



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

DUES ARE DUE

April, 2014

A Quick Look

April

3rd Club Meeting
5th Fun Float
7th Skagit Meeting
17th Coffee Fun Float
30th Seattle Yacht Flt.

May

1st Club Meeting
4th Springer Event
5th Skagit Meeting
15th Coffee Fun Float
17th BIMM Opening
31/1 Anacortes W.F.

June

2nd Skagit Meeting
5th Club Meeting
7th NWSM Regatta
19th Coffee Fun Float

2014 Season Underway, FAST

April is half over and the number of boating events is picking up with the speed of Scott Baumann's PT boat. Scott has arranged, again, an outing to the Seattle Yacht Club to help start their season of sailing and power boat activities. This is probably one of the finest venues we sail in all season and our hosts really get a kick out of seeing our smaller versions of their craft. Participation is very relaxed, come and see for yourself.

May has two events for you to tune up your boat and your skills, for the June Regatta. First, we will have the semi-annual Springer competition. Dave White is the organizer of this edition and has come up with a challenging event. Some thinking may be needed for the completion of this feat.

We will be having another Thursday morning fun float to give people more time on the water of the Bellevue Pond and if it is May the June Regatta, named this year for our departed member Gordon Canney, cannot be far behind. The competition will be held in early June this year, so there is not a great deal of time to practice. Alan Kinsman, this year's course designer, has been working with VP Bob Wickham, for several months, on the course design and some of the hazards a skipper could encounter as he navigates the course.

Be sure to read all the succeeding pages of the newsletter, for more specific information about many of these events and the activities to be found up North, so that you will not be surprised or disappointed.

See You Around the Water!

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View From The Bridge



It's time to start finishing those winter R/C boat projects, checking to see if you need new batteries for the boat, or seeing if the radio batteries you forgot to take out leaked and corroded, lubing the prop shaft, making sure your boat goes in at least one direction and turns (a little preparation now might cut down on the 1:00 AM shop time before events or the "it ran fine last August" quotes.

Al Kinsman has been working steadily since December on the course for our Regatta and Mr. Wickham has developed a new type of obstacle for the course, which will provide a completely new challenge.

As president, I took it upon myself to travel to Maui, where I purchased a Rain God Tiki. I explained to the Kahuna (witch doctor) that sold it to me that we did not need more rain. He said that was ok. If I don't want it to rain just put the Tiki in a bag of water, then he will know you have too much rain and he will keep it from raining. I will be bagging the Tiki before all events.

So let's get ready and begin another Great R/C boating year.

Thank you in advance for your help with our events.

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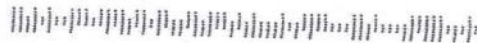
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Thank you all for the beautiful
spectacular White and Blue Calm Seas
and Fair Winds arrangement for
Gordy's memorial service
all of you were very special
to him and are to me. Thank
you for all your patience and
friendship over the years.
Thank you all from the family
for your support at the memorial
service.
Linda

April Minutes by Mel Suelzle

Our vice President, **Bob Wickham**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours with a full room of members ready for an evening of great model boat talk and a change of pace presentation on the basics of CPR.

In order to make time for the special presentations, Bob kept the business side of things to a minimum.

We have received confirmation that the Tidewater Cup is on. The Avista pond is repaired and will be available for the event. Event details will be provided by the Spokane Model Boat Club soon.

A motion was made by **Mel Suelzle** to designate this year's Regatta as the **Gordon C Canney Memorial Regatta**, in honor of our recently departed, long time club member. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the starting times for Saturday Fun Floats should be set at 9am.

Scott Baumann reminded everyone of our fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club, 9am-4:30pm on May 30th. Members will be responsible for their own lunch.

CPR INTRODUCTON

Our first special program, for the evening, was a brief summary of CPR information by Cyndie Richter-Juarez. Cyndie is an Airlift Northwest Flight Nurse, who is a Certified Basic Life Support CPR Instructor.

