



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

March 2019

## Look Ahead Events

### APRIL

- 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 pm
- 6 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond (Springer boats) 9 am

### May

- 1 Opening Week – SYC 9 am to 3 pm
- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 pm
- 4 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9 am

### June

- 6 Meeting at Galaxy 6 pm
- 8 NWRCM's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Boat Regatta- Bellevue 9 am to 4 pm
- 20 Coffee Float – Bellevue 11 am

### July

- 10 **Wednesday** Meeting (**Date Change**) at Galaxy Hobby 6:00 PM
- 13 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9:00 AM
- 25 Coffee Float - Bellevue 11:00 AM

More events information is provided on calendar page later in the newsletter and,

Check our website for the latest updates at [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com)



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## From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle

After the winter storm of 2019 and cooler temperatures keeping remnants of the snow banks around, we are very ready to welcome the early signs of spring.

Everyone was pleased to have a beautiful Spring day for our most recent fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club (SYC). The warm, sunny day brought out a huge number of skippers and many boats on the calm waters at the yacht club. Skippers were skillfully testing their boats save for one absent minded skipper who neglected to load his transmitter case. Fortunately **David Zanzig** brought a Noodle Tug for him to use and avoid being totally shutout



for the day. I appreciate **Robert Osmond** leaving this matter out of his fun float report to avoid any further embarrassment by this individual.

Our March fun float was the end of the winter season. We greatly appreciate the excellent job that **Steve Sunich** has done to arrange these events with the SYC since last November. Even the large group of sail boaters attending did not pose a problem for running and parking space for our event. The SYC has in turn been very supportive and welcoming to our club. This winter venue has been a very positive find for our club events. We will return to the Seattle Yacht Club on May 1st for our usual all day fun float and model boat display

As Spring is only a couple of weeks away, it is time to get serious about our special events of the year. Some of us are well into the planning phases of our special events of 2019. **Robert Osmond** is feverishly dreaming up new regatta course challenges for our June Regatta. He has even revealed his preliminary course version under the pretense that he is actually willing to make changes that may be suggested. As usual he is coming up with a new and demanding course for us all to “enjoy”. A bigger copy of the latest version of the course is elsewhere in this newsletter. Check it out. Robert plans to minimize depth perception issues by keeping the course tight and closer to the shore. You will notice on the course that the whirlpool drain is not shown, indicating the closeness to the shoreline. This will be a benefit to the Judges and skippers with depth perception issues (who doesn't?). Robert promises to keep the gate size uniform and positioned to minimize the number of closed gates as viewed from the skipper position. Skippers are well advised to plan to bring boats that are appropriate for the tight course.



Other critical Regatta events are underway as well. **Bob Wickham** is designing a program to return scale judging to the Regatta. Hopefully Bob's vacation to Las Vegas was not so successful that he will be relocating to some warm tropical beach and we can look forward to hearing of Bob's master plan for returning scale judging as part of our 2019 Regatta at our April meeting. Also I will be starting to solicit vendor donations for our Northwest regattas. Like previous years, I expect **Aimee Eng** and **Keith Schermerhorn** to join in the process to share the workload for the vendors as well as ourselves. These early efforts and later support by many more members will serve to make our 38<sup>th</sup> Regatta a great success. Every member can turn their attention to sharpening their navigation skills and readying their boats for the new Scale Judging event.

Much closer to our running schedule is our April fun float when we return to Bellevue Downtown Park Pond. Special for this event is the contest for Springer boats. This will be a simple and hopefully challenging contest. The contest will be a surprise for everyone, (including the designer as of this writing) so get your Springer boat tuned up for a good balance of speed/power AND maneuverability and be ready to take home the top prize. Polo Springers are allowed if the door springs are removed. As usual the top prize is the privilege of designing the next contest in September. *Mel Suetzle*



