



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
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February 2025

## Look Ahead Events

### MARCH

- 1-2 Miniature Show - [www.seattleminiatureshow.com](http://www.seattleminiatureshow.com)
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- 14 Twilight Float at Bellevue Pond Sunset

See more details in the expanded calendar section at the newsletter end.



Read more about members' projects.

## 2025 DUES ARE DUE



Annual dues are \$50. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to:

**Bryan Morse**  
1630 NE 186th St,  
Shoreline, WA 98155

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## From the Bridge

Richard Lenington

Hope everyone has survived the cold weather.

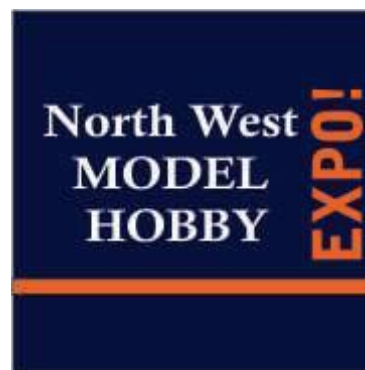
We have recently lost two great persons from the club. Lee Stewart, a past president, and Dave Green, who did a lot for the club have died. We will miss them both.

We have a lot to do in March. We must get ready for the hobby Expo in April. There will be signup for setup, manning the booth and takedown of the pool and our booth.

I was at a photo club meeting. They do both live and video chat. They also do a lot of meetups. I think we should look into doing more of those this year. Let me know what you think at the meeting.

I would like to thank Robert and Bill for going to the fun float.

# 2025 Northwest Model Hobby Expo 3 Days in April



April 11, 2025 – Friday	Noon to 6 pm
April 12, 2025 – Saturday	9 am to 6 pm
April 13, 2025 – Sunday	9 am to 4 pm

Evergreen State Fairgrounds located at  
14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272, USA

For more information see EXPO's website [www.nwmhe.com](http://www.nwmhe.com)

*Mark Your 2025 Calendars!*

## Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2025

There was no meeting this month because of cold weather, rain, and ice.

## Fun Float February 8, 2025

By: Robert Osmond

Photos by: Robert Osmond

The February Fun Float was again at Portage Bay Waters in Seattle. It was attended by two intrepid model ship mariners, **Bill Brooks** and **Robert Osmond**, who braved the overcast skies. There was no rain, no snow, no wind, but it was DARN COLD. There was some blue sky peeking out.



We with our thick groves had trouble pressing the buttons on the wheel radio and changing the rudder and throttle settings a couple of times. We both ran Robert's *Toe Boat* and *Goofy* boats.

It wasn't so hard as usual to get the group together for the photos.

There was one more research vessel at the dock. Also some Canada geese were floating a safe distance from our boats which did not disturb them at all.

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## David Green passed away on January 24, 2024

Here are two articles about David Green. He was a club member since 2006.

### David Green's Biography (from *Bilge Pump* September 2021)

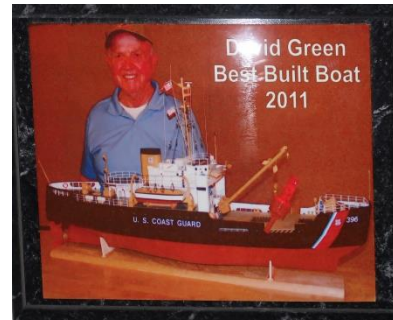
In 1932 it all started back in Western Pennsylvania as I was finishing grade six and moved to NE Ohio. There we lived in a township on a small farm which I loved and speculated on some day being a farmer. I did the 4H thing with my champion Jersey heifer but was also full into other activities: Scouting, built and raced an entry to the soap box derby, and other school activities including football. I also built a hoard of balsa/tissue paper airplanes.



As I was finishing high school, moving onto college was not my objective. My father, however, insisted that I go at least one year. That was 1950, and of course, the Korea Conflict altered things for everyone. On a Thanksgiving break visit to recruiting stations, the Marine Recruiting Sergeant was referring those in college to visit the Coast Guard booth and inquire about Academy appointments. I did and after a grueling two day nationwide exam received an appointment. Arriving early for a pre-induction physical, I stopped at a coffee shop and on the wall was a large banner Northwest Remote Control Ship Modelers

reading “AS YOU WANDER THRU LIFE, BROTHER, REMEMBER, KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE DONUT AND NOT ON THE HOLE”. It has been sort of my unofficial motto ever since.

