



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

June 2019

Look Ahead Events

New July Meeting Date, Time, Place!

July

11 Thursday Meeting at 7:00 PM
Senior Center at Mountlake Terrace
23000 Lakeview Dr.
Mountlake Terrace, WA

13 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9:00 AM
25 Coffee Float - Bellevue 11:00 AM

AUGUST

1 Meeting at **"To Be Determined" 7 PM**
3 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9:00 AM
10 Portland Regatta 9AM to 5PM
17 Tug Championship, Bellevue 9 to 5
31 Twilight Fun Float, Bellevue 7 PM to 9 PM

September

5 Meeting at **"To Be Determined" 7 PM**
7 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)
9:00 AM
21 Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard
11 AM to 6 PM

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

Check our website for the latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com

From The Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



June 2019 will be one of our more memorable periods of our club history. Our big boating event of the year is fully detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. But I would like to say that our regatta of June 8th goes down as a most successful regatta. We had an excellent turnout and a beautiful day for everyone's enjoyment. For the second year, the top prize was taken home by a guest modeler from Canada. This year's winner Tony Peridenic turned in a near perfect score with his Ken McKenzie tug. Tony also took top honors in the small class. It was truly a great day on the water, but like all events of this type, there are a lot of activities that are critical to making these events successful for all. Often the work starts weeks before the day of the regatta.

There were several members that routinely spend a good portion of the regatta day working on tasks important to the event. Also, the preparation of the event starts even earlier as our Pond Master, **Robert Osmond** is busy well ahead of the actual event building props for the course. His hard work setting and resetting the pond is very visible the entire day of the event. But there are a number of other efforts that also deserve recognition.

Bill Heath and **Jim Johnson** start extra early the Friday, Saturday and Monday following the event to load and bring the truck to and from the pond and to the storage shed at their home. Several members assist in the loading and unloading of the truck as well. This year, we appreciate the help of members, **Robert Osmond, Ron Bray, Rich Goodrich** and



Richard Bizier for their help in the load/unload processes. The time spent organizing the storage shed paid dividends in finding the necessary items needed for running the regatta.

Those “Having too Much Fun” on regatta day owe plenty of thanks to those who put in special effort to run the regatta. Some only an hour or two, others the entire day, and others, from set up to tear down. We all thank you for your effort and dedication to make the club and the event successful. Our Regattas are special events and we appreciate the work of those who help us capture the special moments of our models and skippers. **Darlene Wing** has consistently led this process. I personally benefit from her efforts in preparing for the December dinner. Others will enjoy her photos in the newsletters and website. For those of us with ever shortening memories, these photos are increasing important. **Thanks Darlene.**

The only negative thing about our regatta was the dark clouds caused by recent sad news we received only a few days earlier. **Mike Shaw**, owner of Galaxy Hobby, announced to our coffee meeting that he had lost his lease and was closing the store on June 27th. During the remainder of June, he will be clearing out his entire inventory.

Since the opening of **Galaxy Hobby** 24 years ago, our club has benefited from a great place to serve as a base of operations for our club. Twice weekly coffee meetings and our monthly meetings were most helpful to the long term success of our club. We will never replace Galaxy and will long remember the fun times that Galaxy has provided under the ownership of first, **Bob Jacobsen** and then **Mike & Sue Shaw**. Each serving 12 years of management of one of the best Hobby Stores in the country. Always providing great products and a friendly and helpful staff. We will long remember the days and great times at Galaxy Hobby. We appreciate the support of their entire management and staff. They will be missed and we wish them the very best.



Northwest R/C Ship Modelers will go on. While this change is huge, there is no reason to lose sight of our goal to “Have Too Much Fun” while we grow our club and the art of modeling scale boats. The task at hand is to locate a suitable location for our all-important monthly meetings. We have selected a meeting location for July at the Senior Center at Mountlake Terrace, 23000 Lakeview Dr., Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. Every member is tasked to look for suitable alternatives, do some preliminary checking and if it meets our basic criteria, bring it to the club leadership for further evaluation. The better we do this task, the sooner we can settle in to a more routine and regular meeting spot.

Also we must remember we have just started the busy part of our running season and we need to keep our focus on the most fun part of our hobby, running our boats instead of just talking about them.

Coming up are Fun and Coffee Floats for July and then the Portland Regatta in Tualatin, Oregon and the Tug Championship Regatta at Bellevue, WA. All good occasions to further fine tune your navigation and barge handling skills. It's not too early to start working on areas that need improvement to avoid a third consecutive year of wins by our friends to the north. We would be doing them a favor by not letting their heads swell even further reaching unhealthy levels!

June 6th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

By Paul Williams & Mel Suelzle

Photos by Allan Wing

Our June meeting was started by Mel Suelzle.