In the short time available, Cyndie covered some of the more common symptoms of a heart attack and stressed the importance that some symptoms might be less common, but an important indicator that someone is having a heart attack. She related her own experience of her husband complaining of jaw pain which turn out to be related to his own heart attack. Persons should be sensitive to any unusual or unexplained symptoms.

Cyndie covered the basics for CPR, using chest compressions at the rate of 100/minute trying to achieve 2" of compression for adults. Persons should use locked elbows and trade off with others every 2 minutes.

Cyndie talked about the increased use and availability of Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AED), which are becoming increasing more available and are very simple to use.

The Pacific Northwest has the best success rate in the nation from surviving a heart attack. The survival rate in the PNW is 57%, in contrast to Detroit which is less than 1%.

This was a very interesting and informative presentation, that served as good information to all and a refresher and update for those having previous training.

SHOW 'N TELL

Bob Jacobsen brought in his torpedo for his Vosper project. He explained the corrections he made including newly installed the fins using a clever alignment jig.



Cliff Elowson brought in his Asian Chris Craft scale boat that he has nearly completed the conversion to make it operational. The original design was almost solid mahogany requiring much trimming to reduce the weight and help it get up on plane. Cliff hopes to test it at the fun float on Saturday.



Norm Hiatt brought in his Delta Queen and discussed some of the drive system problems and solutions to improve its performance on the water.



Al Franklin showed off his schooner. The model is an old build that he is refurbishing. He made the hull of fiberglass and plans to have new sails made.



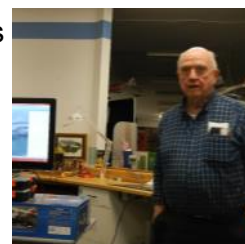
Mel Suelzle brought in his Asian show boat, that he recently made operational using a brushless out runner motor. Fortunately Mel's boat was a much lighter model and weight should not be an issue on the pond.



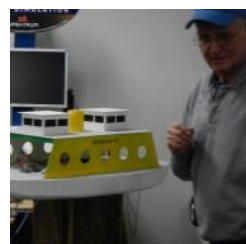
DAVE White showed the log array that will be used in the May Springer event. Entrants will race in heats of four around a course. The winners will run in a series of eliminations to determine the overall winner. Dave has a special surprise to be announced at the event.



Dave Green and **Scott Baumann** made a presentation of the photos that Dave took of a Canadian corvette docked in Halifax. Dave was visiting the area and took many photos to aid Scott's project to model this ship that was whaler, converted for use in WWI. We look forward to Scott's show 'n tells as this new build develops.



Bob Wickham showed his regatta ferry he named the *GORDON C.* The ferry will run constantly, in the harbor area, posing an unyielding obstacle to the regatta skippers.



Roger Lyons explained the aging/weathering process he used on his *Southampton* tug. He also did another motor swap to tame his boat down a little.



The meeting wrapped up at 21:15pm and all hands left with the final reminder of the fun float on Saturday. **Al Kinsman** and **Bob Wickham** won the door prize raffles.

Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float Letter of Instruction from Scott Baumann

We have made the Seattle Yacht Club's official schedule of Opening Day Week activities! Those of you who attended last year know what a good time we had.

1. Date: Wednesday, April 30th.
2. Time: 9am through 4pm. Arrive early and get a good parking spot!
3. The day's purpose is twofold, to enjoy ourselves in a different setting, and to entertain SYC members who are around the club area, preparing their boats for Opening Day.
4. They will have canopies set up, along with tables and chairs. I have a feeling the Yacht Club has these set up for other purposes as well during the week.
5. There will probably be beverages and snacks for sale in a dockside shop until 10:30 am.
6. Restrooms are in the main clubhouse on the ground floor, accessed from the south entry.
7. In keeping with the yacht club theme, ship modelers are encouraged to display and run all of the yacht models they have. In addition, bring the most interesting models of other nautical craft that you have.
8. If possible, we will have AC electrical power available for chargers.
9. Lunch will be available at cost in the dining room. Bring your credit card. Let's go and have fun!

