



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
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March 2025

Look Ahead Events

APRIL

- 3 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
- 5 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9 am
- 11 Hobby Expo, Monroe Noon to 6 pm
- 12 Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm
- 13 Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 3 pm
- 30 SYC Opening Day Fun Float 9 to 3 Wednesday

MAY

- 1 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
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- 14 Twilight Float at Bellevue Pond Sunset

See more details in the expanded calendar section at the newsletter end.



Read more about members' projects.

2025 DUES ARE DUE



Annual dues are \$50. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to:

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Shoreline, WA 98155

Make checks payable to: NW R/C Ship Modelers

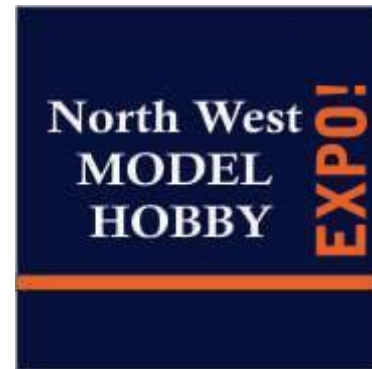
From the Bridge

Richard Lenington

Thank you to all who attended the March meeting and Fun Float. We had a very good turnout for both with 21 members at the meeting and 14 captains for the Fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club.

For next we are month still very busy with the meeting the fun float and the Hobby Expo. We are going to have the same boat parade twice a day: on Friday at 1 pm and 4 pm, on Saturday at 11 am and 2 pm, and on Sunday 11 am and 1 pm. We will also be running the noodle boats all day as batteries will be allowed and a small course for them to run.

2025 Northwest Model Hobby Expo 3 Days in April



April 11, 2025 – Friday	Noon to 6 pm
April 12, 2025 – Saturday	9 am to 6 pm
April 13, 2025 – Sunday	9 am to 4 pm

Evergreen State Fairgrounds located at
14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272, USA

For more information see EXPO's website www.nwmhe.com

Mark Your 2025 Calendars!

Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2025

By Paul Williams

Photos by Robert Osmond and Paul Williams

Commander **Richard Lenington** launched the meeting at 1900 hours inside The Facility Makerspace, a part of the Edmonds College (Monroe Hall) located in Lynnwood, WA. Twenty-one members were present.



There was a moment of silence for the recent passing of two club members: **Lee Stewart** and **David Green**. More information was in the February newsletter.

Hobby EXPO 2025 planning for our April booth, pond, and displays was discussed. A signup sheet was passed around. If you are helping to build the pond on Thursday (April 10th), be sure to bring knee pads!

Bill Books showed a video of rebuilding his real boat, which took over 7 years and 11,000 hours. It also showed his family enjoying with the boat. He said, "My wood working background is making sawdust". A link to his video may be viewed from our club website in the future.

August mothly meeting date was changed from August 7 to July 31 to better help in planning for the NWRCSM's Navigation/Tug Boat Regatta on August 2.

There is only one fun float in July. Is a night float on July 16.

The "MeetUp" app/software is a way for our club to help new people find out about our club and maybe attract new members. Please take the time to log into "MeetUp" to help the club increase people hearing about our club.

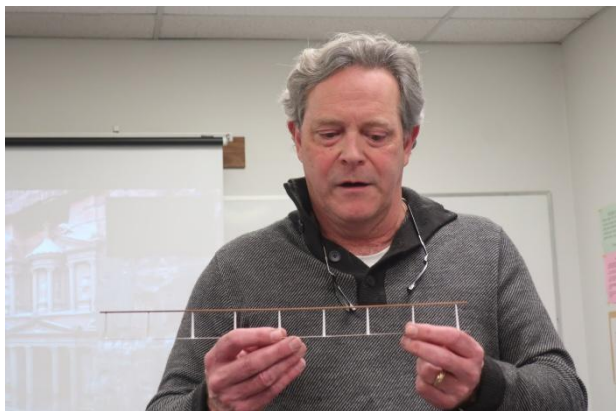
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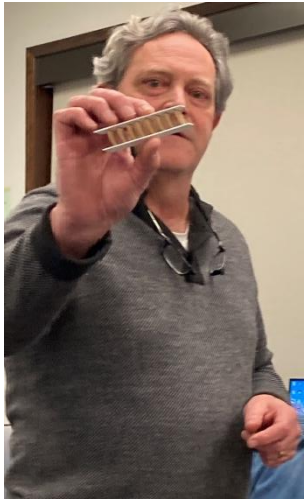
- Is there member who would consider being the Vice President?
- How do we want to design future meetings; only in person, combined inperson with Zoom, or only Zoom?
- What is the status of the noodle boats project?