The big news of the day was the closing of Galaxy Hobby by the end of June. Our club will have to find a new meeting location. More discussion will be later in the meeting.



Two new members were attending our meeting for the first time. **Tom Edwards** is a friend of Tom Stevens. Also attending was **Shibly Ahmed** who joined recently after his first visit a few months ago.

Tom Stevens opened up the Show and Tell portion of our meeting by reviewing new member, Tom Edward's first tug boat and more recent progress being done to it. →



Rex Olsen reviewed his model of the USCG Archer and answered a number of questions.

Our newest member, **Shibly Ahmed**, introduced one of his models that he built as a yacht from a fishing boat kit. As a yacht Shibly has over 50 people seated on the deck. Also shown were projected photos of 3 other models of Shibly's.

Each very nicely detailed and interesting to look at.





Robert Van Weezendonk

gave us an update on his two boats. The larger one of the two boats was last



seen at our January 2019 meeting show and tell. He has added more controls since January.

He showed the new crane he designed and had a friend 3D print for him. He has installed some video cameras and wants to control which cameras are used with an Arduino microprocessor, but needs to work on the software. The boat hull is made using form board and then covered with fiberglass. His second boat is smaller pleasure boat. The hull is made from old cereal boxes and covered with fiberglass.

Mel showed pictures of the May 29th launching of Western Towboat's newest tug, the Mariner. He showed pictures of the launch process that took an entire day. Ron Bray, Robert Osmond and Al Kinsman also attended. With their building site open, they will soon start another Titan Class which is 120' in length compared to the 80' of the new Mariner. The new Mariner has several features that Russ Shrewsbury designed. Originally this was to be Russ' tug, now as he is a VP of Western; someone else will skipper the new tug. Western Towboat is a longtime supporter of our club. At one time Russ was a club member and his mother, Diane was our club Treasurer.



After the break Mel talked about the issue of finding a new club meeting place. Over the coming months we will try several different locations before making a new more permanent meeting spot. Since time is short, it was decided to select the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center for our meeting on July 11th. (This is a change from the July 10th date previously set to avoid the 4th of July.) We thank **Rich Goodrich** for his quick action to check out this facility and arrange for use of this location. More details and a map of this location will be sent out just prior to the meeting.

Our next meetings will be at other locations for the remainder of the year. Members are asked to consider locations that should be considered. Some of the features are

- (1) Central to our membership
- (2), Space for 25 to 35 people
- (3) Table space for 2-3 tables for show-n-tell
- (4) Sufficient parking and easy access to room.

A motion was made to return to our previous meeting time of 7 PM. The motion was carried and meeting times will be adjusted on all our schedules.

Next Mel talked about our coming June 8th Saturday Regatta, raffle tickets, prizes, entry fees, and the need for help with set up and tear down. He reviewed the regatta's team by name and function.

A photo of those attending the meeting was taken with Mike and Sue Shaw

Door prize drawings were done next and the winners of the recent issue of Model Boats were Allan Wing and Shibly Ahmed.

After stacking chairs, the last meeting at the location of Galaxy Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Changes:

New Date: Thursday, July 11th meeting

Starting time: 7:00 PM

Location: Senior Center at Mountlake Terrace,
23000 Lakeview Dr.,
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043.

Check club website calendar for
future monthly meeting locations.

2019 REGATTA

By Mel Suelzle

Photos by Darlene & Allan Wing

The 38th Annual Regatta is history and the Canadians Prevail AGAIN!!

The 38th Annual Regatta held on June 8th was another very successful and fun filled regatta. The day lived up to the weather forecast with a most pleasant day to run model boats. **Robert Osmond** kept Lono well hydrated so there was not even a drop of rain during the day. A good turnout of the setup crew arriving early helped get the complex course set up and ready to go just in time for the skipper's meeting. Registrations for the event included 22 skippers and 37 boats. *Both numbers are about 10-20% more than we have had the last two years.*



While last year's winner, Ron Burchett was unable to attend, another Canadian skipper, **Tony Peradenic** attended this regatta for the first time. He represented his club very well and took home the top award. I see a disturbing trend developing here. A trend that we U.S. skippers should set a goal to reverse starting next year. Or better yet, attend the Burnaby Regatta in August and bring some of their awards south of the border.

After the skipper's meeting the running position board filled quickly. **Dave White** again served as the Harbor Master and kept things moving well throughout the day. **Alan Wing** and rookie **Paul Williams** did a great job judging the navigation course. This year they had the additional task of scoring separately the scale operation and appearance of each boat as it moved through the course. Allan and Paul did a great job in judging fairly and consistently for all 37 boats that tried the course. We appreciate their spending the entire day doing this intense and important job.

