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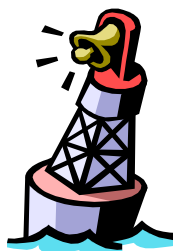
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Red Right Returning

By Randy Flodquist

Where does time go? It was just a few years ago when Jack Spore offered his pond on a moments notice for the Foss Cup and it was successful and even on national TV. And now Capt. Jack Spore is gone. He went peacefully and in good spirits. We will all miss him and his great smile.

And was that the Northwest REGATTA drifting by on the sixth of June with fifty-nine boats and thirty-two skippers? It sure was. We had beautiful cool gray instead of the 90+degrees and sun of two days before. After eleven hours at the pond we left feeling fine instead of being baked. The raffle was a success this year and Mel and his MORGAN FOSS came away as champions of the pond. Jon Andriesen's lovely steam powered BROOKLYN took "best of show" in scale. We worked Larry Sarner hard before he flew back to Maui. I'd like to thank everyone who worked hard to make the REGATTA a success; especially Linda who single handed the galley, Allan Wing who kept the que full as pond-master, Leif who convinced those present to buy lots of raffle tickets, and to the supporters of the raffle: Fremont Boat Co. and Mark Freeman, Western Towboat, Campbell Maritime, Fiberlay Inc., Pacific Power, MCD, Armchair Sailor, Galaxy Hobby, Armadillo Storage and Dennis Chinn, Aimee Eng, and Lee Upshaw. And lest we forget Scott and Ben who judged the competitors. And to all the others who contributed, shuffled papers, set buoys, spread the word, or helped in any way I say "thank you!"

Remember please that our July meeting on the second is at Fremont Boat Co. on Northlake Way just west of Stoneway. We'll try to gather at 1830. If you have an easy to transport boat bring it along. Like the CWB, the water is deep but calm. Mark's office is actually a tugboat museum and treasure trove of memorabilia. And tied up at the end of the pier are the real thing(s). Parking is at a premium. Free parking. \$5 parking is readily available. It should be a lovely evening.

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Upcoming Events

July

- 2 NWRCSM Meeting
Fremont Tug and Barge
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 12 Fun Float
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park
- 25 Tidewater Cup
Spokane (Avista Pond) 9-5pm

August

- 2 Fun Float
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park
- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 6 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 8 Crawdad Festival
Tualatin OR 9:00am-9:00pm
- 15 Foss Cup
9:00am, Bellevue Park
- 16 BMM Regatta
Central Park

September

- 3 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 19 Fall Fisherman's Festival
Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle
- 20 Fun Float/ Springer Event
Lake Bob

Special Notice:

The August newsletter will be a bit late. The editors are running away to Mongolia.



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The next day many of us will be taking models down to the Armory for the Discovery Modelers Ship Model Exhibit. It's always a good show and important part of the Wooden Boat Festival which is only two days this year, July 4 and 5.

And as time is flying by we'd better get ready for Tualatin and the Foss Cup. And before that is Spokane and after Foss it's Burnaby. It's all going so fast I'd better get out and smell some flowers.

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Allan Wing

The meeting opened with the sad announcement of Jack Spore's death (see article later in this newsletter).

Randy then talked about the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. They had good weather and a fine turnout. Randy then told us the July meeting will be at Fremont Tug and Barge at the normal date and time. We will be able to learn more about their operations. We then discussed the preparations for the Regatta. Randy passed around a sign up sheet to get a few last minute updates to who would bring pop, water, ice cookies or donuts. Ron Bray then explained how the scale judging would work and I went over the registration and Navigation. It appeared that all was in order and we were fully prepared for the event.

After a short break, we had show and tell. First up was Larry Stiles. He talked about the efforts within the Skagit group to set up a sailing group. He showed a manual they had put together that shows the model of a 1 meter boat they are using as a class boat. They hold their meets at Cranberry Lake in Deception Pass State Park. He invited anyone who has an interest in sailing to come and watch or join in. Next Ron Bray showed his new project. He is building a model of the new Seattle fireboat, Leschi. He had the initial planking mostly done and is getting ready to do the fiberglass. Chris Christensen then showed his R/C duck. He had got the duck and fixed it up so that all the R/C functions work. We all wondered if he would run it in the Regatta. Norm Haitt showed an Atlantic Tug that a friend had given him. His friend had got it when he lived near a lake and now has moved to a place where he does not have access to a suitable pond. Norm had made some modifications and is now ready to run. Last was Doug Gunter who had a hull he got at Hobby Expo. He wants to sell it as he does not have enough time and funds to work on it right now. It is a good hull with two Vantec speed controls.

Meeting Pictures



Larry talking about the Sailing Group



Ron showing the Leschi



Norm with the Tug, Atlantic



Chris and the R/C Duck



Does anyone need a good hull?

Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

Nice weather was not enough to detour the 15 people that attended this meeting. We unfortunately started the evening on bad news with the loss of Captain Jack Spore the night before. Those that knew him remembered his enthusiasm, smile, friendliness, pond, and always wanting to take people on a trip up the side of his mountain to enjoy the view. There will be no formal memorial, but the members of this group plan on having a fun float in his honor to remember his life. One of the standard jokes between Dusty and Jack was showing up wearing the same shirt from Harbor Models with a tugboat on it.

