



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

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## 2017 Events Look Ahead

### AUGUST

- 12 **Model Boat Regatta** 9am-4pm  
Tualatin, OR
- 19 **NW Tug Championship** 9 am-4pm  
Derby Pond
- 31 **Coffee Fun Float** 10am-12pm  
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Twilight Fun Float** 7pm  
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond
- 7 **Meeting at Galaxy Hobby** 7pm
- 17 **Jacobsen's Barbeque & Sisley  
Donation Sale & Auction** 10-3 pm  
Lake Goodwin
- 21 **Coffee Fun Float** 10am-12pm  
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond
- 23 **Fishermen's Memorial** 11-6 pm  
Ballard

### OCTOBER

- 5 **Meeting at Galaxy Hobby** 7pm
- 7 **Fun Float** 9am  
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond

### NOVEMBER

- 2 **Meeting at Galaxy Hobby** 7pm
- 4 **Fun Float** 9am  
Seattle Yacht Club

### DECEMBER

- 7 **Christmas Dinner** 6:30-9pm  
Spaghetti Factory (Lynnwood)

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## From the Wheel House

Mel Suelzle

Photos by Darlene Wing

The 36th Annual Regatta is in the books

The 36th Annual Regatta is history. Our first regatta in the newly configured pond turned out to be a success. Our apprehension and concern for the concrete area, changes in parking, loading and unloading issues were mostly unfounded. As usual for any event of this type, we will make some improvements next year. However, all in all, I believed the Regatta can go down as a win!



The setup crew arrived early and had the course set up and ready to go just in time for the skippers meeting. **Robert Osmond** led this process and was greatly helped by **Bill Heath, Scott Bowman** and **Al Kinsman**. The setup was also

ready for registrations on time to register 19 skippers and 36 boats. Thanks to **Bryan Morse** and **Ed Maurer** for handling this task. Since a portion of the pond edge was off limits as they were letting the new grass recover from the large crowds of the fourth,



we set up a double row of canopies with a center aisle for spectators. This was working great until the lawn sprinklers came on and the wind sprinkled a few boaters. Repositioning some of the safety cones quickly solved the problem.

After the skippers meeting the skippers were urged to sign up for a run position. **Dave White** served as the Harbor Master and kept things moving well throughout the day. Dave wanted to thank the skippers for being ready when their turn came up. **Scott Bauman** and **Allan Wing** once again did a great job the entire day judging and scoring 36 boats that went through the course.

At the end of the day the navigation results were in and the awards presented to the most successful of each of the three classes. The top Navigator Award went to **Bryan Morse** who turned in the top score of the day.

Congratulations to Bryan on his most successful run with his Southamton Tug.

Below are the award results for all three classes. The closeness of the scores is a tribute to both the skills of the skippers and the consistency of the judging. Only

Class	Skipper	Boat	Score
<b>Small</b>			
First Place	Bryan Morse	Southampton	182
Second Place	Keith Schermerhorn	Patos	181
Third Place	Everett Evans	Southampton	168
<b>Medium</b>			
First Place	Aimee Eng	LA Fireboat #2	179
Second Place	Everett Evans	Ontario	175
Third Place	Brad Young	Fireboat #1	174
<b>Large</b>			
First Place	Keith Schermerhorn	Misty Moon	181
Second Place	Al Kinsman	Miss Tracy	-
Third Place	Steve Sunich	Stalwart	152