Registration opened on time and got everyone signed up before the skipper's meeting. Thanks to **Ron Bray** and **Dave Green**. Mid-day the sun came out and jackets and foul weather gear disappeared.

Just in time, **Chef Bob Spiger** had lunch ready for the hungry skippers which were well satisfied and nourished for the afternoon.

At the end of the day the navigation results were in and the awards presented to the most successful of each of the three classes.

The top Navigator Award went to **Tony Peradenic** a member of the Burnaby club who turned in a near perfect score with his Ken McKenzie medium class Tug. Tony also took top honors in the small class as well. (Good thing he didn't have an entry in Large Class as well.)



Below are the top three finishers for each of the three classes. Awards were presented by President Mel Suelzle to each of these winning skippers.

First Place:

Small Class

Medium Class

Large Class



Tony Peradenic



Tony Peradenic



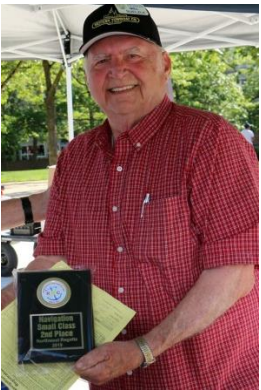
Steve Sunich

Second Place:

Small Class

Medium Class

Large Class



Mel Suelzle



Brad Young



Robert Osmond

Third place:

Small Class

Medium Class

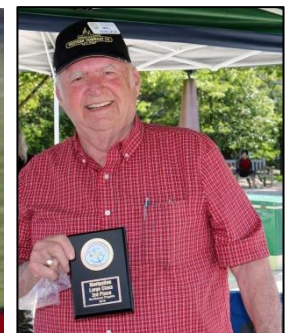
Large Class



Keith Schmerhorn



Robert Osmond



Mel Suelzle

	Small Class	Medium Class	Large Class
1 st Place	Tony Peradenic -	Tony Peradenic - Ken McKenzie	Steve Sunich – Andrew Foss
2 nd Place	Mel Suelzle - Westpoint	Brad Young -	Robert Osmond - CastleTowing
3 rd Place	Keith Schmerhorn -	Robert Osmond - Pacific	Mel Suelzle - Typhoon

First Place in the Youth category went to Brad's son. Brad also snagged the Carol Moran kit from Loyalhanna Dockyard. He promises his son will be running that new model at next year's regatta..



Our new Scale award went to **Steve Sunich** for his beautiful model of the Stalwart.



Robert's course proved to be very challenging again this year. His rotating barges were challenging and allowed only brief openings to get through in order to avoid a collision.

The condensed course brought even greater challenges for those running boats of the large class. This close-in tight course often required extra maneuvering to negotiate the turns. This caused a backup as the second half of the course took significantly more time than the first have. Even so, all the #1 & #2 boats ran and only a few #3 boats were unable to run due to time restriction.

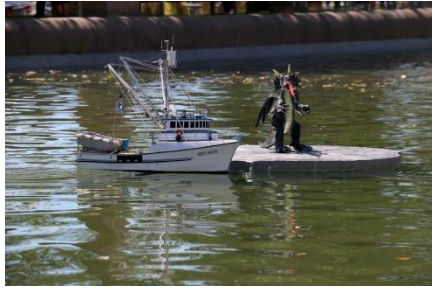


Robert Osmond solved last year's problem of shifting icebergs. Robert is to be commended for all the time and effort he put in to insure all gates were stable and of the same width. He spent lots of time setting up the course with help from **Bill Heath, Alan Wing and Richard Bizier**.

While there were plenty of collisions with islands, icebergs and buoys, no collisions or sinkings were reported for the ferry boats or any other vessels for the day



Regatta Pictuers Continue ...



Regatta Pictures...

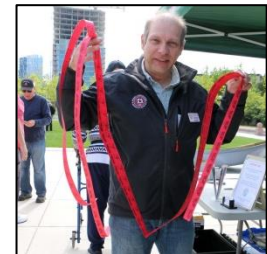


David Zanzig had his Noddle Tugs on hand for the enjoyment of the younger spectators.

Tom Stevens ran his new Beach Comber.

Tom also ran **Phill Northrups** "Half Boat" to the enjoyment of the crowd of observers around the pond..

The raffle prizes were extensive this year. We had great support from many sponsors who donated prizes. Thanks again goes to everyone that opened up their wallets and help turn these great raffle prizes in to cash to pay for this event. Again this year, **Richard Bizier** and **Fred Row** did an excellent job in twisting a few arms as necessary to get over \$750 of raffle ticket sales.



Raffle prize awarding started mid- day and ended with the top prizes given just prior to the awards presentation. Those successful at this drawing had even more reasons to enjoy the regatta as we had many great prizes donated by members and vendors who supported our event. This year's sponsors or contributors are listed below.