An Academy experience has lots of highs and lows but I prospered on the engineering curriculum and loved the opportunities of both recreational and intercollegiate sailing. Four summer cruises aboard the training ship Eagle were special as well as participation in an annual Newport /Annapolis Ocean Race. Too, it was at the Academy that I first ventured into model shipbuilding. I saw a magazine article about building a Coast Guard Buoy Tender Model. The text seemed a bit vague but it included a very small body plan for the hull. I arbitrarily picked ¼ inch scale and with my engineer’s scale, dividers, a straight edge and a spline enlarged the body plan and developed a full set of lines. That was followed by hull construction- ply wood framing, balsa plating, and good old Testors glue. Then I graduated. That was 1950. That hull resided in my car trunk and later in a nice mover fabricated box until about 2008 when there seemed two options, burn or build. I elected the latter, using lots of CA glue and polyester resin the hull was restored and new decks and structure added for completion in 2011.



The first 4 years following Academy graduation I served aboard CGC Casco on International Weather Station duty in the North Atlantic, as CO. Then CG95314 monitoring marine traffic at the Eastern entrance to Long Island Sound as part of the Harbor Entrance Patrol Program of the 1950's, and CO, USCG LORAN TRANSMITTER STATION, Cape Christian, Baffin Island, NWT, Canada. This isolated unit was constructed in



support of air traffic to Thule Greenland Air Force Base.

Upon return to civilization my first priority was convincing a lovely Canadian lady I had met immediately prior to departure for the North that we should be married. In 2020 we celebrated 60 years of marriage that include 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

My Coast Guard service moved on with assignment to the boat branch of Naval Engineering, Coast Guard Headquarters where I became project engineer for 82 ft. Patrol Boats, including the engineering and trials of gas turbines in one 82 WPB. It became the first gas turbine powered U.S. naval vessel to enter full time service. Also engineered R & D modification of two 30 ft. utility boats to run in the 1962 Ocean Powerboat Race - Miami to Nassau, the purpose being to compare CG designed, diesel powered boats with available gasoline engine powered commercial craft. It was quite a thrill to pilot one boat and finish 5<sup>th</sup> overall.



Following University of Michigan attendance obtaining a MSE Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering and Engineering Mechanics Degree I was Chief Engineer aboard the Great Lakes Icebreaker Mackinaw for 2 years.

Assignment to Resident Staff for construction of the Coast Guard 378 foot High Endurance Cutters was a step into not only larger vessels but also the combined application of diesel and gas turbines, the former to cruise, the later for speed (like 30 knots). First vessel delivered in 1969 and today in 2021 all twelve are in final phases of finding new homes overseas.

After a 2 year stay in Long Beach as District Chief of Naval Engineering I was selected to be Chief Resident Inspector for the newly designed 400 Ft. Polar Icebreakers to be built at Lockheed Shipyard in Seattle. Vessels Hulls incorporated a "select" structural steel with power from 3 controllable pitch propellers driven by either diesel-electric or gas turbines. Controllable pitch propellers were novel for an icebreaker as were A/C voltage generators driving D/C propulsion motors via rectifier banks. In all, the project lasted 6 years.



I concluded my 24 years Coast Guard service as a Captain, following 2 years as Industrial Manager (General Manager) at the Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland. This facility provides dry docks and major overhaul services, electronics and ordinance support for CG peculiar installations, buoy manufacture and new construction for such as WPB, motor lifeboats and select smaller vessels.

'Retired' life began with employment by Marine Industries NW (aka MINI), Tacoma to introduce production planning. The last of a series of Crab Boat construction was nearing an end, barges were

coming and going for dockside repair. A short struggle separated new construction and repair forces and things went pretty well. I even became VP production. Lots of fun as we moved through a wide variety of projects.

After 3 years I moved on to Marine Power and Equipment (MPE) in Seattle intending to be program manager for a navy ship overhaul. That fell thru and I accepted an offer to stay as design engineer. After finishing a proposed design for a Coast Guard bid and several barge conversion projects, my crowning achievement as a designer was a 450 ft., triple deck, RO-RO barge with capacity of two hundred and fifty 40 foot long trailers. As the company went bankrupt, I joined JENSEN MARITIME CONSULTANTS (JMC).

My hiring matched an immediate need for management of the conversion of a WW II tanker to a catcher/processor in Alaska's Pollock fishery. Both the ownership and prospective material acquisition would be under close scrutiny for Jones Act compliance and a General Contractor was going to do the job. It wasn't easy but we got the job done and P/V ARCTIC STORM is still sailing.



