



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
August 2016

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***** Check club website calendar for times and location**

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From the Bridge

Well, we began the month with a good meeting and a good Fun Float. It will be an active month, with a good Tualatin weekend and an interesting Tug Championship coming up.

Administratively, we had a bit of a flap over Tualatin details. This was unnecessary. In early June I was called by a member of Professional Mariner’s staff, and asked for details about our Tug Championship. I informed her that we welcomed their interest, but that I wasn’t the person running that event. (I didn’t admit that the event didn’t even have a venue at that point.) I simply directed her to Keith Schermerhorn and gave her his phone number.

The moral of the story is that when someone has an inquiry, they should contact the person in charge with what they need to know, when they need it, and include contact phone number and e-mail address. Fortunately, persons in our club who received said inquiries from more than one person in Portland understood this and communicated appropriately.

At the meeting we discussed problems getting merchandise from some vendors. It remains my experience that Harbormodels.com, Cornwallmodelboats.co.uk and component-shop.co.uk are some of the most reliable and speedy to do business with. They have certainly served me well.

By the way, I have been speaking out about having different size models to fit the scale of the water we are on. I’ve mostly discussed building smaller models for smaller pools. But running at Lake Ballinger, I realized that I should have brought my son Scotty’s hydroplane out that day. Even Bellevue Pond is

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Monthly Meeting August 4th by Dr Ron

On a beautiful warm summer evening 21 members attended the monthly meeting orchestrated by our commodore, **Scott Bauman**, The committee of the Tualatin event coming up the following weekend requested preferences for the Saturday night dinner meeting, so **Scott** passed around a sign up sheet for us to choose one of three dinner options. The event at Tualatin is always one of our better venues and many of us are looking forward to having a great time. **Scott** announced the upcoming fun float to be held at lake Ballinger this Saturday. **Keith Schermerhorn** discussed the upcoming tug fest to be held in Bellingham at the Derby pond in Whatcom falls state park the Saturday after Tualatin. Details will be spelled out in this newsletter later on.

Events in September were reiterated and discussed. **Scott** encouraged those with fishing boats to place them on the front table along with the steam launches at the Fisherman's festival to maximize public interest and he also encouraged us to bring boats that the kids can run.

The first show and tell was given by **Dave Green** who demonstrated how to maximize servo rotation from 180 to 270 degrees with a plug in adapter that he probably won at one of the raffle events. Several members thought this device could be purchased from EMS, Servo City or a robotic source. **Dr Ron** brought in the completed hull of the Coho and described how he put in the windows of the hull using clear plastic and Goop. **Keith** detailed what his plans are in converting a 1/32 British ocean going tug to a yacht. It has 2.5/1 belt drives. He brought in a sheet of vinyl numbers he got from Harbor Models to mark the hull depth. The sheets are in 1/24 and 1/32 scales and cost \$7.95 per sheet.



Allan Wing completed his small plastic Air Force rescue boat and demonstrated how he was able to actuate the rudder by using eyes and string and also talked about converting a servo to a motor noting that it got quite warm when running.



**PHOTOS By
Allan Wing**



He powers the boat with a AAA battery pack to keep the weight down. **Tom Stevens** brought in **Kit Clark's** outhouse springer which was given to him and mentioned that he was gifted **Tim Justice's** YTB tug in his will. **Robert Osmond** brought in a set of punches which he bought for \$10 and offered them to anyone who had an interest. Dave White jumped on it. **Robert** told us to paint chuck keys a bright color so they can be readily identified if tossed across the room. Painting with bright colors is an issue which can make one aware that the

key doesn't belong where it can be a safety problem. He also demonstrated a couple of wire strippers one of which can be utilized to strip insulation from the middle of a wire. He showed some chalk board vinyl which is great for windows that one doesn't want to see through. It has a self adhesive backing and can be purchased from E-Bay. In addition, he showed progress he is making in his Atlantic tug modifications.



Following the break **Allan Kinsman** announced the national electric fast boat event at twin lakes all this week, ending on Saturday. Apparently some of these boats can run at 140 mph. Raffle prizes were donated by **Ed Maurer** and **Keith** won a 2.4ghz radio and **Dave White** won a fire boat monitor set. The meeting concluded at 2020 hours and the lines were released and chairs stacked and we all headed out



Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta - Keith Schermerhorn



Calling all tug skippers

The annual tug regatta is finally here this month and in a brand new location (minus tide at Bellevue). Whatcom Falls Park is located in Bellingham just a couple of minutes east of I-5. Fresh water pond with trees all around makes for a nice venue to hold this event. The format is the same as in the past (barge handling, salvage, team towing) and classes are the same (small, medium, large, vintage, masters). I would recommend that if you have a single screw vessel and open rudder, might want to think about the vintage class or the size class if you prefer. Barge handling is taking the barge any way you feel fit. Just remember, the barge should be 2-3 times the size of the tug when possible. Salvage will be similar in you need to snag the derelict vessel and precision dock it.

