



The Bilge Pump

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June 2023

Look Ahead Events

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- 8 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9 am

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More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, check our club's website for latest updates at:

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Read more about members' projects.

From the Bridge Steve Sunich

We are certainly into our R/C boating season. The June Model Boat Regatta is now complete. We had 25 entries! I want to thank the many volunteers that made this happen. There was loading, unloading, course setup, tent setup, registration, raffle, lunches, awards, etc. Thanks to Robert's course layout, the large class had it a little easier getting through the gates which I appreciate. I will not go into the details as you can see it in Fred Row's article in this newsletter.



Fun floats continued along with polo matches. Night floats will continue to be held this summer. Make sure those lights are in working order or you won't be able to float.

We should now be looking toward the Tug Regatta. This will really test your skills so practice, practice, and practice.

We also need to be aware of our membership's age relative to keeping membership alive into the future. Our average age has grown very significantly and there has not been much of a gain from the younger generation. To this end, Klaus Bellon and Robert Osmond have

started looking at ways to help. Klaus has put together a new video that might encourage new membership. They also have some new advertising ideas.

Our monthly meetings continue to be held at the Edmonds College Maker's Space. What a great venue! Our meetings have great attendance as the room has been close to full. The computer screen capacity has allowed members to share their projects and techniques.

Happy R/C boating!



Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2023

By Fred Row

Photos by Robert Osmond

Call to Order:

Club Commodore, **Steve Sunich**, called the monthly meeting to order at 7:10 PM, with twenty-one (21) members present. He reported that we received a \$500.00 donation from Marjorie Freeman for the Regatta and that a thank you note was sent out right after receipt of the donation.

Robert Osmond passed out club identification parking stickers for the Bellevue Pond parking lot to those members present that requested one. Having a sticker on the back of your car eliminates the possibility of being ticketed during a club event. Steve asked those members that needed **club name tags**; to email him, sgsassociatesllc@cs.com. Also, if you are interested in ordering a **club baseball hat**, let Steve know.

Steve reported that May was a busy month for the club. There was a small group of skippers that showed up for Opening Day of Boating at the Seattle Yacht Club. While small in number the skippers were able to provide a display of approximately 20 model boats. He reported that members of the Seattle Yacht Club really enjoy having the club participate in their opening day activities and look forward each year to the array of boats displayed.

There was a good turnout for the summer Polo event at Bellevue Pond on May 6. Everyone had a great time and to no one's surprise Allan's boat was the overall Polo winner.

There were nine (9) skippers that turned out for the May 20th Twilight float at the pond. The boats drew a lot of spectators, many of whom took pictures and videos of them skimming across the water. Due to the lateness of dusk, lights weren't visible until around 9:00pm.

Robert gave a short update on the upcoming June 3rd, Saturday's **Model Boat Regatta**, the first of our two Regatta's this summer. Registration will open at 8:00 am. He passed out copies of the competition course. **Brian Morse** and **Allan Wing** will be judges **Kevin Nolet**, **Robert Wickham** and **Chris Merrill** will help set up and take down the course **Fred Row** is in charge of obtaining Regatta Prizes and selling raffle tickets and **Bob Spiger** is taking care of coffee and donuts, as well as food for lunch. Registration is \$5 and Raffle tickets are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Anyone interested in helping set up should get to the pond by 7:00 AM.

Show and Tell:



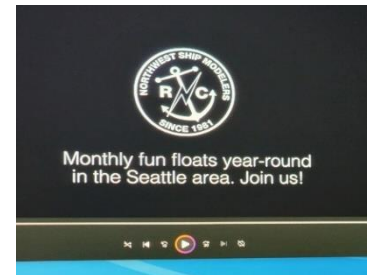
Bryan Morse shared that he had discovered a medium weight chipboard, available at Hobby Lobby, that is excellent for cutting out patterns. It can be found back by the art supplies.



Robert Wickham shared his completed Springer Tug, *Maddie M*. He showed the intricate wiring for motors, lights, etc. The decking is multi-level with a lot of detail and working parts. Robert Osmond commented that it is the fanciest and most decked out Springer to be built by a Club member.