The next project was the conversion of a former American President Lines container ship to a fish processor. The owner wished to accomplish maximum allowable work at a Norwegian shipyard. Another challenge: Jones Act compliance, overseas CG Marine Inspection and many more issues to resolve. Early in the ARCTIC STORM project I was asked to be company president and agreed to 5 years. After finishing OCEAN PHOENIX, I continued management of smaller projects, particularly those related to evolving government regulations, even testified before a congressional sub-committee.

As 8 years rolled by with no replacement, I resigned the presidency and became the Senior Consultant with more time and schedule flexibility. I continued to serve my long term contacts, mostly in the fishing industry, and regularly taught stability for a local safety program for fishermen.

Distributed across my Jensen employment were my travels: Alaska and Aleutian Islands; Norway; Japan; Taiwan; Philippines; and Punta Arenas, Chile, as well as Tar Sands facilities and precious metal explorations in Canadian NWT.

Final closure to my working career came in 2005 as my knees gave out. Even after replacement they simply would not permit crawling around in tight places or climbing ladders on vessels which I loved to do.

In search of new things, for 9 years I volunteered in a middle school mentoring program. It actually worked out for me to be mostly math/science tutoring which was fine. At the same time I flirted with R/C airplanes. At one time I had 4 aircraft that I had built. Also found time to tour Russia and Antarctica.

As my R/C flying was petering out I received 2 R/C sailboats for Christmas. They were great on Lake Chelan and the city park as well. .

Way back I choose ¼ inch scale for ship models and have carried it through except the small Moran Tug kit model, the Chris Craft restoration and of course the Springer. It is probably obvious the Casco and 95314 models relate to my service experience. The buoy tender started as no particular vessel but now carries the name two close friends served in. The excursion steamer Jamestown represents the steamer on Chautauqua Lake in Western New York that as a boy I chased first in a row boat and later using a trolling motor.



I probably would model the CG icebreaker Mackinaw to complete my fleet except at my chosen scale it would push 200 lbs. displacement. So except for a barge, I am closing down my building yard and hope to maintain and play with what I have for some years.



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## Coast Guard Museum Visit

By Robert Osmond

(from *Bilge Pump* May 2024)

I invited **Dave Green** to go with me to the Coast Guard Museum on Alaskan Way in Seattle to a luncheon sponsored by Puget Sound Maritime Society of which I am a member.

Lunch was followed by a presentation about the USCG Cutter Bear by the Museum Curator Captain Gene Davis USCG,RET.

The Bear was a sail, with steam power, ship. Originally constructed as a sealer, it was commissioned as a Revenue Service Cutter in 1874 followed by US Coast Guard service up to the conclusion of World War Two. It was very famous for its many escapades in Alaska including the rescue of whalers stranded in ice choked

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waters.

The Museum is a very interesting facility at Pier 36 and is open to the public.



Currently decommissioned vessels Polar Sea W11 and a 378 ft High Endurance Cutter are moored there. They were of special interest to Dave as he had been head inspector for both during construction and trials.

The 378 class vessels were delivered in late '60s and significantly were diesel powered up to 18kn and gas turbine powered up to 29kn. The Polar Class were built in the 70s. The Polar Star W10 remains in service having introduced Gas Turbine propulsion (75,000 hp) and controlable pitch propellers to polar icebreaking .

These vessels are not a part of the museum but their models are included in the museum displays.

Photos include: Dave and his ships; Dave and I at Polar Class model; souvenir given to each of my staff; Model 1322 (replaced 95 WPB );



Model 87333 (replace 82 WPBs)



Placque when David Green was at the Keel Laying Ceremony of the Polar Icebreaker ship USGC WAGB-10 in 1972.



## Lee Stewart Past President of NWRCSM passed away

By Robert Osmond

Photos provided by Robert Osmond collection.

**Lee Stewart**, who was our club President in 2012 and Vice President to Allan Wing in 2010 and 2011 passed away February 3, 2025, in Edmonds Washington.

The year he was president he designed his own Navigation course. See photos of him showing a drawing of the course. He and I put pieces together in the pond. Dave White also helped with the course maintenance during the regatta.

Lee had been coming to meetings these past few years again after a long absence. Beyond RC boats he had a great interest in riding his BMW motorcycle around the USA and renting BMW motorcycles in Europe.

There were no obituaries that I could find on the Neptune Society website other than saying he had passed; the Seattle Times did not have any obituary notices about his passing, and his phone number no longer works.

What was written on the Neptune Society Website:

Lee Douglas Stewart, age 86, of Edmonds, Washinton  
December 24, 1938 – February 3, 2025





He had a very nice Seekadett steam launch which he ran at some of our fun floats.