New this year will be that the salvage vessels will not be anchored to the ground as it will be in deep water. That means they will move a bit, so be prepared for that. They will have the chains hanging as in the past.

Team tow will be a bit different as this year both team members will have to work together to get the vessel back into shore WITHOUT being tethered as in the past. Working together to get vessel and tugs through the score areas will be important.

Bring extra \$\$ to buy raffle tickets as prizes are coming in and should provide the opportunity to win some great prizes from the maritime industry and hobby supporters. I like to remind all: these items are donated and when possible, please remember those business when needing items to show our thanks or letting them know where you heard about them. Lunch and beverages will be provided for the contestants and guest.

Some other things one needs to know. Start times as listed is for scoring to start. You will be able to enter and drop gear off pond side at 7am. I recommend getting there early since there will be another event happening in the morning also. Once unloaded, you will need to move your vehicle to the designated parking zone (will let you know that morning when unloading).

Entry fee this year is a recommended donation of \$10.00 as we are not allowed to "charge" for the event otherwise they double up (or more) the usage fees. For those staying in Bellingham that night (or Friday night) we will look at getting together for a dinner afterwards if interested. Please be ready to run your vessels and even help others get them in and out of the water.

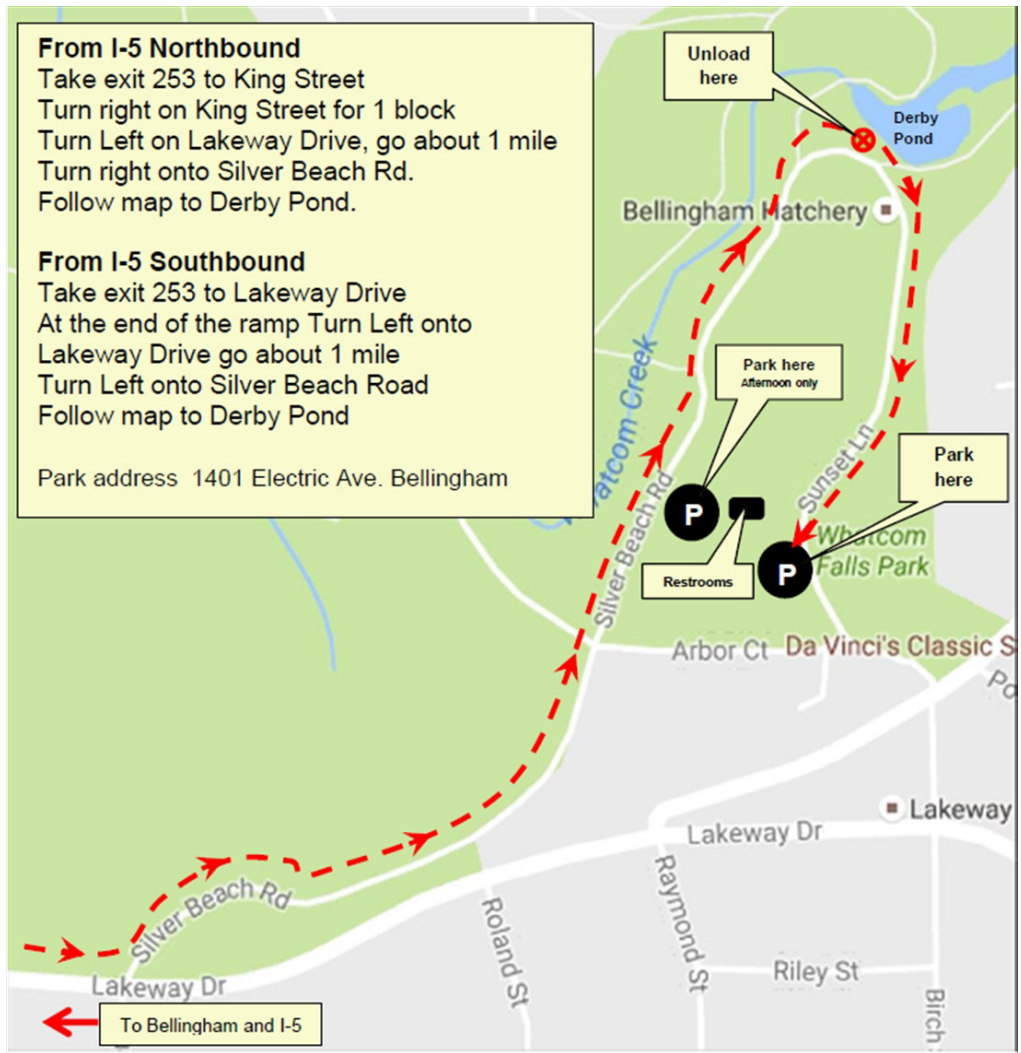
If you have a barge, bring it if you can. Bigger the better. Remember to have lines to connect your tug and barge/salvage gear to.