Show and Tell:

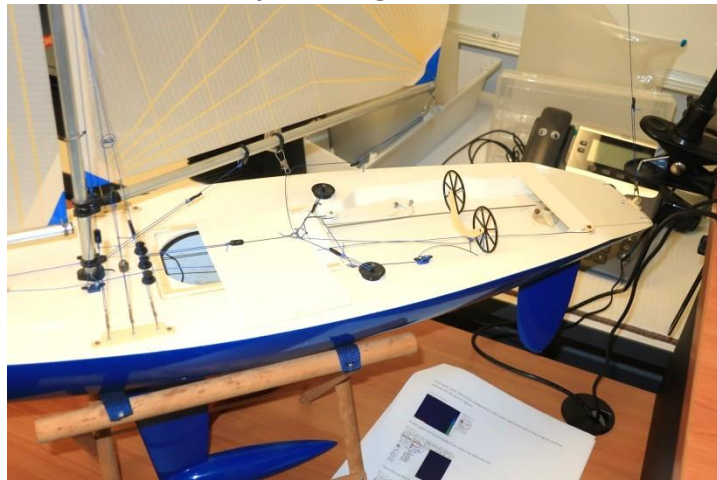
Allan Wing talked about the need to have a backup member who can operate the club website.

Steve Sunich gave an update on his model tug boat/converted to yacht build *St. Eval*. A lot has been done since last update. Steve has worked out many new building techniques to increase the model details. A separate expanded report is later in this newsletter.





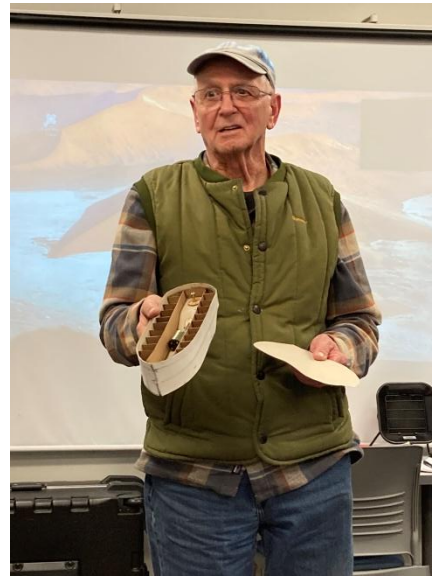
Steve also showed us the sail boat he built some years ago.



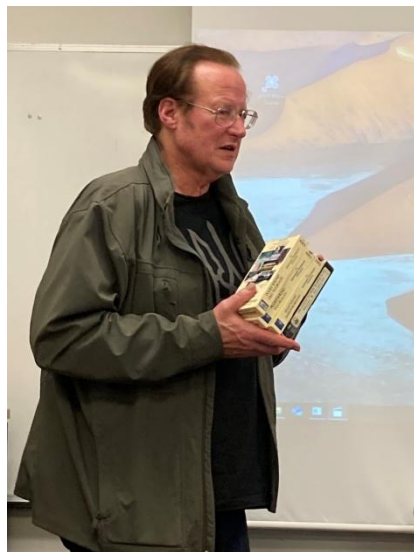
Bob Brown, who has previously built a model PT boat and others, talked about his newest model, a 54 foot Chris Craft Constellation pleasure boat kit by Lindberg. It is a 30 inches long plastic kit. He talked about searching for it on eBay.



Robert Wickham showed a boat he is making from using only paper “card” to construct the hull, deck, superstructure parts, and the water proofing the boat. Robert said another member, Randy Flodquist, has also used the same method before.



Richard Osmond 1) Asked if members were interested in converting some old VHS video tapes he has to a new digital format so they could be linked from our club site. Some members talked about helping out.
2) He offered two unfinished springer hulls to members that would be interested in building their own spring boat for use at floats and water polo games.



A drawing for prizes was held at the end of the meeting. **Bob Brown** won a nifty tool kit designed for working on small parts. **Paul Williams** won a “big” electric motor.

The meeting ended and 21 members moved about, inspecting the boats, asking more questions, and investigating projects. Here are some more pictures.



