



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

May 2019

## Look Ahead Events

### June

- 6 Meeting at Galaxy 6 PM
- 8 **NWRCSM's 39<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.shipmodelers.com)



## From The Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



The month of June brings us to our most important event of the year. Preparation for our 39<sup>th</sup> Regatta is in high gear and we hope to have a great turnout for this event. We have just finished with one of the busiest weeks of our boating season. This seems only appropriate as it was Opening Day Week for the local big boat community as well. The day began with a well-attended fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club, our May meeting the next day and of course our Fun Float at Bellevue Pond. Also this fun float included a Springer Boat Blind Con event that involved 8 skipper and 1<sup>st</sup> mate teams. It is nice to see the enthusiasm and support of our membership at each of these events.

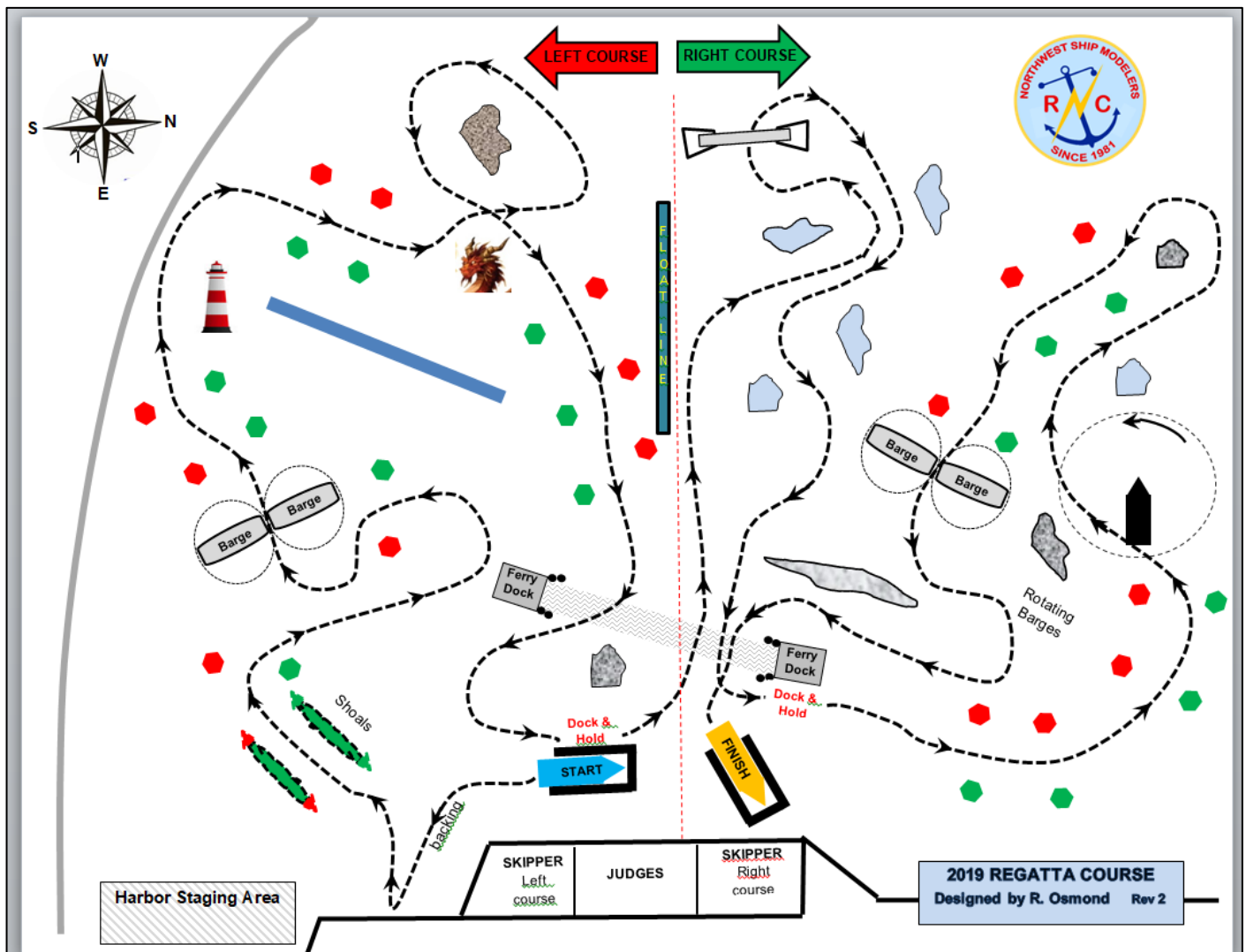
By the time you read this we will be about three weeks from the Regatta. There is plenty of time to get your boats ready and tackle the challenging course that Robert Osmond has created. Remember one of the unique aspects of our Regatta it is that is open to any and all type of boats as long as it is not gas powered. Our goal in designing the course is to keep it compact so to not overly stress the depth perception for the skippers while still being possible to navigate by the larger boats. Larger boats are very popular as they look great on the water and often provide lots of room for special features. We do not want to discourage skippers from entering them in the Regatta. Any skipper can enlist the aid of a tug to help negotiate the tighter turns. However, some practice is suggested before the day of the Regatta to turn in the best possible performance.

