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**August 1994 Newsletter**

**SUMMER CALENDAR**

**August**

North end meeting	8/4	Bob's
North end float	<b>8/6</b>	Bellevue
<b>Burnaby Regatta</b>	<b>8/6&amp;7</b>	
South end float	8/11	Steel L.
<b>Portland Funfloat</b>	<b>8/21</b>	<b>PDX*</b>
South end float	8/25	Steel L.

**September**

North end meeting	9/1	Innis Arden
<b>Harbor Days</b>	<b>9/3</b>	<b>Olympia</b>
North end float	9/4	Bellevue
South end float	9/8	Steel L.
V.M.S.S. Regatta	9/10	
South end float	9/22	Steel L.

**October**

**Harbor Days Tug & Workboat float  
Saturday, Sept. 3**

**Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society,  
1994 Annual Regatta  
Sat. & Sun. Sept. 10 & 11 1994.**

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**The North End meeting on August 4th will  
be held at Bob Jacobsen's work shop**

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**The North Float will be on SATURDAY  
August 6th at Downtown Park**

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**SEA FAIR FUNFLOAT**

The City of Bellevue is sponsoring a special  
Sea Fair event including a parade and

activities in Downtown Park on Saturday  
August 6. We have been informally asked  
to participate in the event by running our  
boats in the Downtown Park Pond.

**We can do that!**

The float will replace the previously  
scheduled Sunday float and will begin at  
noon (12:00). This should be a great time to  
promote R/C boating and get lots of ooohs  
and ahhs from the unwashed masses.

A little advice, the place will be crowded and  
there will be an abundance of "waist high  
mast pickers" running loose in and around  
the pond. If this displeases you and your  
boat isn't equipped with operating deck guns  
or isn't fast enough to evade consider  
mowing the lawn instead.

**Portland Funfloat, August 21  
Westmorland Pond**

This is a good chance to meet model boaters  
from Portland. Last year this float coincided  
with the Spokane regatta and split our club's  
participation.

The float takes place on a unique pond built  
for practicing fly fishing and is located in a  
park.

**President's Notes**

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**Spokane Sail, Sail and Steam** staged their  
3rd **Tidewater Cup Tugboat Championship**  
on July 24. Thirteen members of our club

made the trip to Manito Park to compete with the Spokane skippers in their own back yard.

Despite very hot temperatures and lots of lake vegetation to foul propellers **Northwest R/C Ship Modelers** walked away with all but two of the awards presented.

"Good Job" to those skippers who traveled to Spokane to compete or just to support your fellow club members.

There are three more regattas coming up in the next two months **Burnaby, Portland and Victoria** so clean the pond scum off your keels and pack the car, there's more brass to bring home.

**From the Editor**  
Mike Moor

A special 'HELLO' to **Lily Newton**, we missed you at Spokane and hope to see you at Burnaby.

and

**LOU MAGNABOSCO**

My apologies Lou, for missing the bold font last month.

**Meetings and Floats**

**July 7 North End Meeting**

I'd like to be able to tell you about this meeting, but I didn't go and no one that did sent me a report.

**July 10 North End Float**

A good turnout of boats and skippers at this float. **Joe Reidi** hit the pond with his new tug *Mary Jean* and his very large and scale looking barge. This is a very good size barge for many of the larger tugs (30" or bigger) to push or pull around. The barge has a shallow notch and a very efficient method for securing a tug in the notch. All you need to shove this thing around is a tugboat with moderate power and sturdy bits. **Robert**

**Osmond's** tug *Warwick* and **Gordy Canney's** *Shelly Foss* also took turns at pushing this barge around.

Among the many spectators viewing the R/C boat operations was **Mr. Sid Campbell** and **Barbara Foss Campbell**. Did you catch the first part of Barbara's name, yep same. Barbara is the daughter of Wedell Foss and Sid Campbell is the retired CEO of Foss Maritime. We do travel in the proper circles.

Other skippers running at the float included **Phil Northrup** with his private fleet of vessels including *Sophie Tucker, Eneral, Dony-H, and Smit Dansk*. Prolific, yes prolific describes Phil nicely. On top of the many boats Phil has built, they are all very well done.

**Mike Northrup**..... my ace reporter didn't say Phil and Mike are related, I'll just guess that they are. Mike brought a corvette, a submarine and the *USS Constitution*.

**Burt Maxwell** brought his *Oceanic*. Are you still working on this one Bert?

**Lou Magnibosco** was on hand to enjoy the conversation, but he didn't bring a boat.

**Mel Suelze, Ray Nelson** and **& Gerhard Erickson** also attended

**July South End Float #1**  
no report  
**July 28 South End Float #2**

**Steel Lake in Federal Way**

A quiet float as floats go in the South End. The turnout was a little smaller and swimmers made navigating difficult, but there were boats on the pond.

