



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
Seattle, Washington, USA

## Look Ahead Events

### **New Meeting Time & Place!**

#### **AUGUST**

**1 Meeting at Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace 7 PM**

- 3 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9:00 AM
- 10 Portland Regatta 9 AM to 5 PM
- 17 Tug Championship, Bellevue 9 to 4
- 31 Twilight Fun Float, Bellevue 7 PM to 9 PM

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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



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agreed to schedule our meeting for July only to buy us some time to find a better spot. My search was not real fruitful. Some possibilities but no “slam dunks”. On June 27th a few of us visited the MLT Center for coffee and I met the Director. Our opinion increased dramatically after this coffee meeting. So I booked and paid for July thru September meetings. After feedback from our meeting on July 13th it is obvious everyone felt this was a good meeting location. We will make adjustments to our layout to make this facility work even better for our next meeting(s).

With August on our doorstep, we are entering the busiest time of our schedule. The summer weather and frequent boating events are times when we put new boat building on hold and prepare for operating our boats and full participation to the regattas and fun floats. We are fortunate to live in a lively boating community where we can attend several organized events from Portland to Vancouver BC. Many of our members attend most if not all of these events. One of the more popular regattas coming up next is at Tualatin, Oregon. Tualatin is a suburb about 10 miles south of Portland. The Portland regatta is on August 10th on the Tualatin’s Commons area that holds a large pond that accommodates our boating events very well. Often we have 12-16 members and spouses attend this event from our area. It is a great weekend getaway location where spouses can enjoy the local highlights and shopping areas when they get bored watching model boats. The Portland group that is planning the event is asking for a headcount for attendance this year. **Please send me an email if you plan to attend this year’s event and if you plan to bring a guest for lunch on Saturday. PLEASE email me before AUGUST 1st.** The regatta is a long day starting at 9 am and ending with a night float around 10 pm. We take a well needed break from about 6-9 pm for a nice dinner and award ceremony with the Portland clubs. The Century Hotel is our favorite place to stay. It is in the Commons area beside the pond where we run. If you haven’t attended this event, give some consideration to do so this year. Aimee Eng, of the Portland group, is the lead organizer on this event. The Portland Club provides lunch.

**Opportunities – SAME SONG LAST VERSE!** It is time for members to begin serious consideration for stepping up your game and contributing to our club as an officer and board member. After the August meeting there will only be two meetings to identify candidates for our officer elections occurring at our November meeting, the last formal meeting of the year.



The current slate of officers have served for a year or two or more as an officer or committee member. In my case I have been president for two terms totaling 8 years. It’s time for some new ideas and the energy to bring them to fruition. Therefore, I will be stepping down from the President position following the December dinner. That will give the new administration time to take the helm and get everything shipshape for the new year. I don’t plan to go anywhere, and will be available to lend any assistance as needed to insure a smooth transition.

Mel



## June 11th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

By Fred Row

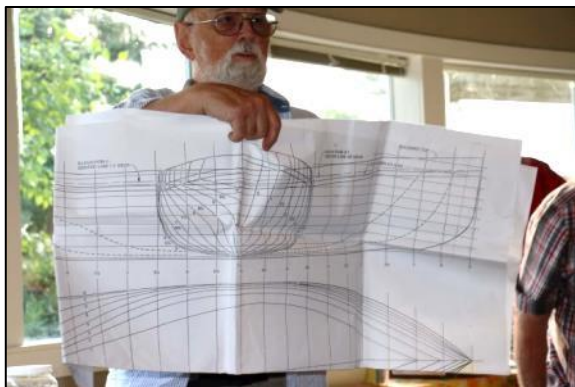
Photos by Allan Wing

**Mel Suelzle** started the meeting at 1901 hours. This was the club's first meeting at Mountlake Terrace Senior Center (MLT). Mel welcomed the 20 attendees and thanked **Rich Goodrich** for finding the meeting location. Mel explained that he has booked it for the three months (Jul – Sep). The usage cost is \$50 a month. The Senior Center provides complimentary coffee, tea and water. Mel encouraged everyone to feed the tip jar to show our appreciation. Some members met this



morning for coffee and donuts and felt the room worked well. The Senior Center provides a storage area, which Mel appreciates, as he doesn't have to cart everything back and forth for meetings. They are installing a new large AV monitor we will be able to use after getting training. While we have reserved the center for three months, Mel encouraged everyone to continue to look for other possible sites to meet. He explained he looked at Hobby Lobby, on Evergreen Way, but decided it wasn't suitable for the club as the meeting area is at the back of the store, meaning we would have to haul boats through the store for show and tell.

Mel let the group know about a Mr. Darby Tug for sale. Apparently the owner is trying to sell the tug on EBay as well. At least one member is negotiating price with him. Photos and information are available on EBay.



Show and tell began with **Rich Goodrich** showing plans for a yacht that you can build from scratch. If you are interested in building one, see Rich. He also has additional plans that he can share.



