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August 1995 Newsletter

AUGUST CALENDAR

North End meeting	8/3	Galaxy
North End float	8/6	Bellevue
South End float	8/10	
	Andy's	
South End float	8/24	L.
Wapato		
Burnaby Regatta	8/13	Burnaby B.C.
"The SEASPAN CUP"		
Portland Regatta	8/26 & 27	

Treasurers Report

Andy Paris

As of July 18 our club has \$1,019.13 in the treasury.

From the Interim Editor

Mike Moor

In order to ensure all of you folks get the latest info on the Foss Cup, I will edit the August and September issues of the newsletter. Don't get comfortable.

If you have newsletter information, send it to me. Remember I'm doing this for the Foss Cup, if you guys don't send me other stuff, the newsletter will have one article.

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Meetings and Floats

July 6, 1995

North End Meeting

21 members and one guest showed up at **Bob Jacobsen's** fantastic new hobby shop "**GALAXY HOBBY**" for the July North End meeting. Before I continue with the report, I encourage all members to make the trip to Galaxy. Bob has done well in representing our section of the R/C hobby, now the more we support Galaxy, the more stuff he can stock for us.

Phil Northrup took the helm of our meeting, topics discussed included:

1. The need for a newsletter Editor. I can hear it now "Looks like we have one." All I can say is don't get comfortable.
2. The **Tidewater Cup Regatta** coming up on July 23. It will be history when you read this, I hope you went.
3. **Burnaby Regatta "The Seaspans Cup"** If ya missed Spokane in July, Go to Burnaby on August 13. The boys in B.C. are our best supporters, lets go up and support them.
4. Portland Regatta. Aug. 26 & 27
That is all I know.
5. **THE FOSS CUP** See Special Events.
6. Club Property Storage- We, as a club own "stuff". This stuff has been built, bought, or acquired over a period of years. For the most this stuff is for regattas; Islands, docks, buoys and its temporary residence is no longer available.
We need a place to put this "stuff". One suggestion is to build a trailer, and to keep the trailer in a storage facility. If anyone has

a trailer that could be converted into a box trailer that is in reasonably good condition, for a very reasonable price. Let Phil or Andy know.

Show and Tell

Bud Lynn talked about the submarine regatta he attended with **Dave "Up-scope" Basden**. Lots of submarine type stories, U-Boats, Fleet boats, Typhoon class, heck it's all over my head.

Tom Stevens with a scale house (sounds much more masculine than doll house) along with a scale model of his houseboat complete with scale flowers and dog.

Phil Northrup mixed scale boating with animal husbandry with his show and tells. Phil brought in some kind of East Wenatchee veterinarian device he said was a bilge pump.

Phil brought in his "new" half boat "see Boat of the Month" and a partially complete model of the *Martha Foss*. With all of the boats Phil has built, I bet Phil could have his own regatta.

July 9 North End Float

Despite the rather wet weather, there were quite a few skippers pond side. **Mel Suelzle** arrived first and waited to see if anyone would show. **Gordy Cannney** showed up before Mel had a chance to leave so Mel had to stick around even though he didn't bring a boat.

Gordy brought his Lindberg tug / car float as a unit. This was sea trials for the tug and barge and the combination worked very well. Gordy is getting ready for the **Foss Cup**, Minitug class.

Next to show was our leader, **Phil "what next" Northrup**. What next turned out to be his new boat, *Half Done* and his other new boat the *Martha Foss*. Phil is the only guy I know who buys CA glue by the gallon. Both of these boats were on sea trials and both did very well also.

Ray Nelson and family braved the weather, Ray brought out an old standby, the *Lumba-Lumba*. This is an oil rig crew boat once operated by Texaco. Ray bought this kit back in "06" and didn't put it together till 1992.

Tom Stevens sloshed in with his big tug TeePee Creeper. Tom launched and ran for a while with no problems.

Gordy brought two institutional sized umbrellas and kept all relatively dry. Also showing up were **Lou Magnabosco**, **Steve O'Connell** with his dad from Florida, **Jim Sisley** and **Burt Maxwell**. No incident worthy of bent prop status this month.

As reported by **Gordy Cannney**

July 13 South End Float

"It's been a quiet week at Lake Woebegone, my home pond".