**Andy** was on hand with "*Prinz E*", apparently the cruiser is having a bit of trouble with water leaking into the steering servo compartment. Anyway Andy's run was cut a little short.

**Joe Reidi** brought *Mary Jean* out for a run and was able to practice pushing a log around the lake. Joe befriended a young fellow who showed great interest in the doings of R/C boats. Joe even let the kid

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run his tug. The kid was pretty good for a first timer.

**Ray Nelson** brought the *Paterson* and also shared some stick time with a spectator. Not just any spectator, this fellow builds and drives scale steam locomotives. Needless to say he and Ray had some common ground.

**Gerald Sager** drove his Dumas crew boat around and generally enjoyed himself.

**Mike Moor** showed up without a boat and took notes for the newsletter and relaxed on the lake side.

## SPOKANE

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers went East to attend the Tidewater Tugboat Championship in Spokane and to say the least the competition was HOT, well, at least the temperature was hot reaching 107 F.

The boys from wet side of the Cascades were cool, calm and the dominated competition.

Rolling into the Palouse were no less than 13 club members.

Again this year the Tidewater Championship Regatta was held in Manito Park. Due to dense aquatic vegetation, the regatta site was moved to the other end of the pond. Aquatic flora played a big part in the competition with several boats being stopped or hindered by weed fouled props and rudders.

Although the only scale scenery on the entire course included a anchored Navy fleet oilier, a small island and the Z-shaped canal, the course was challenging for tugs with barges. Last years course included scale docks and waterfront and several large warships anchored off.

The temperature soared on Sunday afternoon with a high of 107 F, about 20 degrees above the normal high. Fortunately there are many large trees near the shore

providing lots of shade. Artificial shade was produced with umbrellas and yard tents for spectators and skippers.

### Tugs from the Coast

**Ray and Betty Nelson** brought *Seguin and Paterson*. Ray competed well, driving the course with barge, but fell pray to the weed choked pond at Manito Park.

**Joe and Mary Reidi** parked their lawn chairs and umbrella pond side and Joe ran his new tug *Mary Jean* with his 8 foot barge. For his first competition with the barge and tug Joe handled the course well. Unfortunately pond weed

**Phil Northrup** eased into Spokane navigating for **Gordy Canney** two days before the regatta. Needless to say they were ready for the event to begin. Phil brought *Lehigh* and covered the events with "BARGE CAM" a small barge fitted with a servo controlled still camera, can't wait to see the results.

Gordy ran his *Shelly Foss* showing his skill at boat handling and craftsmanship.

**Victor "Crane Barge" Lanza** brought both of the females in his life, his wife Martha and the "Shelly". Vick also brought his wonderful Foss 300 crane barge. For some reason the Spokane club didn't have a barge award this year, the reason was reported to be cost??

Anyway if there would have been an award for barges, Vick would have taken it home.

**Jerry Julian** entered his open push boat *MISURI*, Jerry's new tug the *Stellar Wind* was to far from completion for Spokane 94. Next year Jerry. Rumors are that Jerry didn't go straight home from the regatta bur went fishing instead. A role model if I have ever seen one.

**Steve O'Connell** and **Mike Moor** escorted Joe Reidi's barge to Spokane. Steve ran the *Mr. Mike* in the under 24" class and Mike ran the *Navigator* and the *Naupaka* in the under 36 " class. This does seem strange as the Navigator is 53" long but for some reason Navigator was under 36" in Spokane. Both

Steve and Mike pushed barges with all their boats.

Just to keep everyone honest **Dave Basden** was on hand with his entire fleet of submarines. Dave ran for a while, but the pond vegetation was a little to thick and visibility was minimal so he put into port and enjoyed some shade and conversation. Dave also fired a torpedo at a fleet oilier missing by only a few feet.

**Dennis Lunde** and his wife **Sue** brought a great selection of boat accessories including deck hardware and fiberglass hulls. Dennis also was selling some of Bud Lynn's fiberglass panels. The Spokane boys did some buying and took home business cards and brochures.

A cheering section including **Bud Lynn, Mel Sulze** and **Walt Newton** showed up just for good measure. With a group like this the West end of the state was well represented.

### Regatta Results

Tugs were divided into three classes by size. 24" and under, 24" to 36" and over 36" here is the break down of the awards presented.

#### 24" and Under

1st Place **Steve O'Connell** / Mr. Mike

#### 24" to 36"

1st Place **Mike Moor** / Navigator ??