And most of all, remember to have fun. There should be a great turnout of many vessels from up and down the coast this year all trying to win the event and hope you are going to be there too.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks to all who have been helping make this happen and for the help the day of the event.

Thanks to the following for their support:

- Western Towboat
- Crowley Maritime
- Freemont Tug
- Interstate Battery
- Loyalhanna Dockyard
- Ships-n-Things
- Tower Hobbies
- Zip Kits
- Raboesch
- Mtroniks
- Professional Mariner



NORTH END REPORT - Keith Schermerhorn



August is here and a lot of activity is happening this month. That is what we mainly discussed at our meeting on the 1st. Small crowd of 6 discussing all that is happening. Drayton Harbor was first on the list as I was going to be there and others were invited to join. Next Larry gave a report on some of the sail boating activities that have been going on. Included in this was the Rouge River regatta that turned into the 'Rouge Ruined' regatta since so many boats were damaged. Also mentioned he and another sailor will be heading to San Diego for the nationals in October. I mentioned the upcoming weekends in Tualatin then

the Tug and Burnaby regattas the following weekend. Discussion on the events for the tug regatta and how it was going (good and bad) were talked about. Mostly encouraging and letting everyone know it is happening and should be fun. Wayne mentioned that we have to change some meeting dates as we got bumped by more important parties needing the space. Sept. meeting will be the last Monday in August, the 29th.

Show and tell was short as it consisted of Larry Stiles showing the rigging work he did for a sail boat that Kit Clark asked Tom for help with before giving to a friend. I showed off 1 of the prizes for the raffle, a Zip Kit Tugster kit complete with everything but electronics and motor. Also showed those there the advanced look of the tug regatta course. Short night found us heading to our home ports early. Hopefully more people and projects will be here on the 29th for more boating fun.

August Fun Float - Lake Ballenger August 8, 2016



We had a good turn out for our August fun float in spite of the cool, breezy weather. The water was a little choppy at times and kept the smaller boats in port. With the wind, skippers had to keep tabs on their craft to avoid drifting to the north end weed patch. Turkey basters were kept busy keeping bilges dry. My Mustang took top honors here with the low freeboard and minimal combing on the deck. **Al Kinsman** kept his hydro running well with several runs ending with the top side on top. **Allan Wing** had his Air Force rescue boat on the rough water. Wisely he keep it in the shallow water near the shore.

Running at Lake Ballenger requires waders to get launch all be the tiniest models. It's a good 10 feet from the shore to get to 6" of water. Fortunately 4-5 guys had waders or boots and could help keep others feet dry. As a deep water site, running at Lake Ballenger requires a little more attention by skippers. Rough water and wakes from larger craft present a real hazard to smaller boats. Most skippers will bring boats less vulnerable, but in any case everyone needs to be a little more cautious for other boats as well as their own.

Mel Suelzle



**PHOTOS By
Darlene Wing**





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15 Twilight Float Lake Ballinger Park -10am—noon
- NOVEMBER** 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
5 Fun Float Lake Ballinger Park -10am—noon
- DECEMBER** 1 Christmas Dinner and Party 6:30 - 9pm

*After July 1st, the Bellevue Pond will not be available.

It is suggested that you check our website www.shipmodelers.com to confirm times and locations of events.

TIM JUSTICE

We are saddened by the news that Tim Justice, a long time model boat enthusiast and club member passed away on July 19th, after a long battle with cancer. Tim was an excellent modeler and was best known for his 8' model "Dominion" Tim was an accomplished craftsman and also made beautiful wood art forms in addition to his highly detailed model boats. A memorial service was held in Tim's honor on July 26th at the American Legion hall in Stanwood. Tim is survived by his wife Candice and several children. We will miss Tim and wish the very best to his wife, Candy and his family.

If you would like to learn more about Tim, check out his bio in the 2013 April issue of the Bilge Pump available on our website.



From the Bridge continued cramped for his Miss Budweiser (with Dave Villwock's autograph forward of the cockpit). But Lake Ballinger would have provided the perfect venue to run it all out. Alan Kinsman ran a terrific trial of his Miss Thriftway hydroplane that he will campaign at the North American Championships this week at Twin Lakes. It sure looked good on the lake. One hundred miles per hour plus! Alan – please see that appropriate films are taken of your races, please!

I look forward to seeing many of you in different-than-usual venues the next two weeks.

Scott

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Have something you want to sell or buy? Send a brief summary of your ad to: **newsletter-editor@shipmodelers.com** . Include a photo if needed. Newsletter deadlines are the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month. Items received after this date will be published the following month. Be sure and include an email or phone number. Include a photo if needed. Newsletter deadlines are the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month. Items received after this date will be published the following month.

Roger Lyons has a 1/32nd scale 41", Dynamics 110' Sub Chaser is for sale. It is from Loyalhanna Dockyard 110' Sub Chaser for \$200 including four boxes of parts.

Check Loyalhanna website for more info or contact **Roger at lyon44@ymail.com** for more information

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