We have a great bunch of raffle prizes for the Regatta. Many of our vendors have contributed nice prizes to support our club and help fund the Regatta. Additionally several members have donated items to the Regatta as well. We appreciate everyone’s support and hope that our members will look to those vendors that support us for their modeling needs.

Last year we hoped to bring back some form of scale judging to our Regattas. While a more comprehensive plan did not develop, we decided to incorporate a separate award for scale appearance and operation on the navigation course. Scoring will be a subjective assessment by each of the two navigation judges. An award will be given to the highest combined score given by the judges. Remember it is how scale your boat looks AND how scale you operate it on the course with due consideration for the size of the vessel. The scale score will not be factored into the navigation scores.

Also new this year is the way we measure boats for determining the class. Because of the broad range of designs and unusual bumpers, bow spirits and other deck and hull characteristics, this year we will determine the class by measuring the hull length at the waterline. Being more difficult to measure, we will have a Super-Sized Caliper specially marked for each of the classes.

Pictured below 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.



## May 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes

By Ron Bray

Photos by Allan Wing

The sunny evening brought in twenty-four members. **Mel Suelzle** presided and started the meeting at 1800 hours. **Tom Stevens** introduced his neighbor and new member, **Tom Edwards**. **Mel** recapped our display and float at the Seattle Yacht Club yesterday, an event that is always popular with our members and those of the Seattle Yacht Club. Many thanks to **Steve Sunich** for arrangements.

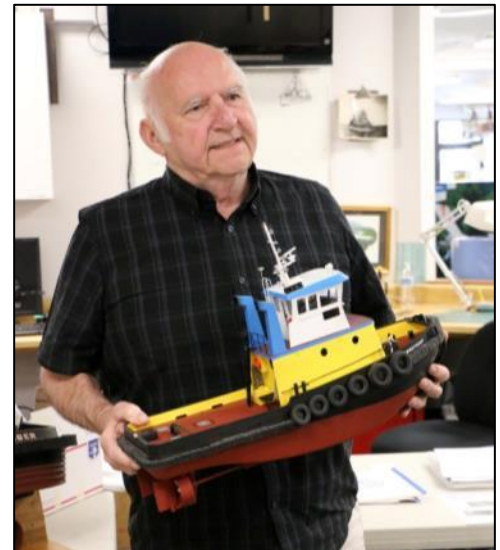
Show and tell began with **Robert Osmond** presenting his steam launch which he built in 1987 and which has been on a shelf until yesterday when he ran it at the Seattle Yacht Club fun float. It ran flawlessly!



He then described how he is building a new style noodle boat using a solid black noodle. He demonstrated how to make parallel cuts into the noodle material so that he can have a bottom and a deck level. The solid material is available on Amazon.



**Mel** gave an update on his modification of a South Hampton tug to a West Point tug.



Our new member, **Tom Edwards**, showed progress he is making on a tug he acquired from **Tom Stevens**, who is mentoring his progress since they are close neighbors.



**Tom Stevens** brought in his Beachcomber tug with a lot of new items to demonstrate. He is awaiting a mast which is being fabricated by **Amy** in Oregon.



← **John LeGate** brought in soldering irons and a catalog for the taking.

**Rich Goodrich** had power boat plans for purchase. →



After the break, Mel gave a report of our financial standing. He also told of an outfit in Edmonds/Lynnwood where laser scanning and printing can be learned and utilized. The center is connected to Edmonds Community college. The website is [facilitymade.com](http://facilitymade.com). **Rich Goodrich** will visit the facility and report back to the club at our next meeting.

The upcoming Regatta details were discussed, and a plea made for us to stay around after the event to help load course equipment back on to the truck. Several job assignments are still available and need to be filled. Discussion evolved regarding how to determine class sizes. It was decided that water line measurements by **Mel's new caliper** would be 21 inches or less for the small class and 40" and above for the large class.

After the raffle, won by **Paul Williams** and **Dave Green**, the meeting was closed at 1921 hours and we all headed out the door.

### OPENING Week Display and Float at Seattle Yacht Club – May 1, 2019

By Steven Sunich

Photos by Allan and Darlene Wing, Robert Osmond

It was another great day for the Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day week. On May 1, 2019 at 0900 hours NWRCSM members gathered on Dock 2 at Seattle Yacht Club with an impressive number and variety of boats on display and in the water.