New member **Klaus Bellon** has been putting together **YouTube Videos** of club floats and will continue to do so unless there is an objection. No one objected, everyone thought it was a great idea and complimented Klaus for his creativity. To view the videos, go to YouTube and type in "Northwest RC Ship Modelers". As of this writing, Klaus has two videos posted. Check them out!



Richard Lenington shared his newly acquired model PCF Mk 1, 24 inch Swift Patrol Craft RTR. He purchased it through Tower Hobbies.



It is "a ready-to-run, 1/25 scale ProBoat PCF Mk filled with display-worthy detail for Vietnam vets and history buffs to admire, while the performance will make any lake or pond the



setting for exciting patrols.”

Richard said he had just received the order before the meeting and proceeded to unpack it during his presentation to share it with club members. He also indicated it cost around \$350.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no more business, the meeting officially adjourned at 8:05 PM for camaraderie and rummaging through the various boxes of boat supplies, engines, tools, speed controls, etc. that Robert brought to the meeting. He indicated they were supplies from past Commodore Mel Suelzle and other deceased members.

Northwest Ship Modeler's 43rd RC Model Boat Regatta

June 3, 2023, Bellevue Pond

By: Fred Row and Photos by Robert Osmond



Skippers gathered for the Northwest RC Ship Modelers Club's 43rd Annual Model Boat Regatta. Registration began at 8:00 AM, with first competition commencing around 9:15.

The competitive course was designed by **Robert Osmond** and set up by Robert, Kevin Nolet, Robert Wickham, Bill Heath and Chris Merrill. **Bill Heath** delivered the course supplies for the team to begin setting up,

with the help of many other members, unloaded the truck.



It takes a lot of planning and effort to put on the Regatta and Robert Osmond and his team should



be applauded for the hours it took to set up and tear down the course. A special thank you goes to Bill Heath for storing the supplies and transporting them to and from the pond and to Robert for again taking on the responsibility for planning and overseeing the event.

Skippers competing in the competition could register boats under three categories. Small, 20 inches and under; Medium under 40 inches and Large, 40 inches or larger.



Twenty skippers showed up for the Regatta. Pictured from left to right are Robert Osmond, Bryan Morse, Lee Buse, John Nygaard, Aimee Eng, Rick Goodrich, Spencer, Keith Schermerhorn, Patrick, Robert Wickham, Dave Green, Chris Merrill, Dave White, Bill Heath, Bob Spiger and front row kneeling, Bryan Morse, Fred Row, Allan Wing, Steve Sunich, and Kevin Nolet. Not pictured, Klaus Bellon.

Competition began and our two judges were serious about giving scores to competitors, which is evident by the look on Allan's face and the intenseness of which that Brian is watching.



Klaus ran a boat through the course. To the right Dave Green moves into the starting dock as Richard Goodrich is about to complete his run.



A great time was had by all participants. To the left, Steve fine tunes the ballast on his newest boat, while Patrick and Spencer talk with Aimee and look at some of her model supplies for sale.



"Chef" Bob gets our lunches ready! Great sandwiches, chips and pop were available to all attendees. Throughout the morning and early afternoon individual skippers navigated their boats through

the course, avoiding icebergs, perils of Deception Pass and narrow gates.