Reviewing the past events from May had Keith (shore side) and Wayne (on the water from the Crowley tug Hunter) giving different perspectives of the coverage from the Tug races on Elliot Bay in Seattle.

The biggest conversation was on the success of the waterfront festival. The new layout of the festival had the food in front of the club display that had more people than ever come by to check things out. The weather was also pretty nice for both days which were a nice relief from the past few years. New this year was the model sailboat club displaying their models both days and racing all day on Sunday. They had as many as 8 of the Soling Class boats racing non stop for several hours on Sunday with 8 official races. This helped to keep the interest in the models pretty consistent and provided plenty of exciting events.

There was a fun float at Gordon's residential pond on the 30th with a couple of folks showing up. Those that were there had a great time and look forward to the next one that will be on July 19th. This will be an event that will be posted within the community where the pond is.

Larry and Bill gave a report on sailing with a group of sailors from Sequim that race the same class of boats they do, the Soling. Biggest challenge was that they raced around buoys that were not there and they had to figure out the course as they went. One of the treats of the trip was visiting with the one of their members whose home is a virtual museum of model boats and airplanes.

Looking at the future, Randy presented the update for the regatta that was to be in just couple of days. Everything in place and ready to go. Judging will be done by the modelers voting for the favorite in each of the 4 categories.

The Sylvana Fair is looking for people that might be interested in displaying their model for the 1 day event on July the 25th. If interested, you can contact Karen at 360-770-7261.

Foss Cup coming up on the 15th of August with Burnaby having their regatta 50th celebration the next day. Tualatin will be the week before.

Anacortes is planning on having workboat races on July 18th from 4-8 in the evening out in Guemes channel. This will include all kinds of workboats and tugs.

Sept. 20th sees the return of the fun float at Bob Jacobson's home on Lake Goodwin. More details to come as the event comes close.

Sailboat guys are checking out a new place to run at Cranberry Lake located in Deception Pass state park. There is a large "T" dock and lots of good clean water to run in. Located at the northern part of the lake could become a great place to have fun floats.

Show and tell started with Dave Feray showing the progress of his British Loyal tender workboat. Lots of parts in this Model Slipways kit. Starting to look good with the paint on the decks and hull. Larry showed his finished soling sailboat and described the differences between the local groups and the folks on the peninsula. New member Don showed off the 1/48th scale St tug from the old plans in the now defunct Model Boat magazine that was started 25 years ago in 1984. Nice looking model with the classic tug look. Don was looking for advice on finishing and updating the model so it can be finished. Keith showed off the newest accusation of an epoxy hull/house of the tug, Pono.

With show and tell being all finished, we departed for our home ports once again at around 2115 hours.



Northwest R/C Ship Modelers June Regatta

By Allan Wing

Our Annual Regatta was held Saturday June 6 at the pond in Bellevue Park. The weather started out gray but there was no rain and it did not get too hot. We had just enough wind to make the initial backing into the slip rather interesting. We had a very good turnout with some 59 vessels and 32 skippers. Linda Flodquist provided breakfast for the people working to set up the Regatta and then a sandwich lunch for the competitors. It was a full day with every boat that was able to keep running having a chance to run the navigation course. Mel Suelzle and Morgan Foss won the medium sized navigation and best scale workboat to win the Regatta. Jon Andriesen with his Steam Tug, Brooklyn was voted *Best in Show* by the competing skippers.



The Setting UP of the Course

More Regatta Pictures

The Winners



Photo by Wayne Martin

Mel's Morgan Foss



Jon's Steam Tug Brooklyn



Photo by Wayne Martin

Linda working in the Galley



Ben running the Indy, initial vessel on course and winner of Large class



Most interesting Vessel to run the San Felipe

Another Polo Match

We had another wild and woolly polo match at Dennis Chinn's pool on Saturday, June 13. We had 8 boats most of the time and a few more skippers. We were able to keep two teams of 4 in the water for a good bit of the time. We were reduced to teams of 3 on a side for times while Dennis had to repair or drain water out his boats and while Mel was fishing one of his doorstop springs from the bottom of the pool. Once again, it was a fun day and we encourage all of the rest of you to build a polo Springer and join the fun.



Referee and Timer



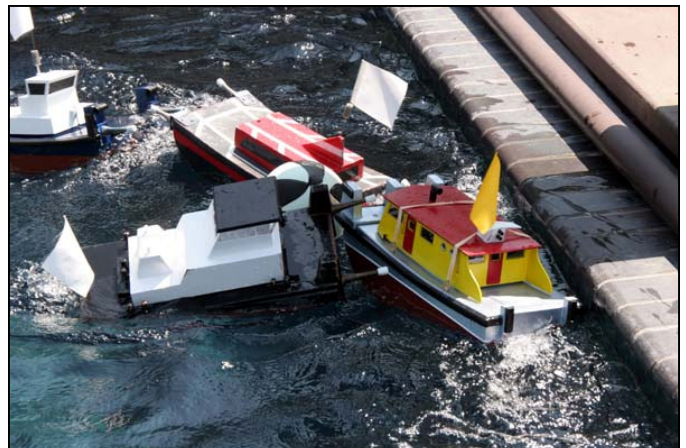
Timeout while Dennis drains out the water