**Robert Osmond** showed the progress made on his new style noodle boat. Last month he told us how to cut the noodle and this month showed how successful the technique was for installing his deck. The wheelhouse is made from EVA foam, which allowed him to easily make it in the shape of the Kalakala.



**Phil Northrup** showed his 1916-17 English Steam Frigate that he built from scratch. He doesn't have space for it now and he hopes to sell it. During the break he sold it to **Tom Edwards**. He also had several boxes of miscellaneous items for members to take.





**Tom Stevens** showed progress he has made on his Beachcomber tug and indicated that while he recovers from surgery he plans to sit and work on the wheelhouse interior.



**Shibly Ahmed** shared a toy tugboat he got and explained how he had repainted it. He is hoping to convert it to an operation RC boat.



**Bryan Morse** showed an electric little steam engine.

Mel thanked **Robert Osmond**, **Bill Heath** and **Richard Bizier** for all their help in setting up the Regatta course. He gave a summary of the Income and Costs connected to running the Regatta. **Income:** \$500 from Freemont Tug, \$270 from Registration, \$695 from the Raffle for a **total income of \$1,465**. **Expenses:** \$376 for Trophies, \$500 for raffles prizes and \$289 for food for **total expenses of \$ 1,165**. The **net** was **\$283** profit. He also recognized **Richard Bizier** and **Fred Row** for the successful raffle sale, indicating it was instrumental making a profit from the Regatta and to **Bill Spiger** for arranging for the food. Mel expressed concern about the cost of trophies and suggested we consider having them only for 1<sup>st</sup> place, to be discussed in the future.

**Tom Edwards** raised the issue of making some type of apparel, hats, jackets/ shirts available for club members. Tom offered to look into different types and present some options at our August meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2043 hours after the raffle. **Bill Heath** was rewarded for staying for the whole meeting by being one of the winners along with **Shibly Ahmed**.

### *NWRCSM's New Club Meeting Location*

Dates: Thursday, August 1st and Sep 5<sup>th</sup>

Starting time: 7:00 PM

Location: Senior Center at Mountlake Terrace,  
23000 Lakeview Dr.,  
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043.

**Directions - The MLT Senior Center is located at 23000 Lakeview Drive. This facility is located in the northwest corner of Lake Ballinger just west of the park on the northeast corner where we often held our fun floats when Bellevue was closed for the winter.**

-The best access to the Senior Center is off of highway 99, turning eastward on 228<sup>th</sup>. 228<sup>th</sup> turns into Lakeview Drive. From 99 the entrance is on the right about a ¼ mile from highway 99.

-From I-5 Southbound, Take the 220th street exit, continue west to highway 99 turn south and then left at 228<sup>th</sup>.

-From 1-5 Northbound, take the 236<sup>th</sup> Street off ramp, turn left head west on 236<sup>th</sup>. 236<sup>th</sup> becomes Lakeview drive. Go past the first park entrance to the west park/ball field complex.

**The Senior Center is within the park complex. Entering off of Lakeview Drive, turn left after the entrance driveway and continue to the rearmost building. Parking should be plentiful. Enter up the stairs and continue to the rear of the building. Our meeting room is at the end on the right side with the great view!**

Check club website calendar for  
future monthly meeting locations.

## Fun Float – July 13

By Robert Osmond

Photos by Darlene & Allan Wing

The July Fun Float was attended by sixteen members and two guests. The guests were Dave Green's friend **Clarence Chaussee** with his new steam tug and Rich Goodrich's grandson **John** running Rich's Atlantic. John says he really likes running RC boats and wants to do it more often.

Clarence Chaussee just finished the steam tug, his first's RC boat. It has a single cylinder and runs well and has a high quality finish and details. **Rex Olsen** was running his two tugs, one has a custom made smoke generator which uses a fireworks punk and draft up the stack with fresh air supplied by the two ventilators on the tugs roof. They both ran very well. **Robert Osmond** was trying out his new noodle boat the "Tribute to Kalakala", which ran well slow but plowed and had water over the bow as power was increased. This was cured by borrowing a 2 pound lead weight from **David Zanzig** and putting it on the stern, which made the bow come off of the water at full throttle.

**Alan Wing** was running his Regatta Raffle prize, a Vietnam era PBR (Patrol Boat Riverine), which has two water jet drives and really scooted around the pond. Everyone else was running boats that had been out before. It was a great day for all kinds of RC boating, just a slight breeze for the sailboats, and a dock and gate set up by Robert and colored floats to practice navigating around thrown in by **David Zanzig**. We wrapped up at 11:30 am and headed home.







