



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
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July 2021

Look Ahead Events

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More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, **Check our website for latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com**



Read more about members' projects.

From the Wheelhouse

Robert Osmond

See you at the Fun Float this coming Saturday July 10th at 9:00 AM. This will be a good time to check out your boat for the Regatta the next Saturday.



We will be having our Thursday Coffee Meetings again soon, the manager said possibly in the next week or two. I will keep you posted.

Monthly Meetings will be back at Edmonds Community College August 5th at 7:00 PM

The Facility Makerspace

Edmonds College | Monroe Hall
6606 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036

Be sure and bring items for show and tell, tools, boats, building tips and ideas.

As of today their guidelines for use of the space are below. They could change by our meeting date:

- limit occupancy (probably with advanced registration required) >> We will know more about this before the meeting.
 - complete a COVID sign in (this can be done on site but it's a bit of a bottleneck) Filling out a contact form for Covid Tracing if necessary. This could be something I can email out and you could fill in and email back or bring to get in the door.
 - wear masks, maintain social distancing.
- It will be great to be meeting in person again.

REGATTA

We have some great Raffle prizes, several complete boats, new hulls, zip kits, motors and accessories, Tug Boat company and Club hats plus more fun and useful items for having fun with RC boats.

Reminder that our Regatta will begin at 8:00 am July 17th with running beginning at 9:00 am. It looks to be a lot of fun. Our Judges will be Bryan Morse and Lou Magnabosco this year. Bob Spiger is going to bring the sodas, sandwiches and chips for lunch for the club members. We will be having raffle prizes, so bring money for tickets! So mark the date on your calendar July 17th.

Wellness Committee Report

Gerry Julian is still recovering from hip surgery. You might call him and wish him a speedy recovery. You might send him an email [bjjulian@comcast.net](mailto:jbjulian@comcast.net).

Fair winds and following seas,
Robert



Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2021

By “Doc” Ron Bray

Our commodore, **Robert Osmond**, conducted our zoom meeting with 15 participants present. No new members or guests were present. The meeting convened at 1900 hours with **Robert** announcing that we may be able to resume Thursday coffee meetings at the Mountlake Senior Center by mid- July and that we may also be able to resume our monthly evening meetings at the Edmonds College’s “The Facility – Makerspace” by the end of the month. Keep your fingers crossed! Pacific Marine Expo will be held November 19 - 20 at the Lumen Center after a couple of year hiatus.

Robert asked for volunteers to load the truck on the 16th of July for the Regatta on July 17th, and to unload it after the regatta on Sunday July 18th at 11:00. There will be many more jobs to fill in order to make the event flawless and not fall on the shoulders of only a few. Donations will not be as plentiful as there has not been enough time to solicit items from vendors. However, several of the members plan to donate items from their inventory. **Bryan Morse** and **Lou Magnabosco** have volunteered to judge the event. **Mel Suelzle** announced that the awards will be like the dash plates but larger and the overall award will be an acrylic plate. Fisherman’s festival is still not pinned down until the UW football schedule is known.

John Nygaard mentioned he will be traveling to Tualatin over the 4th to participate in their local event. Our participation over the 2nd week of August is up for grabs for those wishing to experience a great fun float, as there is no planned event.

Show and tell began with **Allan Wing** showing progress he is making on his box boat like Mel’s. He is considering a Becker rudder and had a mock- up to show us how it works. His 3 ½” 4 blade 3 ½” pitch prop runs well at 2000-2500 rpm. After last month’s discussion, **Lee Buse** bought a Dumas

Victory tug to build. **Mel** finished the house for his tuna clipper and acquired a large helicopter pad decal and is wondering where to obtain small decals for his power block. **Keith Schermerhorn** announced that the tug regatta will be celebrating its 25th year of which he has orchestrated for the last 20. He is currently working on five projects, one of which is a **Gary King** Harlken # 3. He showed us how he attached the tires on his Pacific Titan and the finished mast with 18 lights. He apparently used very small rivets to mate the hull pieces. **Rich Goodrich** commented on his 18-channel radio and a Bryer receiver for multiple functions. Stating that it is better than a sabretooth receiver. I believe he purchased a Fly Sky radio.

The meeting concluded at 2000 hours with everyone signing off.

MYRTLY COREY by Richard Bizier

I have always wanted to build a paddle wheel boat. So when Dumas put this one on sale I went for it.

When you open the box there are lots of parts, but don't let this put you off. Most of this boat is planked, the deck and sides. The manual has almost 100 pages. There are some mistakes but if you look before leap you will be ok. If you have seen this model before you have seen a second cabin on the second level behind the pilot house. When it was decommissioned the boat was made into a house boat. It could not be used as a work boat because of this. I chose to make it in the work boat configuration.