Fun Float March 8, 2025

Photos by: Darlene Wing and Robert Osmond





New Scratch Build Report on the St. Eval

By Steve Sunich

Photos by Steve Sunich

(Editor - Steve has also submitted this to The SSMA Journal)

I have given some reports for Show and Tell in our club newsletter, but here is a formal build report.

I have recently finished two yacht models and now have been embarking on a new project which is a combination yacht and tugboat. I have found another boat by Dennis Washington that I have always admired; the St. Eval. I have seen it at Seattle Yacht Club and have found many pictures. This tugboat has quite a history. It is a 1930's tugboat built by Scott and Sons in the UK. It was formally the Chieftain that was used to tow torpedoed ships from the English Channel to safety during WWII. It went through a couple of owners and was also the English America's Cup entry support vessel. It has been restored to an unbelievable condition and converted to a yacht. This was intriguing to me because now I have a project that combines my favorites, tugs and yachts. But this being more than a tug, it now has many detailed yacht features, like teak everything and modern, yet fitting, amenities.

I started this project with pictures borrowed from the Marine Traffic website.



With a nice broadside, like this, I was able to get a reasonable scale off of the photos. I decided to go with 1:32 scale. As everyone knows, I like bigger models but going to

1:24 scale was going to increase the displacement by almost 2.5 times. So, since the boat is about 117', at 1:32 the model is around 44", just big enough. I figure she might displace 39#, which is manageable.



As can be seen in the photos, she has a lot of fancy features from a yacht, added to a tugboat. This is what intrigues me about her.

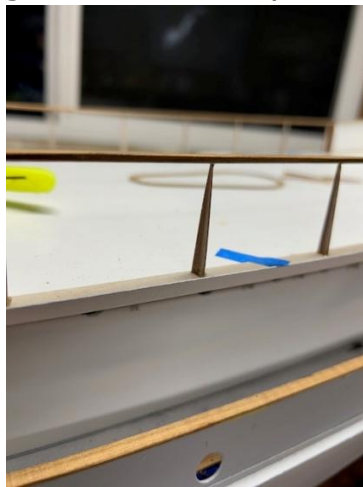


Without any photos of what is below the waterline, I had to make some educated guesses by looking at similar boats of the era. I also had some drawings of other similar hulls from which to refer. Starting there I drew a profile and made up a body plan and table of offsets so that frames could be built. After the frames were set upside down on the keel, I skip sheeted strips of plywood to get the compound curve shapes. From there

four layers of fiberglass were applied. After I did a little bit of shaping and sanding the hull was close. Here are a couple of my earliest photos.



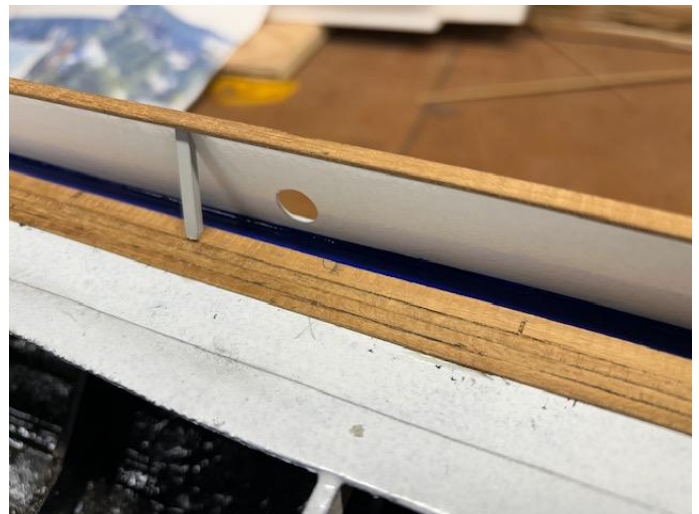
This tug has some interesting details. For example, I was originally planning on using 1/16" brass rod for the railing stanchions. Upon further investigation, I discovered that they are not round they are actually a "tee" shape. Oh boy, now that was going to be more work. Not only are they a "tee" section, they are tapered from top to bottom. I was able to make a template from 1/64" plywood strips and make long pieces of "tee" sections and then cut them to length. Then they had to be tapered. So, I sat down one afternoon and filed and sanded them down to their proper taper. There are 53 of them so this took a little doing and the novelty of that wore off fast.



