



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
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August 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.

Hello from the Bridge

Robert Osmond

Since the last newsletter we have had our July Fun Float which was a week later than usual, the next weekend was our club Regatta, and then the Night Float. We had good weather for all the events without Lono's innervation.

We have had a good year of boating so far, even with a slow start, the rest of the year will bring us more fun events so I hope you all can come out and run boats.

The photos of the Fun Float were washed overboard in a typhoon off of Bali. That is my story and I am sticking with it (I cannot find them anywhere). So I cannot write more about the July 10th Fun Float.

Our NWRCSM's Regatta was a big success. There were more large raffle prizes than I have seen in years. We had 24 members present.

We had our first in person Meeting at the Edmonds College's Facility Makers Space. There were 9 attendees, we could have had 20. I hope more will come to the next meeting? We are discussing having the in person meetings also a zoom meeting. This will take more than one person to run a meeting this way, someone at the meeting would have to give me information that a zoom participant wanted to say something or show something. We will see if we can work this out. If there is anyone at the in person meeting that wants to help with this please let me know.



We have a Fun Float this coming Saturday August 14th, it would be a good time to practice and check out your tugs for the Tug Regatta on August 21st. Hope to see you at the Fun Float.

The Bauman's cookout is Sunday September 12th at 11:00am. They would like to know how many people are coming? I got the count from the August Meeting but need feedback from the rest of you. If you are coming please email me and let me know so I can tell the Bauman's how many to expect.

Fair winds and following seas,
Robert



Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2021

By “Doc” Ron Bray

Photos by Robert Osmond

Finally, after one and one half years of COVID restrictions, nine of us were able to finally meet at the Edmonds College Facility Makerspace under the current COVID protocols. The meeting started at 1900 hours under the baton of our commodore, **Robert Osmond**.



Show and tell began with **Dave White** bringing in items for sale from a widow of a model maker in Vancouver.

Next, **Dave Green** showed progress on the Dumas model of the George W. Washburn tug. Which was started by his grandson and now being finished with a lot of fine detail. However, it is fitted with a Phaser speed control which mandates stopping for three seconds between forward and reverse. One of the members thought it might be able to be programmed so there will not be a delay.



Rich Goodrich was able to finally show the group his Fly Sky radio and receiver he purchased from Amazon for \$50. A lot of conversation followed.



Robert Osmond brought in the house form his Pacific boat to show the neat mounts for the railings which he purchased from a jewelry outlet. (Robert said “I showed some railing standoffs and plastic railing material that I use on my 1:35 scale boats. The standoffs are available from Seattle Findings. They are for making jewelry but work very well for railing on superstructures. See the photos for the specifications.”)



He demonstrated the flickering lights and compass rose on his Clyde Puffer and stated he has installed a bilge pump among other neat features. He has named it Brigadoon. (Incandescent bulbs and LEDs that are made to flicker like old style oil lamps. Even the light in the binnacle lights up the compass rose.)



Robert also brought in a large harbor tug kit made by Mr. Hartman in the late 1990's. It was very finely molded with many complicated pieces, ventilators, bulwark railing caps, and even a fine fiberglass three bladed propeller. Mr. Hartman made many fine hulls and kits for many years before he passed.

Robert asked how many of us completed models during the COVID crisis. Only two of the nine completed models. **Dave White** – 2, and **Dave Green** – 4. However, **Robert Osmond** worked on five.

Apparently, the Mount Lake Terrace senior center is now open. They are working out the different groups access schedules and will let us know when we can return.

Announcements regarding the Tug Regatta, fun floats, night float, the fun float and barbeque at **Bauman's**, and fisherman's festival were discussed and posted in another part of the newsletter.

It appears from some of the comments that some of our members prefer the zoom format rather than coming to a meeting. More thought will be given to this topic. The meeting concluded at 1955.



Tug Regatta – Coming August 21 !!!!!!!

