



The Bilge Pump

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July 2020

Events Look Ahead

July

9 Meeting at The Facility **CANCELLED**
11 Fun Float - Bellevue Park **CANCELLED**
16 Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue **CANCELLED**
31 Twilight Fun Float - Bellevue **CANCELLED**

August

6 Meeting at The Facility **CANCELLED**
8 Fun Float/Bellevue **CANCELLED**
8 Portland Regatta, Tualatin **CANCELLED**
15 NW Tug Regatta Bellevue **CANCELLED**
16 BMM Regatta - Burnaby B.C.

SEPTEMBER

3 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
5 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond 9 am
12 NW RC Regatta Bellevue Pond 9am - 4pm
26 Fishermen's Memorial - **CANCELLED**

OCTOBER

1 Meeting at The Facility* 7 pm
3 Fun Float -
Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
Springer Model Event 10 am

More events information and updates on calendar page latter in newsletter and, **Check our website for latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com**



Read about other members projects below.

From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle

Well, it is increasingly more difficult to find a good topic to write about that is worthy of the front page of our prestigious publication.

Last month the prospects were brighter as we relished in the positive virus changes and the potential for returning to "normal". With the major western counties moving to Phase II, our September date looked more favorable. However recent upticks in the virus reports cast a dark shadow on the situation. We have only a couple of weeks to get confirmation of holding a near normal regatta for 2020. While we may not have a formal regatta, be assured that we will have some sort or celebratory fun float as soon as we get a favorable ruling by the Bellevue Park Department. Hopefully, that can occur before they drain the pond for the winter.



In the meantime, we should take every advantage of ad hoc fun floats at locations that allow us to meet safely. The reports in the pages of this newsletter reflect these activities and, hopefully, will continue. I keep getting reports of ad hoc boat running at new and old locations. Lakes Kai and Silver Lake are popular. Lake Ballinger is also a good location with parking close by. Rich Goodrich sent in a report of Lake Ballinger and the water was clear and calm. A good spot for those living in the MLT, Lynnwood, Edmonds areas.



LATE BREAKING NEWS! The Seattle Yacht Club has given us permission to hold limited fun floats at this location. Steve Sunich has organized a fun float for this Sunday, July 19th starting at 8am. We will use the dock at the west end of the parking lot to avoid any congestion with members on the

regular docks tending to their boats. Attendees must maintain social distancing and wear masks at all time. If anyone has questions, please contact Steve directly at 206 550-5567

Members are asked to observe “social distancing” and maximum number (5). Of course, we should look out for our own safety and those of others attracted to our boats. I feel we need to keep these unofficial events organized by smaller groups rather than scheduled fun floats that are more difficult to control the group size.

One thing is certain, Bellevue, or any other municipal venue will require an approved plan for groups to follow before allowing any events. While we do not have any input from Bellevue parks, we can take a lead from other clubs that are a step or two ahead of Washington in their reopening plans. Portland and San Francisco clubs have developed plans, and both address the following general areas:

- Safe distancing between members, guests, and public
- All Club members must wear proper face coverings/masks
- A maximum number of boats in operation at any one time
- A maximum gathering of members in attendance
- Persons are assigned and authorized to monitor and enforce the plan provisions

The situation is very dynamic, and we will continue to hold on to our regatta schedule by our “fingertips” until August 1st. In the meantime, everyone has lots of extra time to get their boats ready or completed in time for our regatta or a special fun float. I likely will update all on the situation in my plea for articles and information for our August newsletter.

One positive note is that the Burnaby club still has their regatta planned for August 16th. They have resumed their floats on June 21st. If travel and border crossings are your thing, this may be a good time to enjoy this event that always gets good reviews. Watch for updates at <https://www.bammrc.com/>.

And a final note, in a newsletter earlier this year, Bob Jacobsen brought our attention to a new supplier of R/C RTR models with a good selection of boats. The vendor’s website is <https://www.motionrc.com/collections/all-rc-boats>. Member, Terry Gemmel, is interested if anyone has any experience with this supplier or its products. If so, please send in any information for next month’s newsletter or contact Terry directly.

