



THE BILGE PUMP

The Official Log of the
Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

July 2008



Upcoming Events

July

- 3 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm, PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 13 Fun Float
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park
- 27 Tidewater Cup
Spokane, WA

August

- 3 Fun Float
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park
- 4 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 7 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 9 Crawdad Festival
Tualatin, OR
- 16 Foss Cup
Bellevue Park

September

- 1 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 4 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Fun Float
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park



Red Right Returning

By Randy Flodquist

The 27th Northwest Regatta is history and our champion is Phil Northrup and his MARTHA FOSS. The nineteen tents (a record?) covered a lot of boats (51 entered; a lot more on site), a lot of food (thank you Linda, Ruthie, Ginny for breakfast and lunch ((the strawberry shortcake seemed especially elegant)), and the rain held off until we were packing up about six-thirty. The scale judging slowed things and my personalized certificates are still in the process and will be out at the July meeting. We'll be sending out an email with all the numbers. Lee Upshaw was up from Long Beach (and stepped in as a judge) and we also had Oregonians, SW Washingtonians, and Canadians. The coolest moment for me was the lady who took a video of us wishing the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan a happy Fourth of July. It was fun honoring those serving the country. I'd like to thank people like Al and Ben and Keith and Dave and Tom and Ron, Lee, Gerhard, and Dave and Ed, and Leif for all that arm twisting. And Allan for all the off-site computer work. These people and many others served their club well. They (and probably others I haven't remembered as I write this) are what made the day a success. I thank you kindly.

Next up is the Wooden Boat Festival in early July at the CWB and South Lake Union Park. I urge you to take a boat or two to Colleen's exhibit (you can take them out to run when you like) in the armory. In 2009 we could combine with the Discovery Modelers and the Puget Sound group and put on a major scale show with awards that would become the major scale event of the year and free up the Regatta for navigation, fun, and a simple and quick scale judging. Elsewhere in this issue and on line you should find pictures from the Regatta. RC Groups on the web also has lots of pictures.

And now for something completely different. I would like to get back to columns with a theme. Since summer is here (I think) I urge people to take maritime oriented field trips/ vacations. For those who aren't aware, you could Google LADY ROSE MARINE. Enjoy their site. Many of you have been to Port Alberni and ridden the stout little vessels out to Bamfield and the magical Broken Islands. The club is already up to about twenty for Tualatin this year on August nine.

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The 27th Annual Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Regatta

The Regatta was held Saturday, June 7th, at the Bellevue Park pond. The day started cold and threatening rain. The rain never got more than a few sprinkles and by noon the wind was almost nonexistent. Ben Flodquist, Al Kinsman, Keith Schermerhorn and Earl Anderson set up the course.

The course was set up as shown in last month's newsletter. It was close to shore and very tight. The course was divided into two parts, each with a separate judge, this allowed two boats to run at a time with one on each half of the course. The boats were divided into three classes based on length. New this year was a requirement that the boats would be required to make the initial docking in a wide or narrow slip based on boat width and later pass on the wide or narrow channel passing the lighthouse based on that same width.



The score for each half of the course is added together and the results were used to determine the winners.

The Navigation results:

Class	Place	Skipper	Boat
Small	First tied	Keith Schermerhorn	James E
	First tied	Pat Plueard	Miss Happ
	Second	Larry Stiles	Hairless Joe
Medium	Third	Matthew Plueard	Dicki
	First	Phil Northrup	Martha Foss
	Second	Alan Kinsman	Western Titan
Large	Third	Tom Stevens	Jeanette
	First	Ben Flodquist	Indefatigable
	Second	Aimee Eng	Kaleetan
Junior	Third	Pat Plueard	Renegade
	First	Matthew Plueard	FIDO
	Second	Kiera Rudden-Flannagan	Southampton

Kiera Rudden-Flannagan is the youngest skipper we have ever had and we want to give her a very special well done for an up and coming young skipper

While boats were running the navigation course, Tom Stevens oversaw the static judging. As in the past, the static judging was divided into three classes based on the scale. We had 51 entrants. In addition, there was the usual lunch and Raffle.