The hull is made out of formed plastic. You have to cut it out, it was easy. The main deck is planked which was not a problem. The main cabin has a boiler in it which has some detail added. Also the battery, drive motor and drive system and the RC equipment is on a platform above this. The paddle wheel looks complicated to build but it is not. The main cabin sides are planked and finished natural. The pilot house is build and finished in the same way. The green hatch opens up to the main power switch. The whole roof aft of the pilot house comes off.

The boat does have one problem when you run it. The draft is about 1.5 inches. With the main cabin long sides it will roll over when you go broad side to the wind, of any kind. So you have to wait for a day with no wind. The drive system uses rods from the motor/gear unit to the paddle wheel. I had to enlarge these rods. The rods go out the back of the cabin and the openings goes down to within a 0.25 inches of the water line. You can see the black slot in the photo. So if the boat rolls, water rushes in. I added a bilge pump but that did not correct the problem. I have added weight to the bow but it still had the same problem. Next I have tried adding a weight hanging from the bow down below the bottom by 5 inches. You can see it in the photo, it is red and white. This has worked so far with no wind.



So over all it is a fun boat but be careful of the wind. Fair sailing.

Mel's RC boats in Review

By Robert Osmond

Mel has been one of our more prolific builders of fine-scale model boats. I was visiting his house in October 2019 and asked if I could see his fleet.



First, we walked past the wall of 1st place plaques and awards; see attached photos.



Then he was gracious enough to show me all of his boats. He currently has 16 running RC boats. For most of his boats, he has built his own hulls, deck houses, decks, and

fittings. He also does immaculate hull interior layouts and very professional wiring, no wondering what "that wire does" in his boats. The New York Fire Boat 343 required he draw his own plans since none were available; it is completely scratch built and has controllable fire monitors. This boat commemorates the 343 Firefighters that died in the 9-11 Twin Tower attack. The Sally S was a cannery tender, which is completely scratch built. He has created a very finely crafted Victorian steam launch, the Lady Lorraine, with a functioning steam engine.



If you get a chance to see his tug, the Morgan Foss, look at how much work went in to scratch building the pilothouse with the many angles and lights in the roof panels. He has two Chris Craft-designed boats; one is a cabin cruiser, the Genevieve, which has excellent engine sounds and clinking glasses and laughing, the other is a two cockpit mahogany runabout.



Additionally, he has also built a couple of Canadian tugs, the Mustang and the Maverick. His towboat is called Red Bull. You can tell it is powered by the famous energy drink by its performance. Mel has one large tug, the Smit Rotterdam, sunk and raised from the depths to ply the world's oceans a second time (long story). Two military boats in his collection are a WWII PT Boat and a Vietnam War PBR. His most recent projects have been the Western tug Ranger and a Tuna boat still being outfitted for sea.



Besides building many fine boats, Mel has been the Northwest RC Ship Modelers President for at least 11 years, more than ¼ of all years the club has existed.



Fishing Boats of the Northwest -- Part 4

By William K. Schemerhorn

Over the last couple of months I shared photos and information on some of the fishing boats that we see here in the Pacific NW. Now, if they peaked an interest and you want to build one of them, you would probably like to know where or how you can get started. So here are a few places that can help you out:

Kits/semi kits

- BarracudaRCboats.com: crab boats as seen on Deadliest catch, Monterey clipper troller, Thompson trawler (large scale) ; semi kit -wood
- [Dumas Models](#): Jolly J, Thompson Trawler (not produced), shrimp boat; kits semi kits
- [Billings](#): Andrea Gail and other European style boats; kits
- Loyalhannadockyard.com: various hulls/kits (sport model boat is a good choice for a gillnetter)
- [Lindberg Models](#): plastic models like the shrimp boat can be converted to r/c

Drawings/plans

Whatcom Museum of History and Art (Washington State). They have a large collection of the HC Hanson boat drawings from 1920-1960s. Contact the archives department

Now all of these kits may not be exact scale models of the boats in the previous articles, but can be converted to resemble said boats. There are also other companies not mentioned that have other models or hulls that could be used as well. Hope this is helpful and you are inspired to make one of these. If not, at least you have more information about the boats that are make a living in the harbor.

(Past "Fishing Boats of the Northwest" articles are in the past newsletters issues of March, April, and May 2021. They can be viewed on the club website www.shipmodelers.com.)

William K. Schemerhorn's Three Projects Updates

Work in my model shipyard continues. Progress on the Western Pacific Titan with hull and deck all joined, rubber added with details being added.



New little log tug of my own design being worked on. Gary King fiberglass hull.



Work to reinforce the flight deck of the 1/96 CVE with aluminum angle stock to help keep the flight deck from sagging/warping.