There were **Ron Bray's** pleasure boats, **Robert Osmond's** two steam launches, **Mel's Suelzle's** pleasure boats and tugs, **Dave Green's** Coast Guard boats, **Al Kinsman's** hulls and **Steve Sunich's** monster tugs. **Brian Morse** was fortunately on standby to show Sunich the intricacies of his radio.

The weather could not have been better for this event. There was even a nice breeze for **Richard Goodrich's** and the Allan Wing's sailing vessels that were run all day.

Lunch was served in the Marine Room Bar and **everyone** returned and ran boats until we dropped.



There were always 8 or 10 boats on the water and fortunately there were no collisions that amounted to much damage.





The Seattle Yacht Club loves having us there as it fits perfectly into their idea of Opening Day of Boating Season. Pictures were being taken by many on-lookers. See Seattle Yacht Club's Facebook page. Participation in this event is a staple to our Club and we hope to continue it for years to come.



### Fun Float – May 4, 2019

By Mel Suelzle

Photos by Robert Osmond and the Wings



navigation skills in preparation for the Regatta.

Capping off a very full week of model boating was a great fun float at the Bellevue pond. A beautiful opening day of boating season brought out 18 skippers for this fun float. **Dave Green** had his huge new W370 Coast Guard boat out getting lots of attention from the spectators. **Tom Stevens** had his new tug the “Beachcomber” out and it ran perfectly, looking very nice and scale performance as well. Many skippers fine turned their



A special event for this fun float was the Springer boat contest. As the winner of the previous event of this type, yours truly got to design the course

for this event. I have always enjoyed the “Blind Con” events of the past and decided to introduce this contest to some of the newer members. The Blind Con event requires skipper to draw for a “1<sup>st</sup> mate” to help the skipper navigate a rather simple course for those who can actually see their boats. In this event a skipper faces away from the pond while receiving speed and direction command from his team mate. It’s sometimes frustrating for the contestants but always entertaining for the spectators. We had eight teams compete in the event. Everyone



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but in a  
wide  
range of  
times.  
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longest time was almost 6 minutes turned by the team of **Tom & Kevin** (last names are not revealed to





preserve their self-esteem). The best time and therefore the winner of the event was **Robert Osmond** and his 1<sup>st</sup> mate, **Bryan Morse** who completed the course in 59 seconds!! (Who knew Robert has a boat that could function in such a controlled fashion?)

In summary, it was a very nice fun float. There were lots of skippers in attendance, and the great weather brought out many spectators who were interested in our models and anxious to know when we would return. Many thanks to **Robert Osmond** for bringing the gates to set up a nice Regatta practice course and a great course for the Blind Con contest. No unusual events took place and no reports of breakdowns or sinking's.



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

By Keith Schermerhorn

The past meeting of the Skagit club was Saturday, May the 4th, at the Farmhouse Inn starting around 9:30 am. It was the last meeting before the Anacortes Waterfront Festival and used to get our ducks all in a pile. We also discussed the next fun float at Gordons (see below), other events, and our show and tell.

Here is the list of Skagit R/C's events we are participating in in 2019 in the North End:

- Anacortes Water Front Festival, June 1-2 , Cap Sate Marina
- Fun Float at Gordon Johnson's, July 20, 1:00 to 4:00 PM
- Drayton Harbor Days, August 3, Blaine Harbor, WA
- Pacific NW Tug Regatta, August 17, Downtown Park, Bellevue, WA – Start time 10:00 am
- BMM Regatta, August 18, Central Park, Burnaby, B.C. Canada
- Sea Fest, Sept. 21, Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham

Farmhouse Inn is at 13724 Laconner Whitney Road (at Hwy 20) Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
Phone 360-466-4411 Website = [thefarmhouserestaurant.net](http://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



### Mike Moor's Boats and Tools for Sale

Past member, Mike Moor is moving to Florida and is having a sale at his house on May 16, 17, 18, 19, 10am-4pm

His house is located at 2738 SW 314 St, Federal Way

Boat items include:

Arleigh Burke 75% completed

82' Coast Guard cutter

Paints, wood, supplies, electronics, builders drawings

Nautical Commander Radio x2

Cycloid also drives x2

If there's any questions Contact Mike directly at 253-797-5590 or email [seapax@gmail.com](mailto:seapax@gmail.com)

## 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

6	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
8	39th Annual Model Boat Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 AM to 4 PM
20	Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	11:00 AM

### JULY

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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
21	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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Check our website .at [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com) for latest calendar updates, address, and maps to events, and other past newsletter issues, and other club information

## 2019 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY







2019 member dues are due during January. Annual dues are \$30. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to

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Seattle WA, 98133

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