By Keith Schermerhorn

For all you tugboaters, the time has come to see who is going to have bragging rights and win the **25th Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta** on Saturday, August 21 at the Downtown Park in Bellevue, Washington. Like the regular regatta, but this time a little more work is involved.

For those that have not seen or been to this event it is about tugboats doing tug like work. You get to handle a barge and try the salvage in 1 of 5 classes: **Small** (under 15 lbs), **Medium** (over 15 to 30 pounds), **Large** (over 30 pounds), **Vintage** (long skinny boats with open prop usually before 1960), and **Masters** (past winners). Awards are for the top 3 finishing in each class (Except Masters) as well as the Champions award and a couple others. We will have some salvage gear there if you don't have your own and encourage you to also have some lines for connecting to the barge in any fashion you choose (you are the captain -- your choice). One of the pointers for barge handling is that the barge needs to be bigger than the boat for equality in skills testing. Registration for the event is \$10.00 and includes a dash award along with a lunch. You can enter 2 boats to start with, and if time allows a third.

We ask that you enter only 1 boat per class (either your own or borrowed vessel). If you have a barge to use, please bring it as the more the merrier and less waiting time in between. Salvage vessels will be provided.

As this is the 25th Annual Event, we are going to try and set up some photo opportunities before we start. Maybe all boats in the water, all the boats of a couple scales (1/24, 1/32nd, Springers...). I like to mention that other boats are welcome to be there on display (and encouraged) and will have open water beyond the course so that there is action all day long. We just ask for respect and not interfering with the contest.

If you have time during the day and would like to help, we will be more than happy to accept it. This includes: setup/ teardown, salvage return, course maintenance, and judging. Salvage return can be done by r/c -- so all day fun playing with the boat(s) moving them back to the anchorage. Now of important notice: Due to the border situation, our friends from up north will not be here, but are sending in some stuff for the raffle!

Many thanks to the supporters of this event that include:

Western Towboat, **Freemont Boat**, **Loyalhannadockyard**, **Dumas Models**, **Gary King (West Coast Model Tug)**, **Ron Burchett**, and all other donations. So charge up the batteries, get some good lines ready, and let's have some fun as we celebrate the return of the event and 25 years of having tugboat fun.

See you there!!

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

Night Fun Float – July 31, 2021

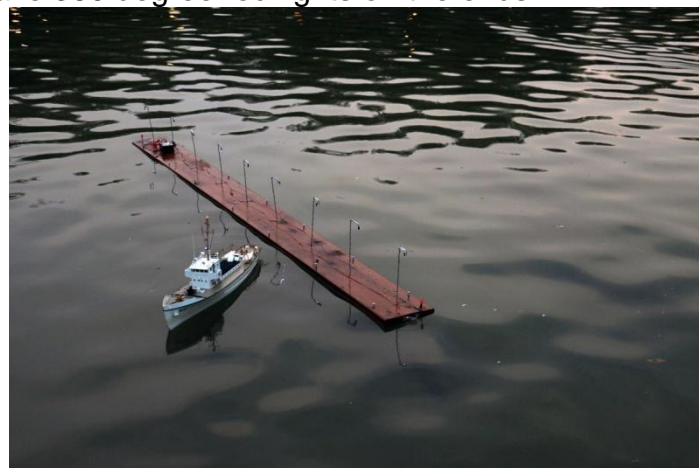
By Robert Osmond

Photos by Allan Wing

We had a calm night to run and a lot of public interest in what we were doing.



I brought my lighted 10 foot and 7 foot docks as well as Dain's lighted buoys. Dain could not come because his wife had just come home from the hospital. The Docks are Coast Guard compliant, the white lights are not visible from the side and they have 360 degree red lights on the ends.



Several children and a young couple ran my boats (with the speed turned down and guiding them to not run near the other boats), one young fellow, Eli, had run RC cars and took to boats very quickly, going between the docks and he lighted buoys with great finesse and even doing a good job of docking.



Twelve members showed up at the float and we ran until 10:00. No sprinklers squirted us like they used to when there was grass.

For those of you that missed this Night Float, we will be having another Night Float September 25th 7:00 PM till 10:00 PM.