Andy Paris, **Bud Lynn**, **Jerry Sager**, **Rich MacFarland** and his wife and **Ray and Betty Nelson** showed up at Steel Lake for the float. The South End floats could use some more boats and skippers.

July 27 South End Float

To late to make the newsletter.

SPECIAL EVENT

Preparations for the **Foss Cup** are progressing nicely. A memo and photo from *Foss Maritime* is attached to this newsletter and the money from Foss for the regatta has arrived. Most of the Foss contribution will be used to buy awards. 14 awards will be presented for tug competition, First, Second and Third places in 4 different tug classes. The classes are Mini Tug, Small Tug, Large Tug and Maxi Tug. The Minis will be defined by length, tugs less than 15 inches long. The 3 remaining classes will be defined by weight. We feel this approach better defines a tugs power, based on batteries and motors.

There will be a "Sponsors Award", presented to a tug skipper by a representative of **Foss Maritime**. This award will be given for all around appearance and operation.

The "**FOSS CUP**" is a perpetual award that will have the winning skipper's name and tug name on it. The Foss Cup will be kept at Foss, and a separate award in recognition of the Foss Cup will be given to the winning skipper to take home.

Regatta Events

Tugboat Race: All tugs will race in their classes. Different classes will have different distances to race, with the largest tugs having the longest route. Tugs will race around buoys.

Bollard Pull: Simply, how powerful is your tug. Your tugs bollard pull will be measured with a digital scale and converted into points. These points will go towards the tugs total score.

Salvage at Sea: (Proposed TEAM event) Two tugs will approach, collect and retrieve a derelict vessel. Points will be given based on elapsed time. Teams will be "Luck of the Draw" no ringers here.

Tug & Barge Handling: The premier event of the regatta, tugs will move one barge, each class will have an appropriately sized barge and all tugs in a class use the same barge. Full Scale tug skippers from **Foss Maritime** will judge and assist skippers with rigging the barges.

IMPORTANT: THE FOSS CUP IS NOT JUST A COMPETITION. The intention is to get lots of tugs on the water. Not just some tug drivers, but all tug skippers.

Don't be intimidated, don't worry about not being "Good Enough". Enter the regatta, put your boat in the water and take advantage of the knowledge available. Most important,

HAVE FUN

We never have had a regatta with a class just for minitugs, there are no experts there, so try that class.

Bob Jacobsen (Galaxy Hobby) has a great deal on a Lindberg tug kit and a 2 channel radio with batteries \$99. total. There is still time to build a mini if you don't have a tug.

DOOR PRIZES: We are trying to attract some prizes to be given away prior to the awards ceremony. Only registered skippers are eligible and only one prize per skipper. The prizes are independent of competition score. Winners will be selected by drawing.

REGATTAS

1995 regatta schedule

Tidewater Cup Tug Championships
July 24, Spokane, WA

Burnaby Regatta
August 12 & 13
Fast Electrics on the 12th
Seaspan Cup on the 13th

Harbor Days
Northwest Tugboat "Funfloat" at
Olympia, WA
Saturday, September 3

REGATTAS in HISTORY

Anacortes Waterfront Festival
May 20 & 21, 1995

This annual maritime event once again featured a group of R/C boats and skippers from as far away as Vancouver, B.C. and Olympia WA.

Saturday was a fun, relaxing day which included static display, in the water demonstrations with tugs and work boats and a night float which included a parade of illuminated boats and attracted quite a few spectators.

Marine casualties included a fishing boat that went on the rocks due to "daydreaming" on

the helm. Don't worry Keith, I won't say who it was.

Sunday brought the static contest including 28 of the 50 some boats on site. Judging was done by local Coast Guard Aux. members and it can be said there was no favoritism for the "Yanks".

Here are the results:

Class A

1st	Bruno Clozza	<i>Sharon</i>
2nd	Ian Cunningham	<i>Jessie Hodder</i>
3rd	Ian Cunningham	<i>Burrard Cleaner</i>

Class B

1st	Ken Long	<i>USCGC Bayberry</i>
2nd	Tom Steven's	<i>TeePee Creeper</i>
3rd	Loren Scott	<i>Gilfoam</i>

Class C

1st	Wayne martin	<i>Isabel</i>
2nd	Bruno Clozza	<i>Lauren M</i>
3rd	John Benthien	<i>Russell Foss</i>

Best of Show **Bruno Clozza** **Sharon**

Congrats to all, now we must go North to Burnaby and retrieve some of that brass. Here is a list of folks from the club that went to Anacortes this year:

John Benthien, Gehart Erickson, Wayne Martin, Dennis Lunde, Tom Stevens, Vick Lanza, Jerry Julian, Dave Basden and Keith Schermerhorn,

A note from **Keith Schermerhorn**:

On behalf of the Skagit R/C Shipmodelers, we would like to thank those who came. Next year the event will be on May 18 and 19 and we invite everyone to come to Anacortes and join the fun.

