



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
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May 2022

## Look Ahead Events

**MAY**  
21 Night Float at Bellevue sunset

**JUNE**  
2 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
4 NWRCSM Model Boat Regatta

**JULY**  
7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
9 Fun Float at Bellevue 9 am

**AUGUST**  
4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
6 NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta  
27<sup>th</sup> Night Float at Bellevue Sunset

More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, *Check our website for latest updates at [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com)*



Read more about members' projects.

## From the Bridge

Robert Osmond

Well, fellow captains, next month on June 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our 40<sup>th</sup> Model Boat Annual Regatta.

Registration will start at 8:00 AM.  
Running will start at 9:00 AM or so.

We will have lots of good Raffle Prizes, boat hulls, finished and partially finished boats, some ready to use, DX 9 radio, motors and other good prizes.



*So save your kitchen money, beer, and/or wine money, to buy raffle tickets. This is one of our major sources of money to fund the club.*

This month we ran our boats at the Seattle Yacht Club with a good turnout of boats and captains. Our Fun Float was cool and a little wet, but we had a lot of fun running boats. We are having a **Night Float on May 21**, so get your lights working. After dark, boats have to have lights to avoid collisions. *Till dark you may run any boats*. Plan on coming early and enjoy the evening, we typically have a large public audience. I will not be able to attend this night float.

See you at our Regatta on June 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM earlier if you are willing to help set up. We do need set up help for the course, tents, tables, judge's area, and raffle prizes etc.

*Fair winds and following seas,  
Robert Osmond*

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## Meeting Minutes – March 3

By Ron "Doc" Bray

Photos by Robert Osmond and Paul Williams.

A long-time member, **Jeff Parker**, was among the 14 members that participated in the May zoom meeting orchestrated by our commodore, **Robert Osmond**, starting at 1900 hours. **Richard Lennington** was one of the newer members who attended.

**Robert** gave a recap of the fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club as part of the opening day of yachting venue. Apparently, three ladies ran his boats and no men seemed interested. He announced the upcoming events and called for volunteers to help with the regatta set up. It was decided to provide the smaller dash plaques rather than the larger ones for participants.

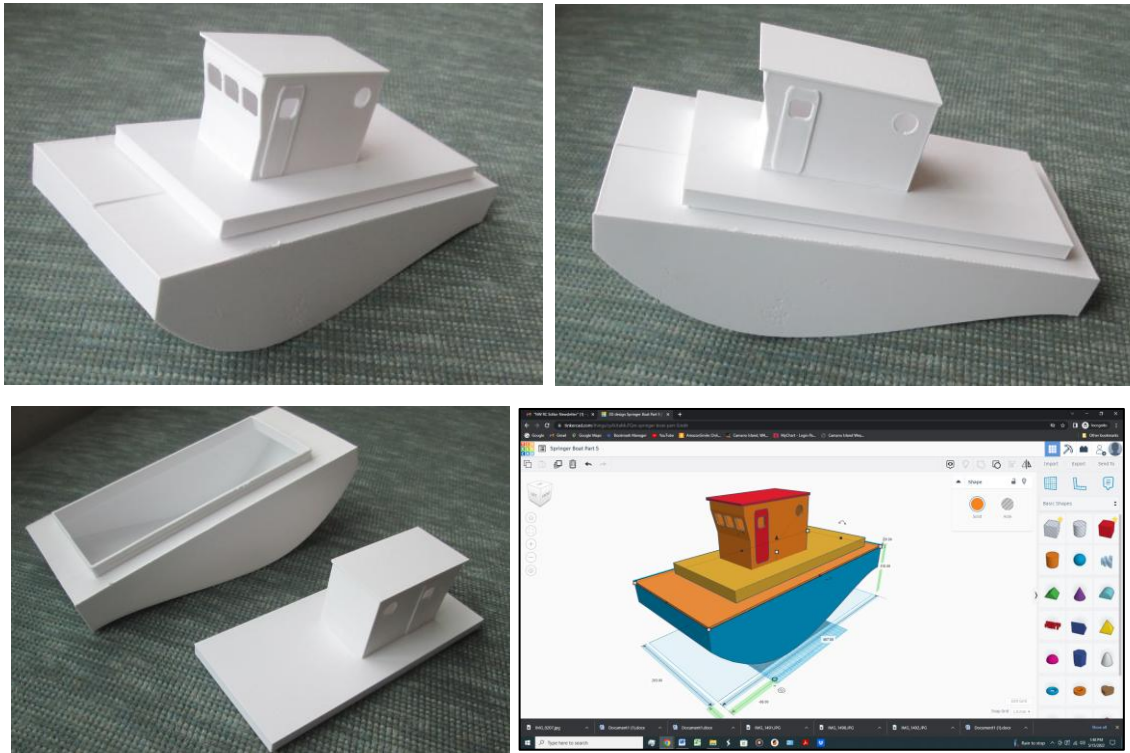
Show and tell began with **Robert Osmond** showing the pressure cylinder for his 48- inch Nautilus sub and Skipjack sub. He can use the cylinder in either one, interchangeably.