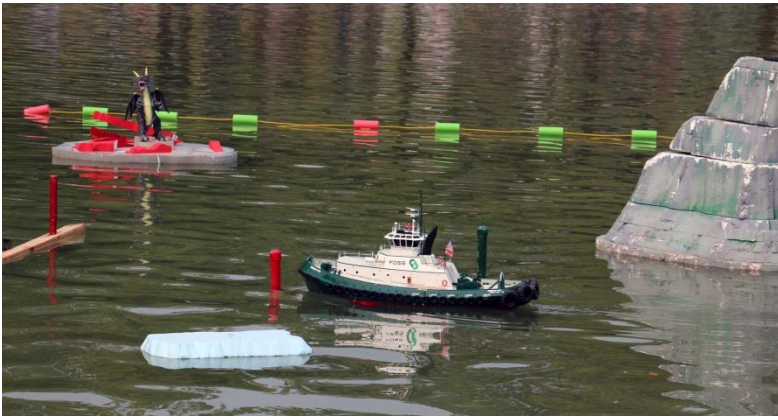
a 3 point spread for all first place of each size class is a tribute to the course layout which was more compressed this year to help reduce perception tests of previous year's courses.



The raffle prizes were extensive this year. We had great support for many sponsors who donated prizes. These events are only possible with support from our sponsors. As usual we hope our members remember these sponsors when they need supplies for their modeling projects. The top regatta prize this year was a RTR Southamton Tug purchased with funds donated by **Margie Freeman**. This model was won by **Scott Baumann** who plans to let his grandkids use it at his newly acquired home on Lake Tapps.

We appreciate the efforts of **Richard Bizier** who stepped in to sell raffle tickets when the usual salesman **Leif Bentzen** was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

As the event wound down, we faced the task of packing not only our own equipment to the parking lots, but the significant material to set up the regatta including all of the items that made the navigation course a most interesting one. In years past, this task fell on a few that stayed around to help load the truck. It was a very positive result for



this year's event that most if not all participants responded to the call for help in getting items to the truck. This was a most welcome development and the help was greatly appreciated and allowed the truck to be quickly loaded and on its way home shortly after 5pm.



Thanks very much to everyone for the positive conclusion to the 2017 Regatta.





## August 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes

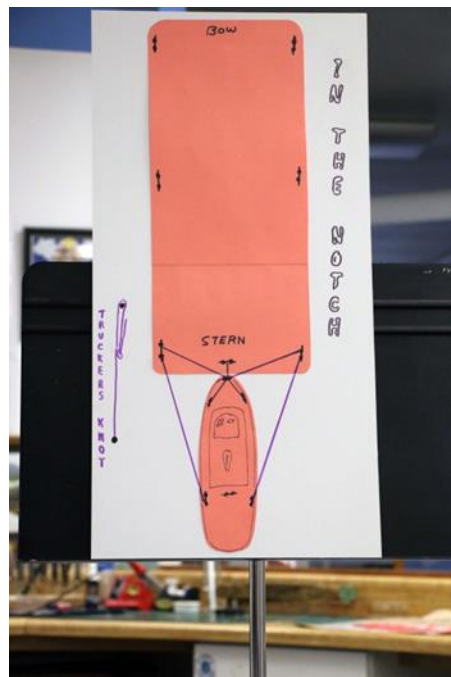
**Ron Bray**

**Photos by Allan Wing**

On a hot, humid, smoky (BC fires) evening, 26 attendees were welcomed by commodore **Mel Suelzle** at 1900 hours. **Jeff**, a probable new member, brought a guest, **Alexander Hoffman**.

Our speaker for the monthly educational forum was presented by **Tom Stevens**.

He discussed the many ways to tie a tug to a barge, facilitated by large charts mounted on a music stand.



Show and tell started with Mel who showed off a nice small tug hull provided by Loyalhanna for our regatta raffle. Our guest, Jeff exhibited his newly purchased Richardson RTR tug.

Apparently, they are no longer being manufactured. However, **Mike Shaw** was able to order another for anyone wishing to acquire one.

**Allan Wing** demonstrated his newly designed bilge pump and will have the details on our web site. He purchased a fountain pump from Amazon and designed the circuitry necessary to allow it to run for 11 seconds after the water is pumped out.



**Steven Morgret**, who has been a guest before, presented his latest combat cruiser and made a pitch for the warship combat group. They have a new location which allows them to shoot at each other. He stated the best way to adhere anything to polyethylene was to employ hot glue or silicone caulk.