For Sale:

Steve O'Connell is moving to Texas and selling some subs and other boats:

De Boer Skipjack

Hull kit for RC in 1/48 scale. Needs to be gutted and rebuilt, it is the 63" by 8" beast. No internals.

\$250



RPM Tech Kilo RC Submarine

About 40" long in 1/72 scale. Has usable guts that would need some expertise to get running again. Basic fiberglass hull is the spectacular RPM Tech kit. This is a review of the actual model for sale:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tn6YBk-aqU>

\$450



Upholder RC Submarine Kit

Made in the UK by OTW in 1/50 scale with cast bronze prop and shaft.

Cost \$750 plus shipping from the UK. New, unmolested kit. <https://otwdesigns.com/upholder/>

\$500



LCM

Nicely built, needs radio system, minor ramp servo repair, and prop installed, prop included.

Also includes great scale mode tank which is also radio controlled!

1/24 length 28"

https://deansmarine.co.uk/shop/product_info.php/products_id/2776

\$250



EC-12 RC Sailing Yacht

This hull is not nationally registered. Can be sailed in local EC-12 regattas or just for fun. These sail beautifully. Has new basic sail winch and rudder servo. One set of sails as pictured.

Length: 59" - Beam: 11.5" - Weight: 22-24 lbs - Draft: 7.875" - Mast Height: 72" above the deck

\$450



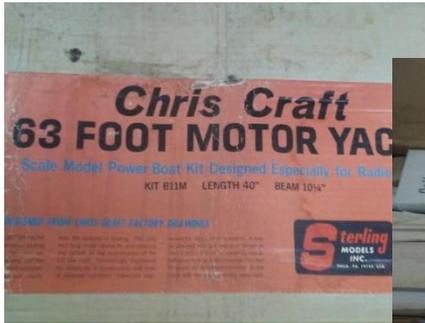
Gato Submarine Kit

Revell 1/72 scale, new in box. 52” long when completed. Can be made RC.
\$75

Steve O’Connell
425-765-5418 cell or text
Steven.oconnell@live.com

For Sale:

Harlan Winslow has some boats for sale. There are two different boats. 1) Chris Craft with all deck fittings and wood for the hull asking \$300.00. 2) A modern yacht Prime time, asking \$300.00. For more information contact Harlan Winslow at 702-738-8890.





2021 Northwest Model Hobby Expo is now set for
Saturday, October 30th 9 AM - 6 PM & Sunday, October 31st 9 AM to 5 PM.

See their website for current information at www.nwmhe.com

Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta – August 21, 2021 – Going 25 years!

By William K. Schemerhorn

Well, good news for all as the restrictions are lifting and allowing events to be had. So with that in mind, make plans to attend the **25th Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta on Saturday, August 21st** at the Downtown Park pond in Bellevue. This is a skills regatta for all types and styles of model tugs. Barge handling and salvaging derelict vessels are the order of the day. Lots of fun to be had that day with models from all over the region coming to take the top award. We invite everyone to join in as we celebrate 25 years of this event as it started as the Foss Cup to become what it is today. More information coming soon! If you have questions, **please contact Keith** at Wschem@fidalgo.net or 360-306-1165 in the evenings.

Pacific Marine Expo –

(Sometimes quite a few club members like to go see the real equipment for boats and ships.)
Thursday, Nov. 18, through Saturday, Nov. 20, at Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle, Washington. Largest commercial marine trade show on the West Coast, serving commercial mariners from Alaska to California. More than 500 exhibitors including equipment companies, propulsion, builders, and suppliers and more.

Registration for Pacific Marine Expo will open in August at www.pacificmarineexpo.com

25th R/C TUG REGATTA



COME AND JOIN US FOR THE REGATTAS 25TH ANNIVERSARY!!

Come and enjoy the show! R/C Skippers will be showing off their boats as well as operating them to present their skills of running the boats in the water. During the competition they will be required to run Barge Handling as well as Salvaging Derelict Vessels challenges. Lets have some fun!



Raffle drawings throughout the day with items donated by maritime companies and hobby supporters.



**Join us at
Downtown Park in
Bellevue, WA**

CONTACT INFORMATION

2021 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the Year progresses and our activities can increase and return to normal. (Updated 6/12/2021)

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APRIL

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MAY

~~1 Seattle Yacht Club's Boating Season Opener --- cancelled~~

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2 Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting at Spaghetti Factory, Lynnwood, WA

- Appetizers at 6:15 PM

- Dinner at 7:00 PM

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NWRCSM 2021 Club Officers

	President: Robert Osmond	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Ron Bray	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	

Currently we are having only Zoom meetings.

***When we resume in person meetings,
they will be at The Facility location.***

**The Facility – Makerspace
6606 196th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA. 98036**