Progressing along, I got a cabin built, along with a pilot house, smoke stack and tender. The pilot house is lined in teak and will be varnished. I also had to shape the wind screen, in front of the pilot house, by making a template from which to bend 1/64 plywood and lay fiberglass to keep its shape and so that teak strips could be applied.



The decks are all teak so I am laying teak strips $\frac{3}{64}$ " thick and $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide. I have ripped many pieces from teak boards and sanded each one. One essential tool when working with a ton of teak is a benchtop mini band saw. That tool has made it easy to rip and cut material to many shapes. I don't know what I would do without it. Here are some photos of the teak work I have accomplished thus far. The caulked joints were created by putting caulk on the edge of each piece and just pushing them together. After the caulk is cured, the excess can be scraped off and sanded to just show a black line of caulking. I am estimating that it will take around 350 individually cut pieces to complete both decks.



Here is about where she stands now. The bottom line on this one is that there are a ton of detailed parts. They range from railings to vents to benches, cabinets and chairs. There is even a hot tub and bar.



I am going to power her with my favorite big Pittman 12 volt motor with a 2:1 reduction belt drive and a 4-1/2" prop. She will also have two large masts with multitudes of lights.



I am hoping for completion by fall but that depends on the time I spend on my 1:1 this year.

For Sale

NWRCSM website received this note from a nonmember about a sailboat for sale. Here is their message.

Subject: Kyosho Fairwinds 900 R/C Sailboat
Good afternoon,

I am writing to see if any of your members are looking to buy an R/C sailboat. This was from my father's collection (he loved r/c airplanes and sailboats). It is a c and is in very good condition. It just needs the sails re-installed and comes with the R/C Controller.



Please let me know if there is any interest from members willing to consider it for purchase.

I can send pictures if needed. I am located just outside of Mill Creek, WA

Thank you, Peter Truss, pctruss@gmail.com





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OLYMPIA HARBOR DAYS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

A SOUTH SOUND MARITIME HERITAGE ASSOCIATION EVENT
WINNER OF THE BEST SOUTH PUGET SOUND EVENT OF 2022
BY THE WASHINGTON FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION
AND WINNER OF THE BEST FESTIVAL BY SOUTH SOUND MAGAZINE 2023 BEST OF AWARDS

NWRCSM will have a table with Keith Schermerhorn displaying boats. Vic Lanza's family sets up several tents with his boats displayed and a small pond for running their boats. For more information about our display area, please contact Keith.

2025 Northwest Remote Control Ship Modelers Events Calendar

Remaining "???" dates and times will be listed as the year progresses. (Updated 3/10/25)

JANUARY

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| 2 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 4 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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| 1-2 | Miniature Show - www.seattleminiatureshow.com | |
| 6 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 8 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

APRIL

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| 3 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 5 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 10 | NW Hobby Expo - Pond Setup | 9 or 10 am |
| 11 | NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe | Noon to 6 pm |
| 12 | NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe | 9 am to 6 pm |
| 13 | NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe | 9 am to 3 pm |
| 30 | Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float | 9 to 3 Wednesday |

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| 3 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 14 | Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark. |

JUNE

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| 5 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 7 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| ?? | Anacortes Waterfront Festival | (See their website for times) |

JULY

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| 3 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 16 | Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark. |
| 31 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |

AUGUST

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| 2 | NWRCSM's Navigation/Tug Boat Regatta | 8 am – 4 pm |
| 17 | BAMM Regatta See www.bammrc.com for details. | |
| 27 | Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark. |
| 29-31 | Olympia Harbor Days -- See www.harbordays.com for details. | |

SEPTEMBER

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| 4 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 13 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 27??? | Fishermen's Fall Festival | 11 am – 6 pm |
| 27-28 | Bellingham SeaFeast | (See their website for times) |

OCTOBER

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| 2 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 4 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| ??? | Lynden Lions Club Model Train & Toy Show | (See their website for times) |

NOVEMBER

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| 6 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 8 or 9? | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

DECEMBER

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| 4 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 PM |
| 6 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

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The Facility Makerspace





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6606 196th Street SW.
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

Meetings are the first Thursday of the Month. More information on this facility can be found at

<https://facilitymade.com/>

2025 Club Officers

	President: Richard Lenington	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President:	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	YouTube & Meetup Master: Klaus Bellon
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams

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