M-troniks

Loyalhanna Dockyard

Pacific Power Batteries

Western Towboat

Fremont Boat Co. (Margie Freeman)

Aimee Eng – Baby Boat Bumpers

Members – Rex Olsen, Mel Suelzle

Tom Stevens, Shibly Ahmed



The weather couldn't have been better. **Robert Osmond's Hawaiian Rain God, Lono** did his job well.

Again this year, we had great participation in helping load the many club items needed to put on a great event. Everyone was tired after a long day of "Having Too Much Fun". But many found a burst of energy to help loading **Bill Heath's** truck which was very much appreciated. The following Monday plenty of help showed up at Bills house to return everything to a nice orderly storage ready for our next event.



Skagit R/C Ship Modelers -- North End Meeting Report ...

By Keith Schermerhorn

Well summer has arrived and the Skagit R/C Ship Modelers club started the warm season with the annual display of models at the Anacortes Water Front Festival on June 1 & 2. Sunny and warm was the weather and it brought out the people to the festival. We had 3 modelers that manned the display with their models the whole time. Keith Schermerhorn, Wayne Martin, and Randy and Linda Flodquist made up the crew this year with the assortment of workboat models and event information on the clubs. Many questions were asked and answered, pictures taken, and fun conversations with those that came by.

One of our neighbors in the educational area was a local that made a pirate ship using an old lawnmower and dingy. It received a lot of attention as well. Thanks to all those that came by to visit and share some time. This is always a fun family festival and will look forward to doing it again in 2020 on the first weekend in June.



Because of the busy summer schedule, we will not be having any meetings in July and August. But do want to encourage people to come out to any of the events happening. And don't forget August is a month with plenty of opportunities to have models seen. August 5th there will be a display in Blaine at the Harbor days festival with the display inside of the Harbor Masters Building from 10-5 pm. Tualatin is the following weekend in Oregon and this will be the second to last official event there. And the big weekend of Aug 17 and 18th with the Tug regatta in Bellevue on the 17th and Burnaby regatta the following day on the 18th. If you have not been to Burnaby, I recommend it as the people are friendly and the pond is a great place to be seen, get photos, and have lots of fun playing boats. Now if you haven't had enough fun, then join me in Bellingham on September 21 and 22 for the SeaFeast celebration and model display. This will be a 2 day event this year and the models get a real nice spot next to the full size boats at the beginning of the festival



So have a safe and fun boating summer as we all hope to see you by the water enjoying the hobby!

SEE BELOW FOR A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

Here is the list of the events we are participating in in 2019 in the North End:

- Drayton Harbor Days, August 3, Blaine Harbor, WA
- Pacific NW Tug Regatta, August 17, Downtown Park, Bellevue, WA – Start time 10:00 am
- BAMM Regatta, August 18, Central Park, Burnaby, B.C. Canada
- Sea Fest, Sept. 21, Squaticum Harbor, Bellingham

2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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| 1 | Opening Week Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 AM to 3 PM |
| 2 | Meeting at Galaxy Hobby | 6:00 PM |
| 4 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond | 9:00 AM |

JUNE

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| 6 | Meeting at Galaxy Hobby | 6:00 PM |
| 8 | 39th Annual Model Boat Regatta
at Bellevue Downtown Pond | 9 AM to 4 PM |
| 20 | Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond | 11:00 AM |

JULY 11 ** New Meeting Date, Place, and Time! – NEW – NEW ** ← ←
Thursday!

**Meeting at Senior Center in Mountlake Terrace,
 23000 Lakeview Dr., Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043 7:00 PM**

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AUGUST

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| 3 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond | 9:00 AM |
| 10 | Portland Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon | 9 AM to 5 PM |
| 17 | Tug Championship at Bellevue Pond.. | 9 AM to 5 PM |
| 31 | Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond | 7 PM to 9 PM |

SEPTEMBER

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| 5 | Meeting at <u>"To Be Determined"</u> | 7:00 PM |
| 7 | Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer) | 9:00 AM |
| 21 | Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard | 11 AM to 6 PM |

OCTOBER

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| 3 | Meeting at <u>"To Be Determined"</u> | 7:00 PM |
| 5 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond | 9:00 AM |

NOVEMBER

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| 7 | Meeting at <u>"To Be Determined"</u> | 7:00 PM |
| 9 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9:00 AM |

DECEMBER

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| 5 | Christmas Dinner at Spaghetti Factory | 6:30 to 9 PM |
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Check our website .at www.shipmodelers.com for latest calendar updates, address, and maps to events, and other past newsletter issues, and other club information



Few More Regatta Pictures ...



2019 Club Officers

	President: Mel Suelzle	Treasurer: Dave White
	Vice President: Ron Bray	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams	Wellness Committee: Tom Stevens
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