ...

By Keith Schermerhorn

Spring has arrived along with April showers. The Saturday morning meeting was attended by 9 people at the Farmhouse Inn. After getting some breakfast ordered we began our discussions on the events in the near future.

The first one is that the next Skagit meeting on May 4th will be the last one before the Anacortes Waterfront Festival June 1 & 2. Will finalized all that needs to be ready for this event. Note that there will be no Skagit meeting in June with the show being the same day.

By July we are hoping the pond at Gordons place will be clear and ready for a fun float this time. More details to follow. Meetings for the summer will be discussed and we will change locations for those in July and August. **Larry Stile** informed us that sailings out at Coronet Bay continue and the Salt Spring Island Regatta has been moved back a week or two. So we may have a few more sheet boats at the Anacortes show. As always, we invite others to come and join us in showing your boats and enjoying the activities of the festival.

Show and tells: **Keith Schermerhorn** showed of some of the work done to the superstructure of the battleship USS Alabama. He showed off a new micro boat of a Canadian river tug in 1/87th scale that features a styrene hull and a photo etched brass house that has been built up and soldered. **Randy Flodquist** had a hull he is interested in selling of a small tug. More fun to come this year and some other projects to share once we get past June. As always, anyone is invited to come join us for any of our get together and share their ideas and works.

Skagit R/C Ship Modelers North End Schedule:

May 4th -- Skagit meeting at Farmhouse Inn 9:30 am
June 1 & 2 -- Anacortes Waterfront Festival, Cap Sante Marina
July -- Fun Float at Gordon Johnsons (tentative)
August 3 -- Drayton Harbor days in Blaine display/ meeting?
Sept. 7 -- Skagit meeting
Sept. 21 – Display at Bellingham’s SeaFeast in Squaticum Harbor

Farmhouse Inn is at 13724 Laconner Whitney Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Website = thefarmhouserestaurant.net.

For Sale:

Phil Northrup's Boats and Tools for Sale

30 boats for sale, an assortment of tugs, military ship, and gray water ships. He is moving and needs to reduce. An "Atlas Lathe" with many parts and pieces for which he hopes to sell for \$400. It is a big heavy lathe and will require some young muscle to move it.

For more details, call Phil at 509-884-6898.

Les' Boats for Sale

Les Cade was a club member since 2006 and passed away last year. His son Les Jr. would like to sell several of his father's boats that we often saw at the events in Tualatin and our regatta.

Pictured here is Les with this tug Chief. This is a large model estimated to be 48" in length. Les was an excellent modeler and his skills are reflected in this model. More information on this and other tugs his son has for sale contact Les Cade Jr. at 971-204 2101



Hulls and Boats For Sale

Early Spring cleaning in my work space has me looking to clear out long sitting projects that I am just not getting to and should be in someone else's hands.

- Fiberglass Tug hull in 1/32nd scale (ice class bow) with drawings. Asking \$250.00
- Dumas 44' life boat, partially built in wood. Hull sealed with epoxy, but not glassed. Most of the wooden parts are there or built. Will require parts on the wind shield to be made and running gear. Asking \$175.00
- Dumas 44' life boat, fiberglass hull with rudders and shafts installed. Main cabin parts scratch built out of Sintra along with the decks, and other parts copied onto pieces of Sintra needing cut out and assembly. Asking \$175.00

Will consider offers as well. Contact: Keith Schermerhorn at 360-306-1165 and wscherm@fidalgo.net

2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

MARCH

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

APRIL

4	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
6	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9 AM to Noon

MAY

1	Opening Week Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 AM to 3 PM
2	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
4	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

JUNE

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10	Portland Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon	9 AM to 5 PM
17	Tug Championship at Bellevue Pond..	9 AM to 5 PM
31	Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	7 PM to 9 PM

SEPTEMBER

5	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
7	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9:00 AM
TBA	Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard	11 AM to 6 PM

OCTOBER

3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
5	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

NOVEMBER

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

DECEMBER

5	Christmas Dinner at Spaghetti Factory	6:30 to 9 PM
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