2nd Place **Phil Northrup** / Lehigh

3rd Place **Mike Moor** / Naupaka

#### over 36"

1st Place Dennis Johnson / Truman Floyd Welch

2nd Place **Gordy Canney** / Shelly

3rd Place **Vick Lanza** Shelly Foss

Skippers Choice

**Vick Lanza** / Shelly Foss & the Foss crane barge

The Prestigious Tidewater Cup was awarded to **Dennis Johnson** / Truman Floyd Welch.

In the end, 7 of the 9 awards presented went to Northwest R/C Ship Modelers.

## PRODUCT REPORT

### HARBOR MODELS

There is finally a R/C boat distributor for tugboats and other workboats. **Harbor models** is a catalog operation based out of Fountain Valley, California and is owned and operated by Troy Waters.

Troy is trying to fill a gap in the R/C market, focusing on tugs, workboats and merchant vessels. Troy's 15 page catalog is crammed with complete kits, semi kits, hulls, accessories and radios.

Harbor Models has researched the markets and drawn on the knowledge of experienced R/C modelers to assemble a real selection of tugboat products.

Manufacturers and distributors represent in the Harbor Models catalog include:

Dynamic, Robbe, Hartman, La Maritime Museum, International Marine Exchange, Dumas, Billings Boats, Working Boat Models, Ron Burchett Models, Model Slipway, Caldercraft and many more.

Besides a wide selection of tugboats, buoy tenders, ferry boats, push boats, research vessels, cargo ships, RO/ROs and yachts are available.

A separate price list is included with the catalog. Prices listed seem representative of the market and range from the Lil TooT at \$53. to the "Tugboat Harrisburg" listing at a cool \$4995. No, I didn't misplace my decimal.

**Harbor Models** catalog by writing to:

Harbor Models  
17457 Appalachian Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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(714) 435-0716

**ATTA-BOY**

How about a group attaboy for the skippers and wives who carried the banner to Spokane and returned with the gold.

**BENT PROP AWARD**

no volunteers

**BOAT OF THE MONTH**

Submitted by Eric Potter

**The Soviet Red Banner Northern Fleet and the Russian Destroyer Razymnia**

By January, 1942 just prior to the climactic battle of Stalingrad, the Soviet Red Banner Northern Fleet had undertaken earnest operations, both offensive and defensive, against Germany. The surface units consisted principally of Type D-3 torpedo cutters, small hunters, the Destroyer Leader 'Baku', and four Type 7 destroyers *Revnostia*, *Raziyarena*, *Gramyashchia* and the subject of my model '*Razymnia*'.

The Project 7 destroyers had their beginnings in the 1933 program. The TYPE 7 was evaluated after completion and the design was upgraded. A new engine room and enhanced A-A armament resulted, and they were designated TYPE 7U. One destroyer, the "Opytny" was a one-of-a-kind experimental ship designated TYPE 7E.

The Red Banner Northern Fleet participated in both offensive and defensive operations. Offensively, ships participated in fire support missions during landings, patrols in the White Sea, ASW sweeps and at least one attack on the occupied Port of Narvik, Norway.

Defensively convoy escort duty, patrolling the Kola Inlet and providing AA defense for the ports they visit.

Convoy PQ-17 was inbound near the Kola Inlet when the convoy escort commander learned the DKM 'Tirpitz' had sortied. The convoy was ordered to scatter. Northern Fleet submarine 'K-21' with Captain, 2nd range Lunin intercepted the 'Tirpitz' and torpedoed it, forcing retirement. The Northern Fleet sortied, rounded up what merchant ships it could find and escorted them into port. For this action, 'K-21' was designated a "Guards" ship.

In March of 1942, 'Gramyaschia' attacked and sank U-585. Shortly thereafter she shot down her 14th aircraft, earning the designation "Guards" and entitling her to wear the Red and Black ribbon on her ensign.

Another special mission was when Admiral E.S. Umasheva, aboard 'Baku', led 'Razuminia', 'Revnostina' and 'Raziyarenia' by way of the Northern Sea route to rendezvous with an American Cruiser in Vladivostok. Aboard was Lend Lease payment. 'Revnostina' struck a mine sunk. Delivery completed, the squadron returned to Kola without incident. ☼

Part 2 of **Eric Potter's** article on the Soviet 'Red Banner Northern Fleet' will be in next month's newsletter. Sounds like we have found an expert in the Russian Navy.

**WANT ADS**

**WANTED**

Plans and information about Railroad barges and Railroad Ferries. If you have any kind of documentation you want to share, contact Phil Northrup at (509) 884-6898 or write to:  
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Newsletter contribution Thanks  
this month go to:

**Eric Potter, Gordy Canney &  
Steve O'Connell**

*Fair winds and calm seas*