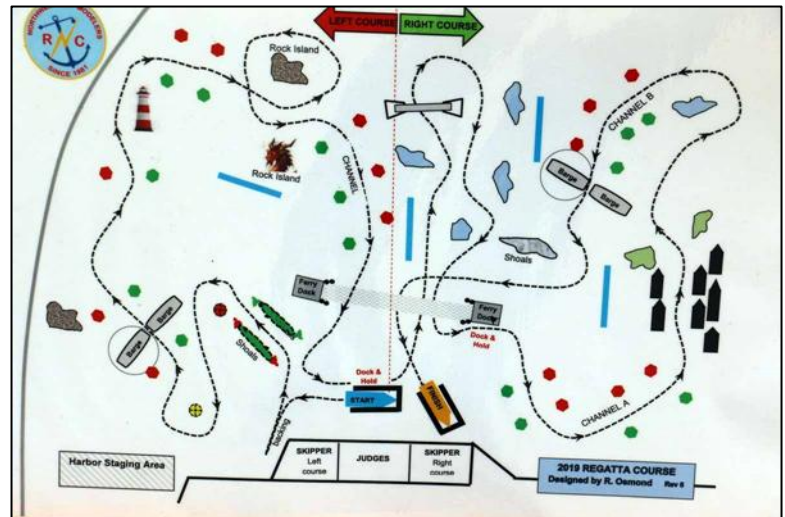


NWRCSM Regatta – July 17, 2021

By Robert Osmond
Photos by Allan Wing

The Regatta was a big success, more large raffle prizes than I have seen in years. We had 24 members present running 30 boats. We had new Navigation Judges this year, Bryan Morse and Lou Magnabosco, who did an excellent job of judging the captains and their boats running the challenging course.

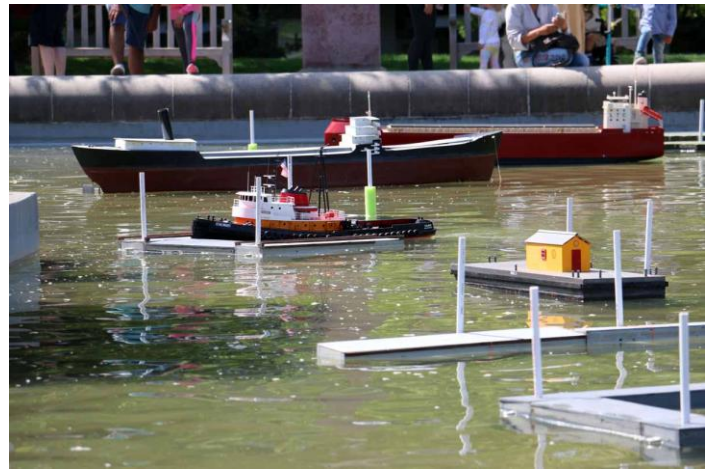
There was Deception Pass Bridge, moored ships, barges and a tug, along with an autonomous Washington State Ferry, the Marvin Walden, that continually went back and forth switching direction at each docking and whose path the skippers had to cross four times during the event. The Ferry was built by Robert Wickham and once again performed flawlessly unless an errant ship knocked its docking birth out of alignment. We had Coast Guard ships, a Navy Ship, Chris Craft runabouts, tug boats, Springers, a Tuna Boat, and all other types of craft, plying the channels, shoals, and with 4 dockings.