The scale judging was performed by four judges and their scores were averaged to determine the winners. The results are:



Scale	Place	Skipper	Boat
1/25	First	Ben Flodquist	Indefatigable
	Second	Tom Stevens	Jeanette
	Third	Pat Plueard	Renegade
1/32	First	Phil Northrup	Martha Foss
	Second	Mel Suelzle	Green Dolphin
	Third	Leif Bentzen	Arikat
1/96	First	Roger Forlines	Envoy
	Second	Roger Bindon	Freedom
	Third	Aimee Eng	SMP Tug

There was a special scale category for static boats that did not run the navigation course. These boats at times can have additional detail that would have to be compromised to allow the boat to run full R/C. The results are:

Place	Skipper	Boat
First	Larry Stiles	Hoga
Second	Larry Stiles	Dexter



Finally, there is an overall winner determined by combining the results of the Navigation and Scale scores. The winner this year was

Phil Northrup and his boat the **Martha Foss**. Congratulations, Phil for a job well done.





Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Allan Wing

Randy called the meeting to order at the appointed time. There were no guests or new members but we did welcome Mike Jones visiting us from Hawaii.

Randy passed out Regatta T-shirts to those in attendance who ordered them. Randy talked about the Tug boat races and the Anacortes Water front Festival. He said Anacortes had good weather and a fairly good turn out.

Randy then announced that the club now has insurance that will cover the club and members at club sponsored events. The cost of the insurance may result in a dues increase in the future but how much and when has yet to be determined.

Randy then read a letter from Mike Haff's parents that told how they spread his ashes among the Tugs out on the water. This was their final act of putting Mike to rest.

We then discussed the Regatta. There is over \$1,000 in prizes for the raffle. Set up will start at 7 AM and breakfast will be served from 8 to 8:30. White boards will be set up with registration information including the skippers name, the name of the boat and the radio frequency. Later the points for navigation and static judging will be added. It appears that all is ready. More on the Regatta and results elsewhere is this newsletter.

After a short break , we had "show and tell." First up was Mel with his new Dolphin. He has done quite a bit of work on it and it looks rather complete. He demonstrated the lighting that he can control from shore using a switch 8. The lights were set up in several circuits for deck lights, work lights and navigation lights. Mel is still trying to find out the name Foss will use for their new Dolphin so he can get an actual name.



Next Ron Bray showed his Grand Banks cruiser which he also has nearly complete. He talked about he had done chrome plating and some of the problems he encountered. Ron said he will call name it Emma B after his granddaughter. He said he will name the Tito he got at last summers auction Ellie B after his other granddaughter.

Then Barry Bertran showed another small Tug that he wants to convert to R/C. He was given advice on using a servo motor to power the tug and other suggestions on how to complete the conversion.

Finally, Mike Jones talked about his adventures piloting a 40 foot long submarine. Mike had been involved in the initial building of the submarine and had been hired to be the pilot by the owner. He talked about the places they went and had several pictures. It would be the ultimate fantasy job.



SKAGIT R/C SHIP MODELERS

By Keith Schermerhorn

June 2 found a smaller (12) than normal group gathered for the monthly meeting (compared to lately) with the usual cast of characters in attendance. Although small in quantity, enthusiasm made up for the difference.

Of the topics discussed, most centered around the past months events including the tug races and the Waterfront Festival. Those that attended had a good time at both. The comment that was noted at the Anacortes Waterfront were that we had a lot of coverage on Sat. but spread things out on Sunday as there were only a small hand full present. Would be nice to have the sail boat guys join us with the displays on Sat. and more racing in the festival area to help attract more interest for their group and the r/c boats in general.

As we finished the old news, looked forward to the main event for June, the regatta in Bellevue. Quick reminders of what to expect and hoping for descent weather, something above the freezing mark! A few other venues were discussed including Tualatin, Spokane, Foss Cup, Burnaby (day after Foss Cup), and possibly the Laconner Classic Car & Boat Show in Sept. Also the Submarine meet that will be held at the Lynden KOA on the last weekend of June.