The Seattle Yacht Club is located on Portage Bay at 1807 East Hamlin Street, Seattle WA, 98112, just north of the 520 bridge across Lake Washington and south of the University of Washington

Guests arriving via Highway 520 (either East or West bound), exit at Montlake Blvd and head north. Turn left on East Hamlin at the traffic light, which is the first left past 520. For those exiting from 520 westbound, you probably cannot turn directly westbound onto Hamlin, because you are in the right lane. If so, turn right (eastbound) onto Hamlin, go around the block, to the left, then turn left onto Montlake Blvd, and an immediate right onto Hamlin. It's a long way around, but it works!

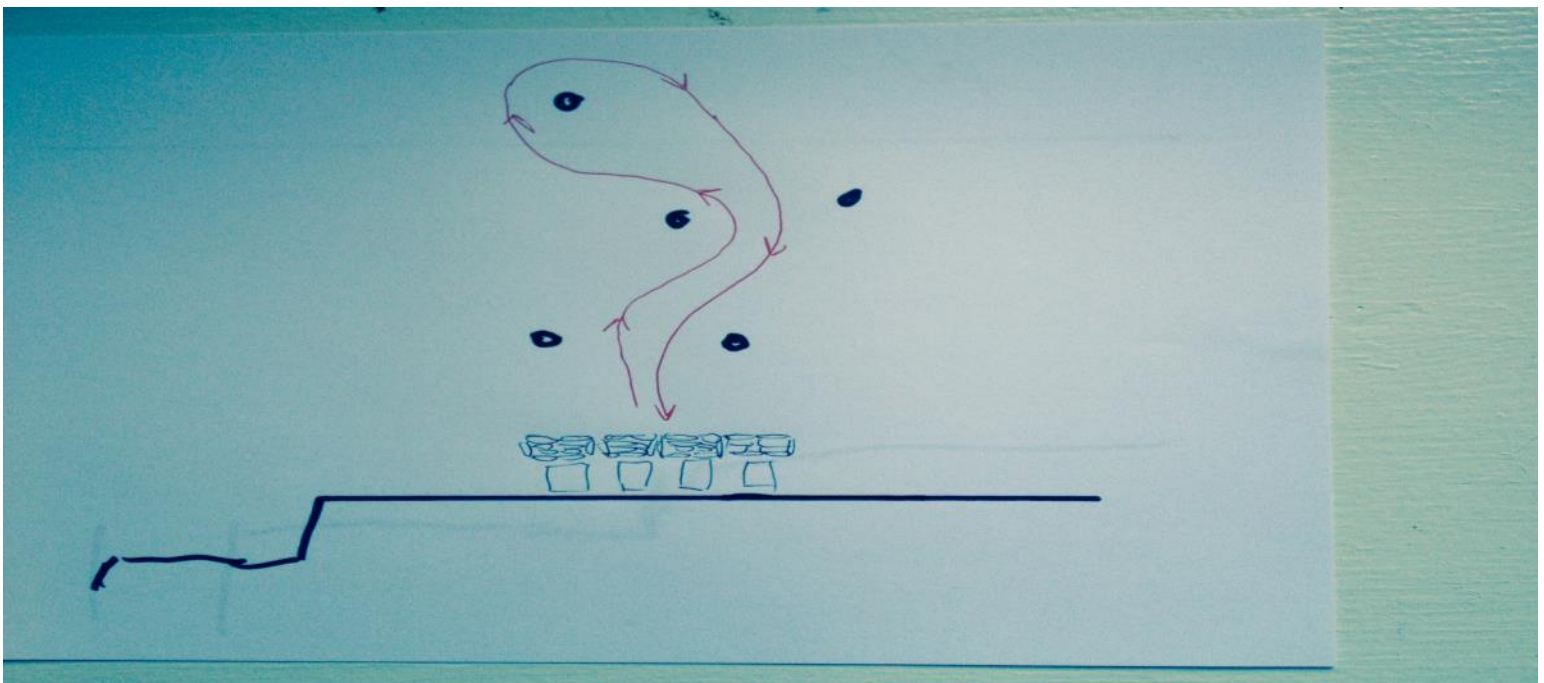
If you cross the Montlake Bridge you've gone too far. The club is in a residential area on the left.



