



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
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July 2022

## Look Ahead Events

### AUGUST

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- 6 NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta
- 20 Night Float at Bellevue Sunset

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More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, *Check our website for latest updates at*

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## **NIGHT FUN FLOAT WILL REMAIN ON AUGUST 20TH.**

### From the Bridge

Robert Osmond

We had a good Zoom meeting. When there is some enthusiasm for in person meetings we will go back to that format, for now there is not much enthusiasm for this idea. The July Fun Float / Springer Polo Event had good weather and a great turnout. See write up elsewhere in this newsletter.



**The Tug Regatta** is our next big event, it will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue Downtown Park. Be sure to plan to attend. Dave Green has come up with a new layout. There will not be any small gates since the entire course will be set up for two tugs with barges to navigate the course in opposite directions and pass each other several times. This will be quite realistic with the two captains communicating to each other as to how they intend to pass. There will also be the traditional salvage event and a team towing event.

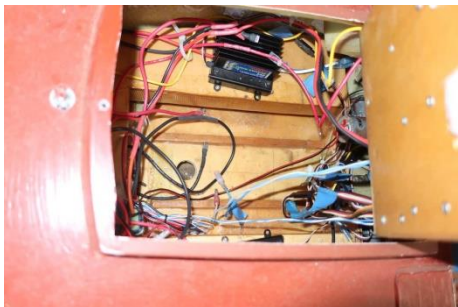
We will have several barges to use. The barges have to be at least twice the length of the tug. Bill Heath will be bringing his 7'6" Foss Barge, his 8' Sawdust Barge, and a 12' wide barge. I will bring Mel's 5' Sawdust Barge and my 4'2" barge that can be filled with water and not slosh.

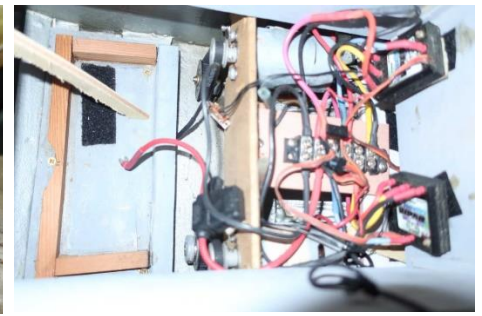
**RAFFLE PRIZES**, we have a *Mr. Darby* hull, a *Mr. Darby* with drives, props, and rudders, medium size tug with motors, props, z-drives and deck in place, a Western Tug with z-drives, a working winch, a fiberglass pickle fork race boat hull for an outboard, a Chris Craft Cruiser fiberglass hull, a fiberglass Shelly Foss hull, a yellow and black “box” boat with motors, rudders and kort nozzle brass propellers, and motors for r/c boats. Many of these boats could be on the water in just a few days after winning them! Buy lots of raffle tickets, for these great prizes and to support the club. See attached photos of these raffle prizes.

It is our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tug Regatta, so come out and participate to make it a big success. You are welcome to run my Pacific tug or Toe boat if you do not have a tug to run. They both do well with barges.

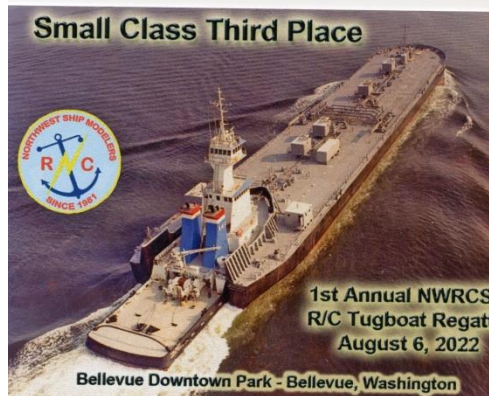
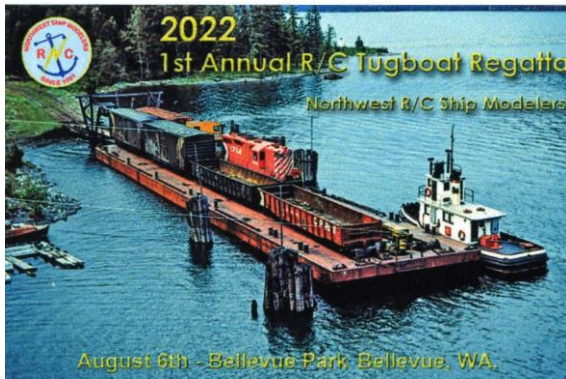
We are having a **Night Float August 20<sup>th</sup>**, which should be a lot of fun, I will bring my (2) 10' lighted docks and Chris will bring the lighted buoys.