Stay Safe and Float Responsibly,
Mel



Boat Building News from Members:

Below are articles covering project updates, news, and lake adventures which members are sharing.

Tom Edwards embellished his recent camping trip to Lake Goodwin by bringing his yacht. The water looks great and it doesn't seem to be too crowded which a good thing, especially these days.



Rich Goodrich and his grandson John, are enjoying the calm waters of Lake Ballinger. Rich was pleased with the performance of his twin screw Springer and noted the need for more ballast. Grandson John was sharpening his sailing skills and breaking in Rich's newly powered Atlantic.



From the workshop of **Jerry Julian** comes two new models.

First is a boom boat model he started in the 80's and then put up on the shelf. It was a Ron Burchett hull and with the lockdown. I figured it was time to finish it.



Jerry's second new model is of a Kentucky ferry tender, the John Craig II.

Jerry saw a picture of it in a professional magazine and contacted the designer of the boat and barge, the designer sent Jerry the CAD files. Jerry has taught CAD, so he easily used the files to make the model. Of course, Jerry also modeled the barge that the John Craig II tenders for three vehicles across the Kentucky River.

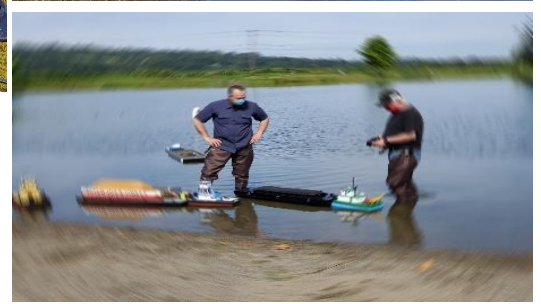


Thanks Jerry, for letting us know what you have been doing these days.



Four members meet at Lake Tye to Run their Boats by Fred Row

On a beautiful, sunny June 28th **Robert Osmond, Richard Bizier, Tom Edwards, and Fred Row** met at Lake Tye, located on the west side of Monroe to run their boats. As we excitedly exited cars and trucks, we masked up, and observed social distancing. Richard and Tom ran their Tugs and pushed their barges. Richard's Crist Craft raced around the lake. Robert ran his Springer and surfer while Fred's Cougar 1 Springer, now completed, ran well. Even with social distancing and masks, a great time was had by all.



ROCKWELL Blade Runner X2, 4-in Carbon Blade, 5.5-Amp Table Saw by Fred Row

As many know, I am still very much a “newbie” at building models. In fact, my Springer is the first model I have ever built, which if I do say so, came out pretty darn good! After finishing my Cougar 1 Springer, built from a kit, I decided I wanted a Springer specifically for Water Polo and decided to build one without purchasing another kit. My dilemma was that I only had handheld skill saws and jig saws. Richard Bizier, my good friend, mentor, and a master carpenter, recommended I look at a tabletop hobby saw. We researched them on the web and decided on the Rockwell Blade Runner X2.



I purchased one from Lowes and could not be happier. So if you are looking for a good, portable table saw, I strongly recommend it. It is advertised as the ultimate cutting machine and so far, I agree! The Blade Runner will cut wood, metal, plastic, aluminum, and ceramic tile with ease and comes equipped with a blade for each. It only weighs 18 lbs. so is portable for easy storage. It comes with a compartment that has the included 5 t-shank,

assorted jigsaw blades, and miter gauge/rip fence. It has a 5.5 amp motor that generates 2,800 RPM, which is all the power I need to cut wood, tile plastic, metal, and aluminum. My shop vacuum hooks onto its dust collector opening. It is 15.75-inches long x 17-inches wide, so does not take up much room on my workbench. Using my new saw, I have begun to build a Springer for water polo.



Also, on July 10th, **Richard Bizier, Chuck Young and I** met to run a couple of our boats on Silver Lake. We were joined by a flock of Canadian Geese. **Chuck** ran his Springer that was refinished by Richard. **Richard** ran his Noodle Boat and Tug and I ran my Chris Craft and Cougar 1 Springer. It was a beautiful morning and several spectators came by to watch.