Springer Event Information from Dave White



Lee. attached are two pictures: 1st one is of the log boom or raft. The outer logs will be tied together but the interior four (4) will be loose and slippery little devils. The second picture is of the course. There will be heats (number depending upon entries). Winners of each heat will have a run off. Object is to push the log raft and logs around the course and the first skipper to get the raft and logs back to the sea wall wins. Simple. We'll repeat as necessary until we have one winner. .



Information from the North Club

2014 is well under way and the Skagit Club just wanted to pass on the some of our upcoming events that we want to invite all to attend. For those that have never come to one of our events or meetings, we are a group of modelers, living in the north end and part of the NW R/C Shipmodelers Club. Our interests are the same, with strong support in the r/c scale models and sailboat communities. Our monthly meeting is at the Skagit PUD Building, in Mt. Vernon, on the first Monday of each month, at 7pm. Open discussion and show and tell of what model boat projects anyone is working on is the main focus. Special presentations given, every now and then, along with a couple fun surprises, make these meetings more of a social time. No dues, so everyone is welcomed to share (and encouraged!)

Now for events that we will be doing or participating in:

May 17th, some of us will be attending the radio controlled event at Bellingham's International Maritime Museum. There are boats on display and an indoor pool to play—er, practice our skills in boat handling, for modelers and visitors alike. This is a fund raiser for the museum, but free to modelers, who bring in models for display. Along with the models, there are the maritime artifacts and displays of the museum to see and learn about our local maritime history. Time is 10am to 4pm no matter the weather, we are a covered venue.

One of our biggest events will be the annual participation with the Anacortes Waterfront Festival on the weekend of May 31/June 1 (tentative), where we host a static display, at no charge for the public. Open water in the harbor is available for those that want to play. Saturday evening usually finds most of us at a dinner, sharing good food and stories (not confirmed yet). Lots of activities during the day and plenty of good food, make this a fun trip for a day or two to this historic port.

Sunday July 20th, we will be once again playing at the home of Gordon and doing a model boat fun run for the members of this retirement living center. They have a nice large pond, with good access to protected waters. Great venue for big or small vessels, powered or wind driven. The host committee has informed us that they will be proving refreshments again, all we need do is go play. More information and directions will come, as we get closer to the date.

So, if you want a little break from the normal, or would just like a short little trip to Skagit/Whatcom counties, come on up to enjoy our model boating interest and share yours as well.

Keith Shermerhorn

NW RC Ship Modelers 2014 Schedule (As of March 9, 2014)

April 3 rd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
April 7 th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7pm
April 30 th	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club 9am—4pm
May 1 st	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 3 rd	Tugboat Races – Kevin's Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
May 4 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:00pm (Springer 1:00)
May 5 th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00 pm
May 15 th	Coffee Fun Float 10:00am
May 17 th	BIMM Opening 10:00 AM—4:00PM
May 31 st & June 1	Anacortes Waterfront Festival
June 2 nd	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00 pm
June 5 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 7 th	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
June 19 th	Coffee Fun Float 10:00 am
July 3 rd	Club Meeting—Galaxy Hobby—7:00pm
July 6 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
July 7 th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00 pm
July 26 th (?)	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
July 17 th	<i>Coffee Fun Float 10:00am</i>
August 4 th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00pm
August 7 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
August 9 th	<i>Tualatin Oregon Regatta</i>
August 16 th	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
August 17 th	Burnaby Regatta
August 21 st	Coffee Fun Float 10:00am
September 4 th	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
September 6 th	<i>Fisherman's Festival 11:00am – 6:00pm</i>
September 7 th	Fun Float—Bellevue Pond—9:30 am
September 8 th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
September 14 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin 10:00am – 4:00pm
September 18 th	Coffee Fun Float 10:00am
October 2 nd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am

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NW RC Ship Modelers 2014 Schedule continued.

October 6th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00pm
November 3rd	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00pm
November 6th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 9th	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00am
December 1st	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D. 7:00pm
December 4th	Annual Banquet - Site TBD

Possible Night Fun Float in October or November TBD



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