Raffle Prizes:





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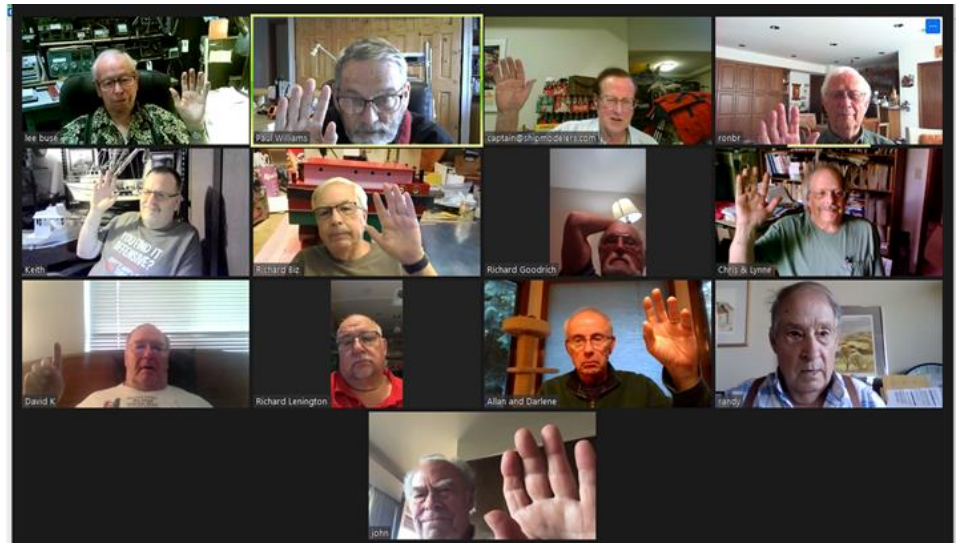
## Meeting Minutes –

By Ron "Doc" Bray  
Photos by Paul Williams.

Robert Osmond orchestrated 15 zoomers on July 7, 2022.

**Note, during the meeting Robert Proposed to move the Night Float to August 27<sup>th</sup>, to allow members to go to the Burnaby Regatta. Bellevue Parks told us they have a big event that day and we would have a big problem with parking so the NIGHT FUN FLOAT WILL REMAIN ON AUGUST 20TH.**

To obviate paying a fee at our current bank account, it was unanimously recommended and approved to switch to **BECU (BOEING EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION)** where **Robert Osmond** and **Dave White** will be the authorized signatories.



**Dane Webster** requested to having his lifetime dues waived since he has given 15 or so rather expensive buoys with programmed flashers he made to the club. This was brought up for a vote and passed. Now the question is, who will take care of them and make sure they are operational. **Chris Merrill**, volunteered to take these and bring them to night floats.

For the upcoming Tug Regatta, it was announced that **Dave Green** along with a tug boat captain will be the judges for the competition. **Keith Schermerhorn** was asked if he still had the flyer format in his computer so that we can distribute them and to advertise our event.

Show and tell began with **Allan Wing** showing a Hobby King speed control for brushless motors which will tolerate up to 30 amps and only costs \$13.99.



**Keith** showed a new level wind winch he constructed using the guts of a fishing reel. He claims it has 18 pounds of bollard pull. He also showed progress he has made with his sea imp and his new Pacific Pride Purse Seiner with a newly installed bow thruster using a paddle device. He built a storage rack on which he put rollers so he can move it around in his shop and provided much needed storage space for several large boats on shelves.





**Randy Flodquist** showed a cardboard tug of *Susan*, a tug boat that his son Ben and his wife lived on and fixed up over many years. This launched a discussion about cardboard models.



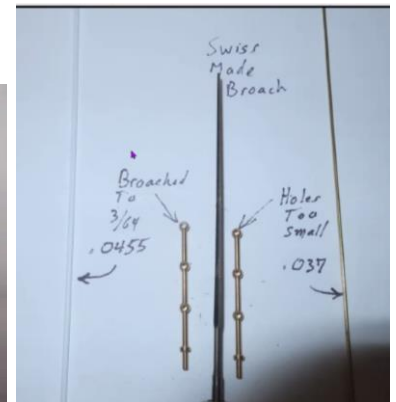
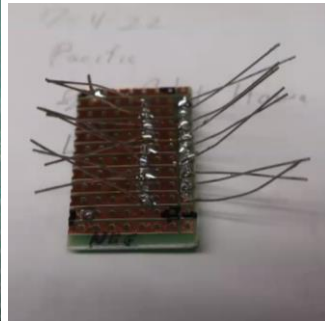
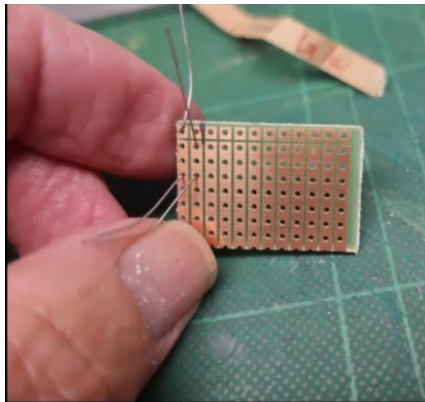
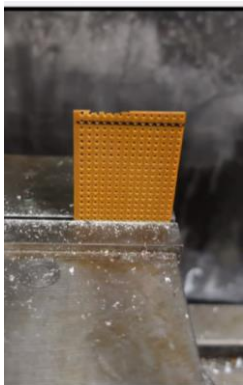
**David Kentala** showed pictures of the Historic Great Lakes Boat Tioga which he visited back east.