ATTA-BOY

I have searched my records and couldn't find a month where this guy received an Atta-Boy, a mistake, an oversight, probably both. What

this person does for the club is not readily noticeable, we take it quite for granted and we shouldn't.

Lou Magnabosco has been a big part of the process of creating the newsletter and for being a good guy who spends much of his available R/C boat time helping others, ATTA-BOY LOU.

BENT PROP AWARD

There is always a first, and July 95 saw a first. **Ray Nelson** unanimously received the BPA. Ya know, he deserves it. Ray, in the middle of a purely rotten month made things immeasurably worse by driving off with his 64 billion channel, HAM band transmitter sitting on the fender of his truck.

Not the kind of thing Ray does often, and I venture will not happen again. The radio was *almost* totaled. If it were anyone else's radio, it would have been a write off, but Ray can fix anything and probably already has.

What makes this a real problem is the fact that Ray uses this radio for all of his boats. Therefore, he is a dockside captain for a while. Ray, you have to fix this problem prior to the Foss Cup.

1/2 BOAT OF THE MONTH

If you attended the North End Meeting or float, you already know of whom I speak from this title.

Phil Northrup has, as we all know, has the ability to build scale boats, quickly. Phil is a Role Model.

Phil builds boat hulls half at a time, then puts the halves together and BAM! "Bob's your Uncle". That's Canadian for "Before you know it" There is a new Northrup boat in the show-n-tell.

This time he only got half way through, he only made half a hull, so he only made half of everything else. Half a main deck, half a deck house, even some crew members are not all there.

The centerline plane of this boat is a waterproof plastic sheet and you can see all of the innards of the boat. An actual, Inboard Profile.

Now this *bisected barco* is not just for looks, it actually floats, runs, turns, stops and starts. Phil, you are an inspiration.



PRODUCT REVIEW

HOT DEAL - FOSS CUP SPECIAL

In conjunction with the *Foss Cup Regatta*, **Bob Jacobsen (Galaxy Hobby)** has a tugboat special.

The R/C version of Lindberg's Dispatch tug and a 2-channel radio, including batteries, one steering servo, speed control (with tug kit) for **\$99**. Complete.

Every thing you need but the glue and paint.
\$99.

This is a good deal. You can buy this package, assemble it and still have time to practice for the Minitug Class at the Foss Cup in September.

THE SCALE SHIPYARD

Warship Hulls Unlimited

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For those of you who do not know **Lee Upshaw** and his business, go to a North End meeting or float and meet him. *Scale Shipyard* makes fiberglass hulls of warships and workboats. Lee has been around for a long time and has a real variety of products. Lee's business was in Southern California, and in the last year he has started moving his family and business to the Seattle area. For anyone considering building a boat with a performed hull, consider *Scale Shipyard*.

PAGE FILLER

The first marine cycloidal drive was developed by a German immigrant named

Frederick Kristen here on Puget Sound. The drive was placed on a 38 foot launch designated M-879. The drive was 3 feet wide, had 8 rotor blades and was powered by a 160-hp gas motor. The first drive was built in 1922. The system was tried in the U.S. up until 1928 when the Kristen-Boeing propeller Co. sold the company back to Kristen for \$1. He took it back to Germany, and now U.S. boat builders buy cycloidal drives from Voith-Schneider (a German company).

WANT ADS

WANTED - A Newsletter Editor

WANTED- The club needs storage space, possibly a trailer. Contact Phil Northrup, Andy Paris or Robert Osmond if you can help.

THANKS

Newsletter contribution Thanks
this month go to:

Keith Schermerhorn, Robert Osmond, Gordy Canney, Andy Paris, Steve O'Connell and of course **Phil Northrup**.

Fair winds and calm seas