# March 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

By Ron Bray

Photos by Allan Wing and Robert Osmond

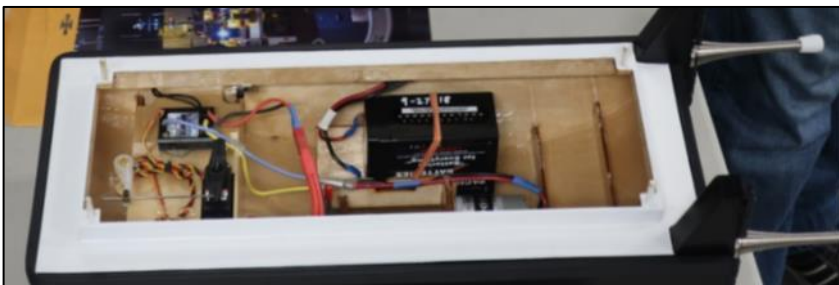
Our still winter meeting at the Galaxy Hobby store in Lynwood was called to order at 1800 hours by our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. Twenty-three members and one guest were in attendance. It was great to see **Ed Maurer** after a long recovery who was brought in by his son **Todd**. Before the end of the meeting, Todd was given a club membership registration form.



Show and tell began with **Fred Row's** Savyboat Chris Craft he purchased at Hobby Expo. He and **Richard Bizier** added a motor, ESC, servo and a water pump to provide water exiting the exhaust just like in the bigger version.



**Rich Goodrich** brought in several books for the taking and they were gone by meeting end.



**Bryan Morse** showed the progress he made with the Zippkit's Tugster Springer's kit which he plans to utilize at our polo events. He showed a novel way to secure the deck house to the deck with custom made bits.



**Robert Osmond** showed two “Jansjo” lights he purchased at IKEA which are very bright LEDs and can be quite useful for a bench work. One even had a clamp base to attach to a table or overhead shelf. He purchased a very bright four foot shop light at Costco which is also LED providing daylight intensity. He brought in make-up brushes for the taking, which can be used for small detailing painting projects. Robert showed a 50 amp ammeter constructed by **Robert Wickham**, who was unable to attend the meeting. He pointed out an incredibly detailed model featured in the latest issue of Model Boat magazine.



**Bill Heath's** Mr. Darby boat is a beautiful work of art and is fully functional with twin radars, 27 lights and twin winches which he purchased from Harbor Models. Boat weighed it in at around 65 pounds excluding batteries. We are all anxious to see it in action.



**Tom Stevens** showed how to bend paint brushes to better access the underside of decks, etc. He brought in some PC 11 two-part epoxy which is quite useful in securing shafts and rudder posts because it is a paste and cures rapidly. He showed some auto body plastic peel off sheets to be used to mix putty and paints and an applicator for applying small amounts of CA kicker.

Following the break, **Dave White** gave a report on **Phil Northrup** who doesn't have Parkinson's disease, but rather suffered a stroke from which he is slowly recovering. He announced that Phil might be in the market to sell off some of his fleet. Apparently, he is considering a move to the west side of the state to be closer to his sister.

A new member information package with a member roster, badge, parking sticker and a welcome letter are being addressed. It was suggested we include a copy of our current schedule.