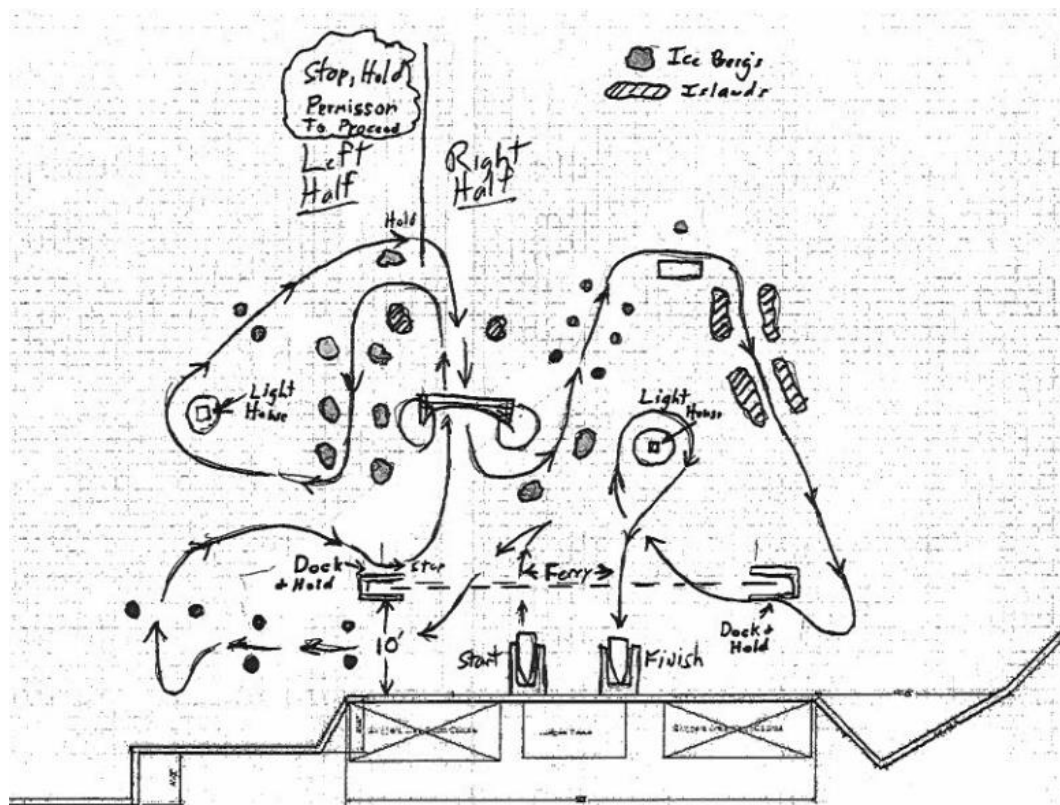
Running boats at the pond always draws spectators. Kids especially love watching them.

Club meetings and monthly floats are always a time for sharing information and stories with each other. Could Allan be doing just that?

Once all skippers completed the course the competition was over and it was time for awards and raffle prizes. Fred was happy to report that the club raffle brought in \$460. He also thanked sponsors **Loyalhanna Dockyard** for donating model kits as prizes and **Western Towboat** for donating clothing items.



Here was the course!



Now to the Awards:

Small Class Winners:



1st Place: Aimee Eng



2nd Place: Patrick



3rd Place: Keith Schermerhorn

Medium Class Winners:



1st Place: Aimee Eng



2nd Place: Aimee Eng



3rd Place: Keith Schermerhorn

Large Class Winners:



1st Place: Steve Sunich



2nd Place: Steve Sunich



3rd Place: Aimee Eng

Over All Top Notch Navigator: All Classes



SKIPPER EXTRAORDINARY: AIMEE ENG

As the day came to an end Robert and his team dismantled the course and many others helped them load the truck.

***Now calling all skippers to ready their
Tugboats for our 2nd Annual Tugboat
Competition on Saturday
August 5, 2023.***

TWILIGHT FLOAT OF 2023 IN THE DELICATE VEIL OF NIGHT

By Fred Row



May 20, 2023 was a beautiful warm Saturday evening when eight members and one guest gathered for the club's Twilight Float at the Bellevue Pond.

Attending the float were **Robert Osmond, David Zanzig, Kevin Nolet, Jeff Parker, Fred Row, Lee Buse, Patrick Plueard** (guest and past member), **Chris Merrill** and **Richard Bizier**.

Chris set up a buoy course for members to traverse their boats through.

Leave it to Robert to provide a little humor to the event with a fire breathing dragon overseeing the course.



Everyone had a great time running their boats and enjoyed the comraderly of a group of skippers being together!





In closing, it was the Twilight hour when club membes came together. The daylight toil was done and the vail of night had begun. As we sat back and enjoyed the setting sun, our boats brought peace and joy as they skimmed across the pond. As the darkness of night approached, our boat's twinkling of lights reflected upon the water bringing the peaceful promises of night.