He also discussed the use of flanking rudders in towboats to attain better maneuverability, they are only used when the props are in reverse, for tight turns to help control the stern of the barges. Of interest, are some new retractable flanking rudders, presumably to eliminate drag, when they are not needed.

**Chris Merrill** showed pictures and a video of the Seattle Yacht club fun float which he took with his drone.

**Paul Williams** showed the small Springer he fabricated with his newer 3-D printer and launched into an in-depth discussion on how he used TinkerCAD to come up with the hull shape to be used with the printer. He is really getting quite sophisticated in the use of this modality.



**Richard Goodrich** demonstrated the lighting set up in his wheelhouse utilizing eye light micro manager. **Bryan Morse** showed a picture of his miniature book nook installed in a book case, he showed us this project a year or more ago when he had just finished its construction.

There being no further business or discussions, the meeting concluded at 2008.



## Fun Float – May 4<sup>th</sup>

By Robert Osmond

Pictures by Robert Osmond & Richard Bizier



We had a great day at our annual display and running of our boats at the Seattle Yacht Club. There was just a slight breeze and lots of sunshine (unlike the next 4 days when it rained a lot). The Yacht Club invites us to come and run on the Wednesday before the opening of "Boating Season" each year, there are people from other yacht clubs coming to town to socialize. There is a parade through the Montlake Cut to officially open "Boating Season" on Saturday.



Historically we used to have our Model Boat Regatta on the same day, until we got tired of getting rained out and moved the Regatta to June. Quite a few boaters came by to admire and comment on our boats on the tables and running on the water.

We had eight members (Fred, Bill and Judy missed the group photo) running boats. **Dave Green** had four of his marvelous models there and ran his excursion boat and Chris Craft cruiser on the water. **Steve Sunich**, our host, had his four spectacular boats out and made up a raft and posed for some





photos with them on the water and table. Fred Roe and Richard Bizier were running their elegant runabouts. Bill and Judy Heath were there with their Tow boat. Chris Merrill ran his Horizon Hobby Harbor Tug, in case anyone needed a push or rescue. I ran my steam launch *Nancy* which fired right up with hot water from a pump type coffee carafe. I also ran my *Pacific* tug, which is having a refit at the present time. I asked many gentlemen if they wanted to run my boats but they all declined, however three lady members of the Yacht club took me up on the offer and drove my *Pacific* around the cove.



I had two of Ron Bray's boats to show and see if there was any interest in buying some of his boats. With a placard "for sale" and 10 pages of photos, no one expressed any interest in buying boats.

We ended our show at about 4:00 pm and bravely headed out into the traffic to go home. It was a very good day of RC boating and comradery.











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## Fun Float – May 7th

By Robert Osmond

Pictures by Robert Osmond

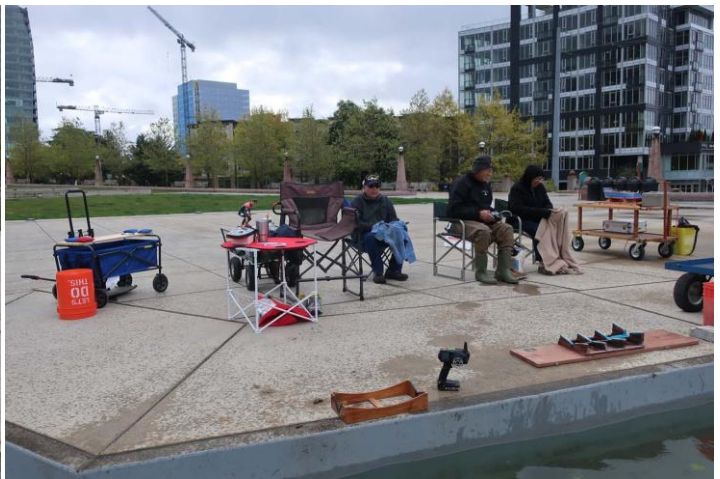
Our May Fun Float was also the “Opening of Boating Season” at the Seattle Yacht Club, where several of us were running boats in the warm sunshine on Wednesday. This day was more like running in February with the temperatures in the 40’s and threatening rain clouds that finally won and rained on us at about 10:30. By the time we loaded up the rain stopped and did not rain again all day.