**Paul Williams** presented a 3D printed Springer he made for Dave White with discussion following regarding how to drill holes in this type of plastic without creating splinters. A step drill was suggested.



**Robert** showed pictures of **Bill Heath's** barges and a large circuit board. He discussed broaching the top hole in stanchions to accommodate the larger sized wire. Apparently one can purchase a set of 12 broaches from Burgeon #4982 for \$49, if still in business.



Everyone zoomed off at 2015.



## Fun Float – July 9, 2021,

By Robert Osmond

Photos by Robert Osmond



We had a good turnout of 15 skippers at Bellevue's Downtown Park for the July Fun Float / Springer Polo Event. This was the first Springer Polo event in several years. We used to have these at Dennis Chin's house in his pool. We had (5) ready and running springers capable of playing polo. To play polo the boat has to have door springs on the front, 7" apart, to hold onto a Children's #3 soccer ball, run on 6 volts, have the springer specific propeller, and be willing to come into contact with other boats, as you can see from the photos. This is the only time some of us get water on the inside of our boats. There was a lot of cheering and yelling. We played for 40 minutes or until the battery supply ran out. I brought 4 springers and they were used up. No boats quit running during the competition. Scores were made by quite a few of the boats even the Toe Boat captained by John McCool made goals. There is an interesting thing that happens in this game. The boats with the ball go faster, since they are more hydrodynamic and essentially have a longer hull. There is a lot of watching and planning where to try to intercept the boat with the ball and keeping a sharp eye out to see when you can get the ball and make a dash for the goal. The final score was 17 goals to 20, a lot of scoring for our first time out, in long time.





There were a good variety of boats out for the fun float. **Chris Merrill** with his PT boat won as a raffle prize at the June Regatta. Both **Steve Sunich** and **Bill Heath** had their respective Crowley Tugs *Stalwart* and *Warrior*, out. See the photo of them side by side. **Richard Bizier** was there with his cabin cruiser, *Dynamite*, zipping around the perimeter with a nice bow wave. **Lee Buse** was having drag races with **Allan Wing** to see which boat was faster with the same motor and battery. Lee won. **Dave White** was running his *Maverick*. **Kevin Nolet** was running his *Sarah* tug. There were many other boats but without photos of them. I cannot call them out. I was too busy straightening the goal posts, dumping water out of springer and changing batteries and shifting batteries in one boat that kept shifting to the same side. We had a lot of fun and will do it again this summer. I'll try to bring again four boats to run and loan out.



**B.A.M.M. Regatta (Canada) – August 21**  
By [Burnaby Association of Marine Modelers](#) of Burnaby B.C.

R/C Boater are invited to attend the 2022 BAMB Regatta which will be held on Sunday, August, 21st from 9:00 a.m. till about 4:00 p.m.

There will be boat judging, a steering course, races with trophies and much, much more. Please bring your boats out and participate. And of course lunch is included for participants.

The BAMB has a very nice pond. They run their boats and have their event at the southeast corner of the Lower Pond, in Central Park, located in Burnaby B.C., which is east southeast of downtown Vancouver B.C.



## Impromptu Float on Lake Tye – June 24, 2022

By Fred Row

Photos by Fred Row and Robert Osmond



It was a warm sunny day when **Richard Bizier, Chuck Young, Fred Row and Robert Osmond** met at



Lake Tye for an impromptu fun float on Friday Jun 24<sup>th</sup>. The impromptu float was organized by **Richard**, as he wanted to see how his newly designed and built tug would handle maneuvering his barge. After several adjustments, the tug worked well and handled the barge with very little difficulty.

Fred attempted to run his sailboat but some of the rigging connectors had fallen off and he was unable to get the sailboat in the water. He had to settle running his Cougar Springer and Robert's Pacific Tug. Robert created several makeshift docks and Fred practiced docking the Pacific and his Cougar.



Richard was able to also sail his sailboat, however, an intermittent breeze was a problem. Chuck had a good time running Richard's small Chris Craft.



Robert ran several of his boats and, of course, the surfer made an appearance zooming around Lake Tye.

## 2022 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the Year progresses and our activities increase and return to normal. (Updated 7/16/2022)

### JANUARY

6 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
8 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club (SYC) 9 am

### FEBRUARY

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
5 Fun Float at SYC 9 am

### MARCH

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
5 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

### APRIL

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
9 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm  
10 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 3 pm  
(Check their website for updates WWW.NWMHE.COM)  
16 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

### MAY

4 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float 9 to 3  
5 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
7 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am  
21 Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond sunset

### JUNE

2 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
4 **NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta,** 8 am

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### NOVEMBER

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm  
5 Fun Float at SYC 9 am *Unless Huskys have a home game. TBD*  
?? Pacific Marine Expo at Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle, WA

### DECEMBER

1 Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting ???  
3?? Fun Float at SYC 9 am





### The Facility

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

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

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

## NWRCSM 2022 Club Officers

	President: Robert Osmond	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Ron Bray	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams
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*Currently we have resumed having only Zoom club meetings. (since October 2021)*

*When we resume in person meetings, they will be at "The Facility" location.*

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