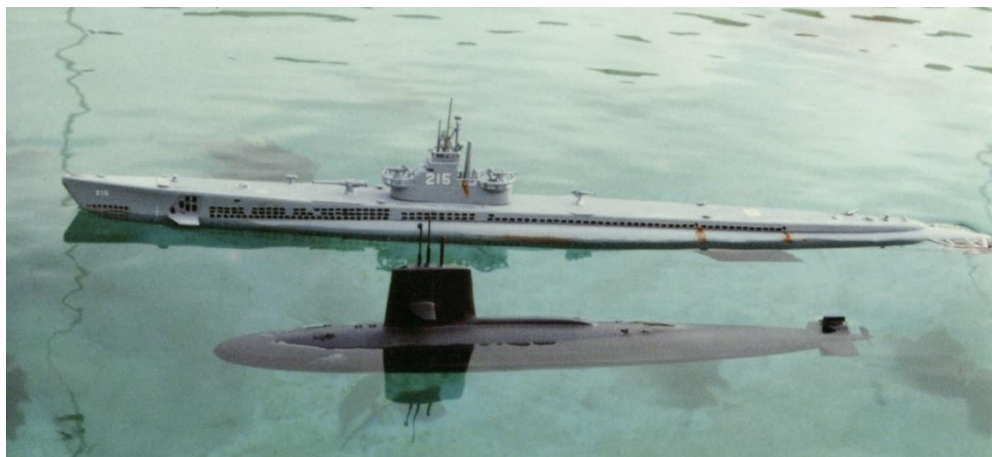
My Submarine Photo from Meeting

By Robert Osmond

Attached are the photos of my two plastic model submarines that I made remote control in 1981.

Gray Gato class sub is 21 inches long and just ran on the surface.

The *Skipjack* is 10 inches long and dove dynamically. I used servo pieces to get the drive motors and speed controls to work. I used one of the periscopes to turn on or off the battery power. Up to turn on and down to turn off. I charged the NiCad batteries by putting clips on the other two periscopes/antennae. The batteries quit and I had to cut it open to get inside. I have another kit and I am going to make it with new electronics inside. Both subs were sealed up so no water would get inside.



History of Presidents and Vice Presidents from 2007 to 2023.

Prepared by Robert Osmond

Year	President	Vice President
2023	Steve Sunich	Richard Lenington
2022	Robert Osmond	Ron Bray
2021	Robert Osmond	Ron Bray
2020	Mel Suelzle	Ron Bray
2019	Mel Suelzle	Ron Bray
2018	Mel Suelzle	Bryan Morse
2017	Mel Suelzle	Bryan Morse
2016	Scott Baumann	Dave White
2015	Scott Baumann	Dave White
2014	Robert Osmond	Robert Wickham
2013	Bob Jacobsen	Robert Osmond
2012	Lee Stewart	Robert Wickham
2011	Allan Wing	Lee Stewart
2010	Allan Wing	Lee Stewart
2009	Randy Flodquist	Allan Wing
2008	Randy Flodquist	Allan Wing
2007	Mel Suelzle	Allan Wing

2023 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the year progresses. (Updated 5/4/2023)

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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APRIL

6 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
14 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe Noon to 6 pm
15 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm
16 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 2 pm

MAY

3 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float 9 am to 3 pm Wednesday
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NOVEMBER

2 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
4 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am
?? Pacific Marine Expo in Seattle, WA ????

DECEMBER

?? Holiday Meeting at ???? ? PM
?? Fun Float at ?????? 9 am





The Facility Makerspace

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

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NWRCSM 2023 Club Officers		
	President: Steve Sunich	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Richard Lenington	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	YouTube Master: Klaus Bellon
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams

We have resumed in person club meetings!

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New to RC Boating?

Overview of RC Boat Electronics -- Mr. Dave Milbourn wrote an article called "But I Don't Understand Electronics!" for Model Boats magazine in 2013. There is a lot of information packed into this article and may require more than one reading to allow it to sink in. The article is free to view at website: www.modelboats.co.uk/news/article/but-i-don-t-understand-electronics/18054