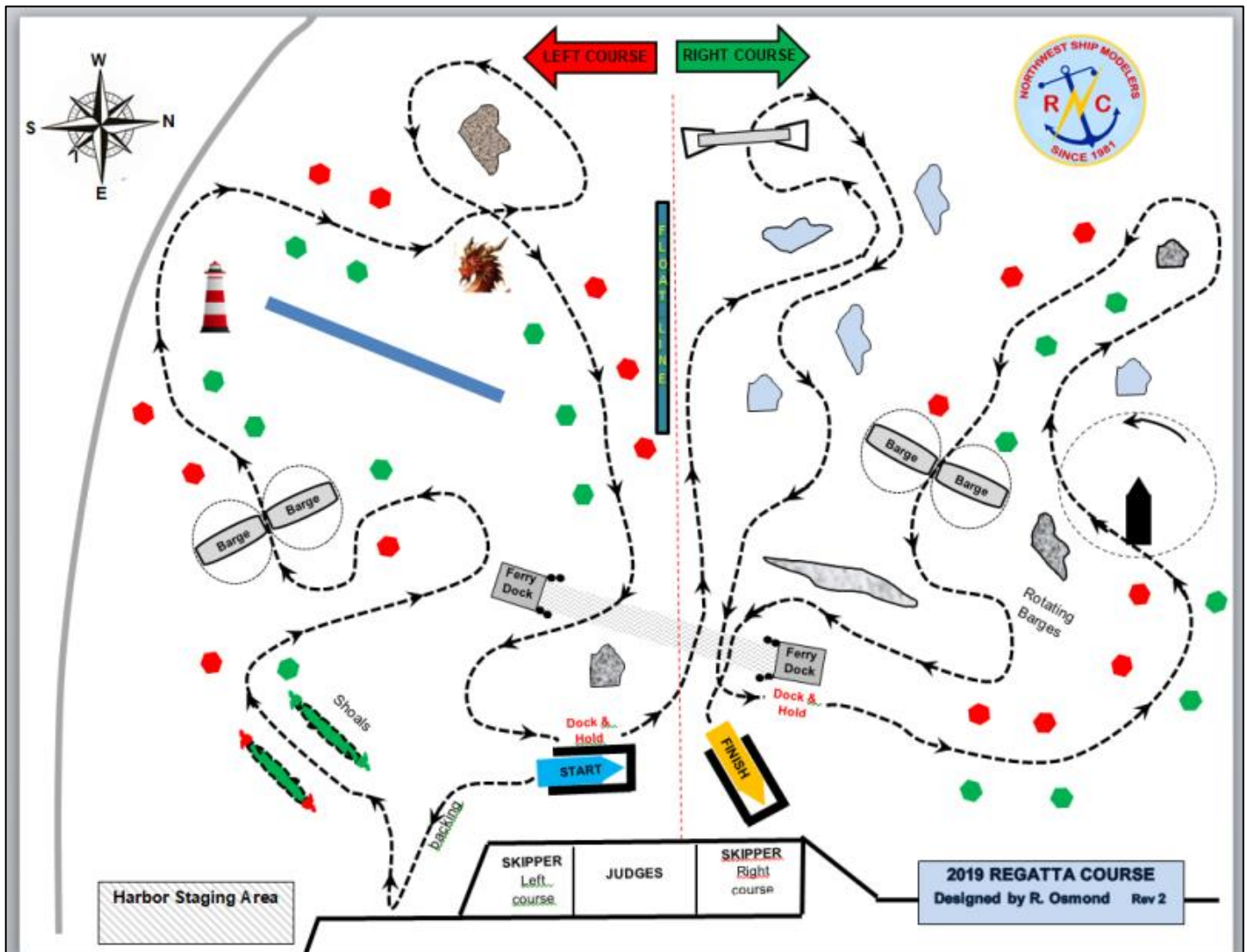
Any changes in contact info should be forwarded to Bryan Morse who will then forward it to Paul Williams and Mel who will update our membership directory

There are currently 17 members who are delinquent in paying their dues. Payments should be sent to **Bryan Morse**.

Before the meeting concluded at 1915 hours, **Fred Row** and **Robert Wickham** were winners of the raffle. The membership voted to require physical presence in order to win a raffle prize. The chairs were stacked, and we all headed for our warm abodes.

### NWRCSM's 39<sup>th</sup> Regatta Course (Revision 2)

By Richard Osmond



# NW RC Ship Models visits Brookdale

By Mel Suelzle

Photos by Robert Osmond



Many of you know our long time member, **Ed Maurer**. Ed has recently moved into a new apartment at the Brookdale Senior living facility in the Silver Lake area.



Ed has found a group there that meets weekly to talk about modeling interests of all types. Ed recently invited a few of our members to bring some of our model boats and share with the modeling group and other interested tenants.



On February 11<sup>th</sup> **Robert Osmond, Ron Bray** and myself brought in a selection of our models to display at Brookdale. About 30 tenants sat in as we talked about the boats function in the real world as well as some of the more interesting facts about the model. The group was very interested in our models and the modeling processes we used to create them. They asked lots of questions and some had direct experiences with the marine industry.

← **Ron Bray and Ed Maurer** talk over Ron's great Grand Banks model.

Robert Osmond had his steam launch on display and shared all the building process and feature of this fine model. →



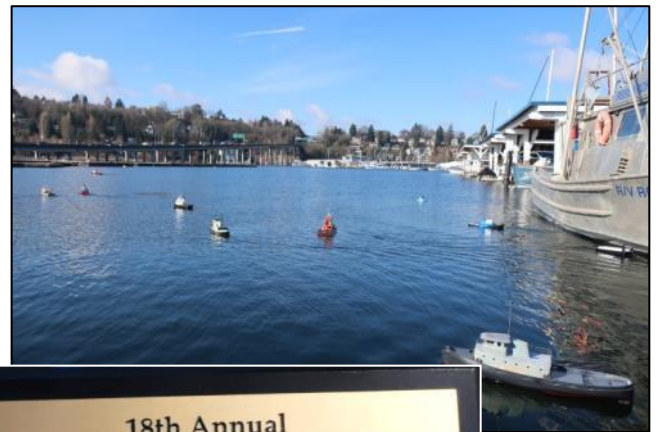
← Mel talks about the Sally S and the 343 fireboat. Two of the three work boats he brought to display.