**Robert Osmond** brought in his large modified invader tug to show its progress and what changes he has made. He also brought in a nifty small sanding tool he ordered from Micro Mart.



Following the break, Mel discussed details of the upcoming regatta and requested help in loading and unloading items from our storage facility.

Apparently, we are being charged \$30 by the Bellevue park department for each sanctioned club event and \$1.12 per head for our regatta. He stated parking



would be a problem in the lower lot and encouraged us to use the upper lot. Stickers are available to place on our windshield so that the park rangers will know we are there for more than three hours and thereby avoid getting a ticket.

Other upcoming events were discussed, details of which can be obtained in other areas of the newsletter. Mel made a pitch for participation in the Tualatin event the following weekend and for participation at the Fisherman's festival toward the end of September.

After door prizes were won by **Everett Evans** and **Dave Green**, we stacked the chairs and headed back out into the smoky atmosphere for our home ports. The meeting concluded at 2035.



## Get ready for the Fall Fisherman's Festival!

On September 23rd, we will be participating in the Fall Fisherman's Memorial Festival in Ballard. This is a very popular annual event that our club has attended for many years. The crowd is enthusiastic about boats of all types and we always get a lot of crowd interaction at our booth. The event goes from 11am-to 6pm. In order to staff our booth, run our boats AND enjoy the festival, we need good participation for our booth. We will have a sign up form at the September meeting for those who can help out for an hour or two or three in the booth or on the water. Please make plans to participate in the important club event. If you can't attend the September meeting, please contact Mel Suelzle or Bob Wickham and we will add your name to the list. Please see the inset on the back page if you are unfamiliar with this event and what it means to the community.

## Lake Goodwin Barbeque and Sisley Sales & Auction

Start making your plans for the Fun Float and Barbeque on September 17th, at the Lake Goodwin home of Bob and Laurie Jacobsen. This is always a fun way to cap off our boating season, and Bob and Laurie are wonderful hosts. This year's event is special in two ways:

We will be holding a huge sale and auction of the materials donated to the club by Jim Sisley's family. Jim was a long time member who had a vast amount of modeling and tool inventory. Start saving for this sale you won't want to miss it.

Also we are sad to say that this probably may be the last year for this event on Lake Goodwin. Bob and Laurie are planning to sell their home and move to Idaho (does Bob know that Idaho is landlocked??). Let's all have a record turnout and show our appreciation to Bob and Laurie for hosting this event for so many years.

More Details on both of these events will be in the September newsletter.



## 29th Annual Fishermen's Fall Festival

Benefiting **Seattle Fishermen's Memorial**  
*Supporting our community for 29 years!*

***Saturday, September 23, 2017***

*from 11 am - 6 pm*

***Free: No admission fee!***

The Festival celebrates the return of the North Pacific fishing fleet to the terminal, works to increase the public's knowledge of the importance of the fishing industry as well as Fishermen's Terminal to Seattle while raising money for the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Foundation. This is an all-volunteer event that depends on over 200 volunteers for its success.

The Festival provides families with a fun and educational outing on the waterfront as well as an opportunity to learn more about seafood. **Hands-on art projects with fishing themes, including the popular wooden boat building and "Fishing for Fun" fish pond, are complementary for all children and admission to the Festival is free.** Proceeds from the activities within the Festival are donated to the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Foundation to assist families of fishers lost at sea.

The Fishermen's Fall Festival is a truly unique Seattle event!



Please join us for a day of  
celebration, family fun,  
live musical performances, fishing information &  
education,  
demonstrations, delicious seafood, community &  
remembrance.

The Fishermen's Fall Festival is **FREE**  
& 100% volunteer operated!

**Seattle Fishermen's Memorial**  
**Healing. Community. Hope.**

## July 29<sup>th</sup> Springer Polo

Photos by Robert Osmond

Competition this month must have been fierce. New rules have been adopted:

1. *Have fun*
2. *What happens at Dennis', stays at Dennis'*
3. *All incriminating evidence must be destroyed*
4. *Have fun*



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