Tom presented Dusty with a very prestigious award for "aging" with model boats. Then he went into a presentation on "seasoning" (and not for the BBQ) a boat to help it achieve a weathered look.

Some of the pointers mention included:

"conformity" make sure the aging fits the style/era of a vessel.

Paint mixing-- careful to make sure they are compatible.

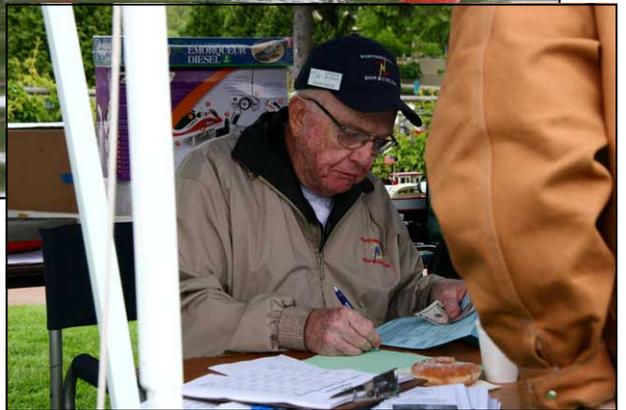
Do not over do the rust as it is not always a "bright" color-more subdued.

Quite a bit of knowledge was shared as we all know Tom has done a fine job of weathering his vessels to make them appear more realistic. Larry also commented that latex paint works well in the small scales. Also mentioned it looks better to be lighter than the full size and will look more realistic. Had to do with light-size -distance (all made sense).

The only show and tell was Dave Feray showing the progress of his LPG barge with working pumps to help ballast the barge with water. Still a work in progress, but looking good. Reminder that the **next meeting** will be on **July 7th** after the long weekend. Until July, we will have updates on the regatta and the fun float that we are going to try and have at Gordon's community pond.



Northwest Regatta



Member Spotlight

By Dr. Ron



Allan Wing

Allan was born in Spokane in 1946 and moved to the Seattle area graduating from Inghram High School in 1968. Following high school, he went to the University of Washington earning a degree in electrical engineering. Following graduation he secured a 2nd lieutenant commission in the US Air Force. He was assigned to the National Security Agency in Maryland and it was during his tour here that he met his wife to be, Darlene. They were soon married and somewhat later had a son and a daughter. After his tour of duty, they came back to the Pacific Northwest where he began employment with Boeing. He became a manager in electronic navigation weapons delivery systems for the B 1 and B 2 bombers.

Like so many of our model boaters, Allan also has a nautical background which allows him to pursue RC model boating like a duck to water. His father bought and operated a Youngquist 24 foot cabin cruiser when he was four. The family spent many pleasurable hours cruising the waters of the Pacific Northwest and this experience most likely set the hook. This was reinforced when he received an operable ready to run type model when he was eight.



When he returned to Seattle from the Air force and before kids, he built the Sterling kit Emma C. Berry completing it in 1973.

Next he scratch built a Henry Foss tug in the 80's and launched it in 1992. This took longer because of the kids. Following this he embarked on the construction of a pusher tug from plans he acquired from Tidewater. He built two Springers and is now working on a single mast Emma C. Berry with an anticipated launch date later this spring.

After retirement in 2004, he found our club on the internet and joined a month later. He currently reports events, fun floats and meeting information for the Bilge Pump which wife, Darlene, does an outstanding job editing. They regularly attend most of the meetings and club functions and have been spark plugs for our organization freely offering advice and sharing many innovative ideas and building techniques.

Allan and Darlene have lived in their Woodinville home for 22 years and since retirement they have traveled twice to Europe and to New Zealand with plans to visit Italy this summer. In addition to RC model boats his other hobbies are a life long passion for photography, helping Darlene with her horseback riding, outings in their camper and electronic projects such as power supplies and LED lighting systems for his home.

The club is indeed very fortunate to have such an energetic and devoted couple in our midst.