### 2019 March Fun Float

By Robert Osmond  
Photos by Allan Wing and Robert Osmond

It was a beautiful yet cold spring morning for running our boats at Seattle Yacht Club. We had 15 skippers with many finely finished boats. All boats ran without any mechanical difficulties. There were several times that we had 14 boats on the water at the same time.

**Mel Suelzle** gave **Steve Sunich** his 1<sup>st</sup> place award from the Tualatin Regatta in 2018, Steve had to leave the Regatta before the awards were handed out.



**David Zanzig** was running his tug with a nice container barge he received from the Spokane Club along with 5 other barges. He might be interested in finding homes for some of these if you are interested, contact him.

David was also running his new "Noodle Tub" type boat. He let a little girl run it and she had a great time with it. He said that is



why he made it so the “kids” could run a fun boat and there would not be any concern that the children captains would hurt anyone’s boat by hitting them. Great Work David!

**Fred Row** was running his highly polished wooded twin cockpit runabout. It is a real beauty.

**Tom Stevens** brought his “Sea Imp” type Canadian tug he has been remodeling. He changed it from twin drives to one 4” kort nozzle with a 5 bladed Prop Shop Prob. We did a bollard pull and he pulled 7Lb 14 oz which is a very strong pull. He is particularly pleased that with the steerable kort nozzle it steers in reverse, which is unlike most of the “Sea Imp” type Canadian tugs.



**Steve Sunich** ran his unfinished Navy Tug, I am sure we can look forward to another finely finished boat when he is done.





## For Sale:

### Les' Boats for Sale

Les Cade was a club member since 2006 and passed away last year. His son Les Jr. would like to sell several of his father's boats that we often saw at the events in Tualatin and our regatta.

Pictured here is Les with this tug Chief. This is a large model estimated to be 48" in length. Les was an excellent modeler and his skills are reflected in this model. More information on this and other tugs his son has for sale contact Les Cade Jr. at 971-204 2101



### Proxxon Heavy Duty Miter/Chop Saw

- 3" Blade, ¼ hp belt driven.
- Machined vise rotates with table.
- Automatic guard & adjustable stop.
- Spare blades & cut off disks.
- Like new condition.
- Used very little.
- Lists at Micro Mart for \$320.



Asking \$175 OBO  
Mel @ 206 484-2974

### Hulls and Boats For Sale

Early Spring cleaning in my work space has me looking to clear out long sitting projects that I am just not getting to and should be in someone else's hands.

- Fiberglass Tug hull in 1/32nd scale (ice class bow) with drawings. Asking \$250.00
- Dumas 44' life boat, partially built in wood. Hull sealed with epoxy, but not glassed. Most of the wooden parts are there or built. Will require parts on the wind shield to be made and running gear. Asking \$175.00
- Dumas 44' life boat, fiberglass hull with rudders and shafts installed. Main cabin parts scratch built out of Sintra along with the decks, and other parts copied onto pieces of Sintra needing cut out and assembly. Asking \$175.00

Will consider offers as well. Contact: Keith Schermerhorn at 360-306-1165 and wscherm@fidalgo.net



## 2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

### FEBRUARY

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

### MARCH

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

### APRIL

4	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
6	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9 AM - Noon

### MAY

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2	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
4	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

### JUNE

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8	39th Annual Model Boat Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 AM - 4 PM
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### JULY

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### AUGUST

1	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
3	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM
10	Portland Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon	9 AM – 5 PM
17	Tug Championship at Bellevue Pond	9 AM – 5 PM
31	Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	7 PM -- 9 PM

### SEPTEMBER

5	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
7	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9:00 AM
TBA	Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard	11 AM – 6 PM

### OCTOBER

3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
5	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

### NOVEMBER

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

### DECEMBER

5	Christmas Dinner at Spaghetti Factory	6:30 – 9 PM
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