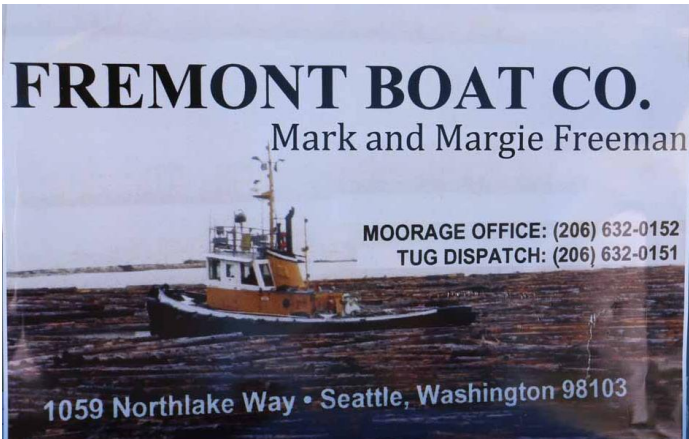








We had more raffle prizes than we have had in many years. There was a Trade winds Sailboat, a T-2 Texaco tanker hull and plans, an Amsterdam tug kit, a miniature RC harbor tug and radio, a large tug hull, a Gary King Harkin #4 hull and set of drawings. A Triton 2 EQ battery Charger. A tugster kit, a Turnigy 9 transmitter new made by Hobby King, two mileage maker 800 motors, 12 different new hats from various tug boat companies and clubs.



The winners of the events three classes were:

Small Class

1st **Robert Osmond** with Toe Boat (with Minion crew)

2nd **Keith Schermerhorn** with Dale A (a log tug)

3rd **Robert Osmond** with Red Ryder (Tug)

Medium Class

1st **Robert Osmond** with Pacific tug

2nd **Dan Limon** with Fairplay VI tug

3rd **Aimee Eng** with Fire Boat

Large Class

1st **Steve Sunich** with Andrew Foss

2nd **Steve Sunich** with Stawart (Yacht)

3rd **Keith Schermerhorn** with LT 155 (A world War II Miki tug)

Top Navigation Score all classes

Robert Osmond with Pacific Tug



The Regatta would not have been such a success without the support and help of many members; **Bob Spieger** arranged for and brought donuts and coffee in the morning and then the lunch, snacks and drinks during the day. **Ron Bray** ran registration with some help from **Bryan Morse**. **Fred Roe** ran the raffle and sold tickets, which was a big job with all of the prizes. Navigation Judges this year **Bryan Morse** and **Lou Magnabosco** (Lou was one of the first members in the early 1980's who has come back to run boats). **Bill** and **Judy Heath** delivered and took back the course and club supplies as well as helped set up the course with **Richard Bizier** and me. Many others helped get course pieces to the edge of the pond and back to the truck at the end. Thanks to all of you for your help with the regatta.



PS You would not be reading this without all of the work done by Paul Williams the editor and publisher of the newsletter, do tell him you appreciate his work.

PPS Also **Allan Wing** has to post the newsletter to our website which he maintains, so do thank him also.

Till next time, Robert

Fun Float July 10

The story and photos of the Fun Float at Bellevue washed overboard in a typhoon off of Bali. That is all the news we have.



For Sale:

David Zanzig is trying to down size stuff in his garage.

- 1) Harbor Freight mini-mill and
- 2) mini-lathe 7x12 plus tooling, spares, upgrades I'd like to part with.

I'll offer them combined to club members for \$500

Retail now without the extras is \$1500

Both machines are on roller carts, but a truck would be needed to move them

David Zanzig

425-420-0036

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". \$250

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



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

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



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. Schermerhorn

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

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 8/11/2021)

JANUARY

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

FEBRUARY

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

MARCH

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

APRIL

1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

MAY

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

6 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

JUNE

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

5 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond and *Springer Event by Dave Green* 9 am

JULY

1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

10 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am (** *Not Our Usual Date* **)

17 NWRCSM's Regatta, Registration 8 to 8:45 am, running boats begins 9 AM, all day.

31 Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 7 to 10 pm, Sunset 8:45 pm

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(Check their website for updates WWW.NWMHE.COM)

NOVEMBER

4 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm

?? Fun Float at SYC, date to come later. 9 am

DECEMBER


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

- Appetizers at 6:15 PM

- Dinner at 7:00 PM

?? Fun Float at SYC, date to come later. 9 am

NWRCSM 2021 Club Officers

	President: Robert Osmond	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Ron Bray	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
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***We have resumed in person meetings
at The Facility location.***

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