## For Sale

NWRCSM website received this note from a nonmember about a sailboat for sale. Here is their message.

Subject: Kyosho Fairwinds 900 R/C Sailboat  
*Good afternoon,*

*I am writing to see if any of your members are looking to buy an R/C sailboat. This was from my father's collection (he loved r/c airplanes and sailboats). It is a c and is in very good condition. It just needs the sails re-installed and comes with the R/C Controller.*



*Please let me know if there is any interested from members willing to consider it for purchase.*

*I can send pictures if needed. I am located just outside of Mill Creek, WA*

Thank you, Peter Truss, pctruss@gmail.com

**For Sale Items for Jerry Julian.**

Here is part of a listing of model boat things being sold to support Jerry Julian of Olympia (a member since 1985). There is more to come as they are readied for sale. All proceeds go to his care at a assisted living facility. Contact Keith Schermerhorn at wscherm@fidalgo.net or text message 360-306-1165.



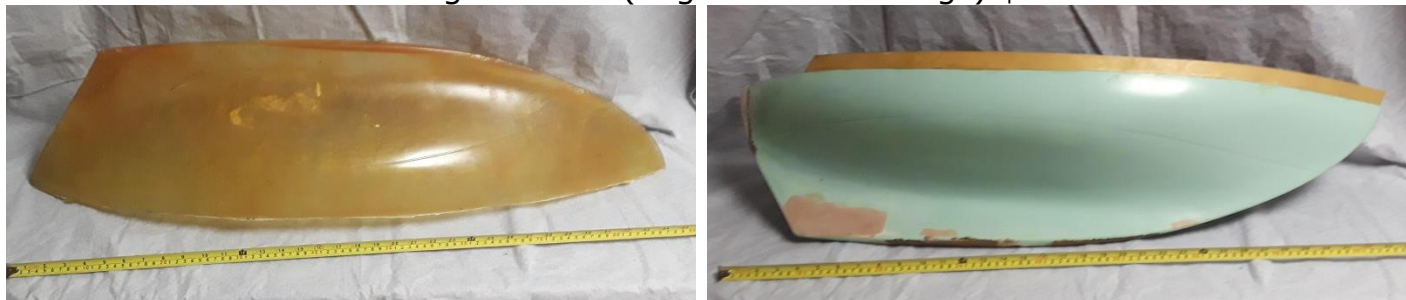
Marine Patrol 1/24th scale with motorized out drive, no electronics, needs floor. Asking \$450.00



Bandit Boats fiberglass hull only \$130.00



2 sailboat fiberglass hulls (might have drawings) \$125.00 each



1/32nd scale fiberglass hull with wood deck/house with rudders, shaft supports, forward gun, stand, and drawings (over 4foot long) \$450.00



Small sail boat hull in blue \$35.00



Land sailing yacht kit \$135.00



## 2025 Northwest Remote Control Ship Modelers Events Calendar

*Remaining "???" dates and times will be listed as the year progresses. (Updated 2/19/25)*

### JANUARY

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- 4 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

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### JUNE

- 5 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 7 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
- ?? Anacortes Waterfront Festival (See their website for times)

### JULY

- 3 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 16 **Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park** **Sunset** Only boats with lights can run after dark.

### AUGUST

- 2 NWRCM's Navigation/Tug Boat Regatta 8 am – 4 pm
- 7 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 17 BMM Regatta. see [www.bammrc.com](http://www.bammrc.com) for details.
- 27 **Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park** **Sunset** Only boats with lights can run after dark.
- 29-31 Olympia Harbor Days

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 13 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
- 27??? Fishermen's Fall Festival 11 am – 6 pm
- 27-28 Bellingham SeaFeast (See their website for times)

### OCTOBER

- 2 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 4 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
- ??? Lynden Lions Club Model Train & Toy Show (See their website for times)

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 8 or 9? Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

### DECEMBER

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- 6 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

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### The Facility Makerspace

Our meeting location is in part of the Edmonds Community College buildings (Monroe Hall) located at:

6606 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW.  
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

Meetings are the first Thursday of the Month. More information on this facility can be found at <https://facilitymade.com/>



2025 Club Officers		
	<b>President:</b> Richard Lenington	<b>Webmaster:</b> Allan Wing
	<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Skagit R/C Meeting Contact:</b> Keith Schermerhorn
	<b>Treasurer:</b> Dave White	<b>YouTube &amp; Meetup Master:</b> Klaus Bellon
	<b>Membership Database:</b> Bryan Morse	<b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Paul Williams

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