This is harder than it looks



Vern on a breakaway



In Rugby this would be a Scrum

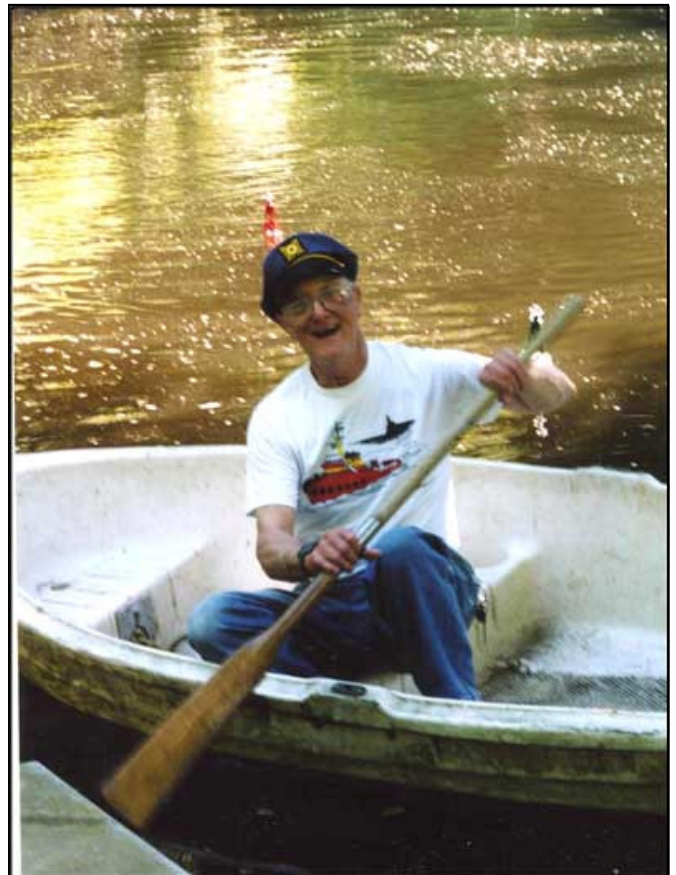


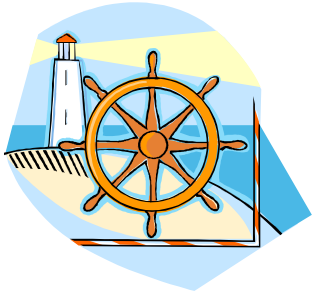
Captain Jack Spore 1929—2009

God saw that Jack was quite ill and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around him and whispered “come along with me”.

His loving heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. It broke our hearts, but proved to us, God only takes the best.

Safe Harbors Jack, you will be missed.





Member Spotlight

By Dr. Ron

JOHN NYGAARD

John, the son of Nordic seafaring heritage, was born in Minnesota in 1936 and raised in the twin-cities. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in mechanical engineering. While at the UOM he took flying lessons at their flight school and earned his private flight certificate. Upon completing college, he went to work for 3 M in the aerospace division for 41 years retiring in 1988. He was moved to Seattle in 1965.

While in the twin-cities, he got involved in building a fiberglass sailing pram with a group at work and also improved his nautical skills by operating a family runabout and sailboat. After moving to Seattle he joined the Pleasure Fund Club where he was able to charter sail and power boats. In 1979 he and a partner bought a 1959 30 foot Grandy and later bought his partner out. The all wood double planked hull boat lives happily in Friday Harbor, the gateway to some of the greatest cruising grounds in the USA.

He has been interested in model boats for the past 15 years or so with his first project a Dumas PT boat followed by a Dumas Chris Craft barrelback and currently a Chris Craft Typhoon plus a couple of RC sailboats. He also built up a 48" fiberglass deep V powered by a modified gas engine rescued from an abandoned weed eater. Two years ago he built a fireboat which recently had some electrical (smoky) problems. He is also working on a modified Billings square rigger to replicate the vessel his grandfather captained. His father was the graduate of the West Point of Norway with a degree in engineering. He served with John's grandfather on the square rigger Njord. John joined the club 7 years ago after seeing how much fun we were having at one of our events at the Bellevue pond.



John was married after college and has a daughter who is a licensed first mate on commercial vessels traveling to all corners of the world. His oldest son is a cellular biologist and his youngest son an engineer who with John have been building spec homes. (He currently has two brand new beautiful homes on the Eastside for sale.)

John's other hobbies include RC aircraft – gas, electric and giant scale, belonging to the Marymoor RC club, and RC cars. He is an avid skier and enjoys scuba diving, working out and swimming. He began flying real aircraft while in college and belongs to the Evergreen Flying club in Renton which has two Cessna 172's and a 182.

He likes the club because of the common interests in model boating, source for technical tips and assistance as well as analysis and advice on damage control (smoked electronics) and for its resources in promoting model boating.