Robert's Clyde Puffer Remodel -- Part 1
By Robert Osmond

I started remodeling my Clyde Puffer last fall. The first photo shows how it looked last time it was out.

I built it in 1984. It is a Caldercraft Kit still made in England. It has a "Glass Hull", wood superstructure and decks, and lots of cast white metal fittings.

After 35 years of use it needed to be refitted. It had been sunk in Newport Park in 6-8' of water by a wave, run over various times, had the railing pulled off by another boat's bow, been dropped, and accumulated dust before I started covering my boats when they were not in use. It had an on/off switch. It had a speaker under the hatch cover which was connected to a micro cassette player 3" x 6" which played air horn sounds I recorded with air and a 36" truck horn I have, as well as seagull sounds from San Francisco and bell sounds. The tape player was operated by a disk mounted on the top of a servo that had detents to press the buttons.

With my new refit it has 6 switches, a constant bilge pump discharge, smoke unit, fans and lights. In doing this rework I have added a faux bilge pump discharge out the side of the hull. I machined a fitting with a screen for the bottom of the hull with a tube to a centrifugal pump with a buck boost transformer to take 6 volts down to ½ volts to slow it down, otherwise it would look like a fire monitor shooting out the side. I added smoke unit from Harbor Models to which I added two separate switches for two fans stacked on top of each other on the smoke exhaust. It is supposed to chuff which is controlled by a magnet on a machined fitting on the drive motor shaft that operates two reed switches to turn the top fan on and off as the shaft rotates. This still needs a little adjusting to make the effect more visible. I was going to add a very nice sound unit which I purchased from harbor models that makes a very realistic small steam engine sound and a very good sounding small German speaker under the hatch cover but it makes the boat quite full so I am still thinking about that. Because the gear drive is quite noisy already, it also needs a voltage buck boost transformer since it will only run on 12 volts and the boat is set up with 6 volts.

Soon it will be back on the water since the decks, superstructure and fittings have all been cleaned and reworked.

Robert



Boats for Sale!

Harlan Winslow has:

1. A complete unbuilt Sterling Chris Craft 63' Kit # B-11m with fittings kit.
2. A late 80s Dumas "Prime Time" motor yacht that is 60% complete and for sale.

Been on "the- to-do" list for too long.

Members can contact Harlan Winslow by phone or email. Phone: 360-452-3063. *Priced to move!*

FOR SALE - John McKindley has a model of the USS Constitution.

I'm looking to sell it to someone who would appreciate it.

For more information, contact John McKindley.
Phone: (206) 573-4227.



2020 NWRCSM Events Calendar (7/9/2020)**JANUARY**

2	Meeting at The Facility*	7 pm
4	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am
25/26	NW Hobby Expo Monroe	9am-6pm

FEBRUARY

6	Meeting at The Facility*	7 pm
8	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

MARCH

5	Meeting at The Facility*	7 pm
7	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

APRIL

2	Meeting at The Facility*	CANCELLED
4	Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	CANCELLED
	Springer Model Event	CANCELLED
29	Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float	CANCELLED

MAY

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16	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	CANCELLED
21	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park	CANCELLED

JUNE

4	Meeting at The Facility*	CANCELLED
6	NW RC Regatta - Bellevue Pond	RESCHEDULED TO 9/12/2020
6	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	CANCELLED
18	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park	CANCELLED

JULY

9	Meeting at The Facility*	7 pm	CANCELLED
11	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am	CANCELLED
16	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	10 am - 1 pm	CANCELLED
31	Twilight Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	7pm	CANCELLED

AUGUST

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8	Portland Regatta - Tualatin, OR		CANCELLED
15	Northwest Tug Regatta - Bellevue Pond		CANCELLED
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	Springer Model Event	10am

NOVEMBER

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7	Fun Float - Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

DECEMBER

3	Christmas Dinner Old Spaghetti Factory - Lynnwood	6:30 – 9 pm
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The Facility

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

6606 196th Street SW.
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

More information on this facility can be found at <https://facilitymade.com/>



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Club Meeting Location

The Facility – Makerspace

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