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

By Keith Schermerhorn

With the summer time events and holidays, you won't see a lot of news from the Skagit club's breakfast meetings until this fall. But a couple of reminders of the events coming up:

~~July 20th a fun float at the mobile home park in Mt. Vernon from 1-4 pm.~~ July 20<sup>th</sup> event is CANCELLED. Drayton Harbor Days in Blaine on Saturday, August 3rd will have a model display featuring my models and anyone else's that would like to put them on display from 10 am to 5 pm. This is an indoor venue right in the harbor masters building. And of course, the Tug event on the 17th in Bellevue for all the tug skippers. It is an all day tug and salvage work to see who has the skills to be the best for the year. And for those that didn't get enough fun—head up to the BMM (Burnaby, BC Canada) event on Sunday the 18th. For those that have never been there it is nice to see a parks department that works with a long time club and has a great place for them to play and have a meeting space pond side!

On the building side of things, I am working on a WWII CVE (small escort aircraft carrier) from the Taffy 3 battle group in the prior to Guadalcanal. This battle that was three days long found this task force that was to be intercepting the Japanese supply lines taking of the main battle fleet and actually turning them away from the objection of Guadalcanal with the thoughts that the main US naval force was right behind them. Turned out it wasn't and a lucky break for the US Navy. This is a very special project as I am one of a group from across the USA that is building 1 of the 13 ships in a displayed to be at the 75th annual (and last) gathering of the survivors group from this battle group (6 CVEs, 3 destroyers, and 4 Des or smaller escort destroyers) in October in San Diego, CA. This is an ambitious project since I am the last to get going, but the boat should be ready to be displayed by then on that Friday. The following Saturday, the modelers are taking to a nearby lake to sail our vessels in formation and for fun. There will also be other WWII models all in the same 1/96th scale present representing the Japanese vessels and others as well. So my model is being built on a Scale Shipyards hull and the fittings and some other parts coming from the others in the group to assist in getting it done. More on this project as it progresses.



### Pacific Northwest Tug Regatta – August 17th

Well for all the tuggers in the Pacific NW, August 17th is your day to come and compete to see who has the skills to take home the coveted award and bragging rights for the next year. The event will be back at the Downtown Park in Bellevue and will be all day long with events starting at 10 am. Registration should be opened by 8:30, so everyone will not need to be in a big rush to get registered before the start. The events of the day will feature navigation and salvage with your favorite tug(s) and if we can get everyone's cooperation—a tugboat parade of models to start with! You will be able to



register up to three boats for the cost of \$10.00, but we will not be advancing through the second and 3rd boats until all the first boats have finished. Boats will be broken into the following classes: Small— under 15 pounds, Medium— 15 to 30 pounds, Large— over 30 pounds, Vintage— old boats/long and skinny open rudder/props (not modern), and Masters (previous winners — 1 award only). Navigation is done with a barge taken any way the skipper is comfortable with (on the wire, pushing, notched, on the hip). The skippers ARE RESPONSIBLE for tying up their own vessels and may ask for assistance if needed. Salvage is done by capturing a derelict vessel of appropriate size and returning it to the dock after navigating through some obstacles. And if that isn't enough, you must make a precision landing at the dock by pinning the vessel on the bullseye in first try! Now there will be raffle prizes, lunch, and plenty of fun for all. We welcome all barges of all sizes to be used, but it is recommended to take a barge that is much bigger than your boat, preferably 3-4 times its size if available. Like any event, there are always opportunities to help the day of. Particularly at salvage, returning boats back to their moorage, set up/tear down, and assisting others if needed getting boats in and out of the water. We will be there at 7 am to get the work part started and secure parking for the event. Many thanks to those that support this event and we hope to see a lot of tugboat skippers, tugs, and people out to have fun and at least try this. If you have any questions, please contact me at the numbers below.

Here is the list of the events we are participating in in 2019 in the North End:

- ~~Fun Float at Gordon Johnson's, July 20, 1:00 to 4:00 PM~~ CANCELLED
- 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

Keith Schermerhorn  
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Please join us! This event is free to the public and all are encouraged to come and enjoy the day

Events begin at 10:00  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Downtown Park  
Bellevue, WA

# 24th Annual Pacific Northwest R/C Tugboat Regatta



Pacific Northwest R/C Tugboat group will be hosting the 24<sup>rd</sup> annual tugboat regatta on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Downtown Park in Bellevue, WA. This is one of the premiere events in North America with contestants coming from Washington, Oregon, California, Canada and other locations to operate and show their model boats. This daylong event requires skippers to run r/c tugboats in a scale like manner performing tug work, which includes barge handling and salvaging derelict vessel. The event is a friendly competition to show off your skills and to find out who is the best skipper around! Skippers will be judged by actual tugboat captains, who have been in the business for years.

## Contact Information

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## GOODIES

Lunch for skippers and guest will be provided. There will be raffle drawings throughout the day with grand prizes given out near the end of the event. Prizes donated by maritime companies and hobby supporters.

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## 2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

**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

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**DECEMBER**

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

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| <b>2019 Club Officers</b>   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
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|  | <b>Vice President: Ron Bray</b>                 | <b>Webmaster: Allan Wing</b>                              |
|  | <b>Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams</b>         | <b>Wellness Committee: Tom Stevens</b>                    |
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