We had a good time running our boats even after it started raining. **Jon McCool** brought his daughter, though he decided that the stroller would not float and stayed on shore. **Bill and Judy Heath** ran Bill’s salvage tug *Shadow*, which has plenty of power and spent a lot of time with a bone in its teeth, see photos. **Richard Bizier** was dashing about with his two runabouts, cutting up the capers through the small waves. **David Zanzig** was running his landing craft *Elise M*, snoodle boat and his new rowing boat, which is a lot of fun to watch jauntily rowing around the pond. **Richard Goodrich** brought his sailboat, whose keel just barely cleared the bottom of the pond, because the water is higher than it has been for quite a while. **Kevin Nolet** was running and checking the trim on his *Sarah II*.







Phil [unclear] in Wenatchee, and hopes to come to one of our events this year..







## SSMA New Editor Requesting Articles:

Hi, my name is Bob Kostosky, I am the new SSMA journal editor. I am starting to put together the next edition and need your help. In the past your group has been a regular contributor. I am trying to get material in April and May and attempt to have a draft for the SSMANA board to review in early to mid-June.

Thanks again and I'm looking forward to reading about your group and all the exciting things that you are doing.

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Their website is [WWW.SSMANA.ORG](http://WWW.SSMANA.ORG)  
They publish "The SSMA Journal" four times a year.

The Scale Ship Modelers Association of North America, Inc., (SSMA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1988. Our purpose is to promote the hobby of radio control and static ship modeling. We encourage all types of model boating in electric, sail, and steam power as well as the building of plastic and wooden static models. SSMA is comprised of clubs and individuals throughout North America and acts as a clearing house for information concerning the modeling industry. SSMA works with the modeling industry to address the needs of the modeling community.



## USS Nimitz model for sale.

David Meeks wants to sell his model of the USS Nimitz. Fellow RC model builders, I have a large one 100 scale USS Nimitz. She measures 12 ft long! I acquired it 10 years ago and have no more room for it. Looking for a potential buyer. You might need a pickup truck to haul this thing away. It is complete, you just have to put the bridge back on. It has motors, four beautiful brass screws ready to RC. Asking price \$800. If anybody's interested, please contact me at 360-597-6089. Would love to get this out of my life. It's just way too big for me. I prefer something a little bit smaller. You can contact me at [davidmeekscreations@gmail.com](mailto:davidmeekscreations@gmail.com) .

## 2022 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the Year progresses and our activities increase and return to normal. (Updated 5/15/2022)

### JANUARY

6	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
8	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club (SYC)	9 am

### FEBRUARY

3	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
5	Fun Float at SYC	9 am

### MARCH

3	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
5	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 am

### APRIL

7	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
9	NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe	9 am to 6 pm
10	NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe (Check their website for updates WWW.NWMHE.COM)	9 am to 3 pm
16	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 am

### MAY

4	Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float	9 to 3
5	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
7	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 am
21	Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	sunset

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20 <sup>th</sup>	Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.

### SEPTEMBER

1	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
10	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 am
20	Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	7 to 10 pm. Only boats with lights can run after dark.
XX	Fishermen's Fall Festival --	Canceled in 2022

### OCTOBER

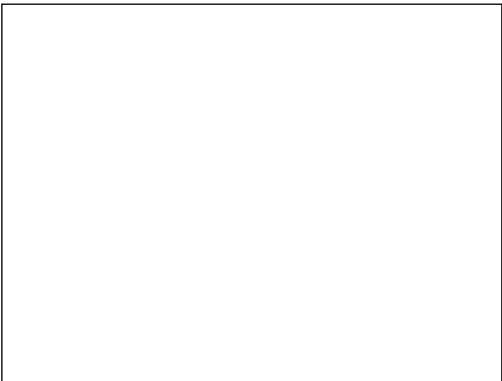
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### NOVEMBER

3	Meeting by Zoom	7 pm
5	Fun Float at SYC	9 am <i>Unless Huskys have a home game. TBD</i>
??	Pacific Marine Expo at Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle, WA	





### DECEMBER

1	Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting	???
3??	Fun Float at SYC	9 am







NWRCSM 2022 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
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***Currently we have resumed having only Zoom club meetings. (since October 2021)***

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

**The Facility – Makerspace  
6606 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Lynnwood, WA. 98036**