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**June 1994 Newsletter**

**SUMMER CALENDAR**

**June**

North end meeting	6/2	<b>Bob 's</b>
North end float	6/5	Bellevue
South end float	6/9	Steel L.
<b>Crowley Cup</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>SFO*</b>
South end float	6/23	Steel L.

**IMPORTANT: North End Meeting will be at BOB JACOBSEN'S HOUSE on June 2.**

**July**

North end meeting	7/7	Innis Arden
North end float	7/10	Bellevue
South end float	7/14	Steel L.
<b>Spokane Regatta</b>	<b>7/24</b>	<b>Spokane</b>
South end float	7/28	Steel L.

**August**

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

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

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

**Note:** The South End meetings have changed, they are now South End floats and are all on Thursdays for rest of the summer.

\*PDX is Portland, Oregon  
\*SFO is San Francisco, California  
(airline jargon)

**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.  
More info on this one later.

**President's Notes**

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The **1994 Northwest Regatta** is now history and was our best regatta ever. The weather was great and the public was terrific. In 1993 we had a total of 51 boats entered. This year we had a total of 61 boats entered including 15 from Canada. Every type of vessel was represented from tugs to submarines, and pleasure craft to warships.

**Captain Webb** of the Coast Guard Museum and President of the *Puget Sound Shipmodelers* was our chief scale judge and was amazed at the quality as well as the quantity of the models this year. He commented that the quality alone had gone up 60 - 70% over last year.

The regatta went way overtime due to the large number of boats entered, but nobody seemed to mind, and more important, everybody had a great time. One of this years highlights was the new Navigation Course designed and built by **Robert "Destroyer of Ships and ripper of Keels" Osmond**. I can't say enough about this effort and how much pure fun the course was to play with. Special thanks also go to **Bruno Faccini, Gary Robstadt, Gordy Canney, and Cliff Shaw** for spending many hours helping Robert build, paint, and set up the course props.

I especially need to thank all of our judges who were who were willing to go the extra mile and stay until all of the contestants got a chance to run the Nav course. We had two judges that didn't show up on the morning of the regatta ( one of those wonderful things that keep this job so interesting) so **Jerry Julian** and **Jim Elder** sacrificed their time at the regatta to step in as judges. Thanks guys, it really was appreciated.

Some of the results were fascinating, like two submarines beating out all of the tugs in one of the nav size groups! The competition was very close and resulted in a two way tie in one category and a three way tie in another. The trophies for duplicate scores have been ordered and will be ready for the June meeting.

Our computer operators **Gary Robstad** and **Bruno Faccini** did an outstanding job this year by maintaining a 99.9% accuracy rate in the face of an overwhelming amount of information thrown at them all day. A special note of thanks goes to the computer for puking at about 3:00 in the afternoon (another one of those great things that keep this job so interesting.) Fortunately, none of the data was lost and enough of the program was reconstructed to give us our final results.

If you want your score sheets from the regatta, send Steve a SASE (long size, .29

stamp) and he will mail them to you. Offer ends on 1, July 94.

As with last year so many people worked hard to make this regatta a success that I really shouldn't try to thank them all,.....but I will anyway.

**Cliff Shaw** Setup, programs, & registration packages.

**Bob Jacobsen** Programs, & registration packages.

**City of Bellevue** Tables, awnings, & the pond all for free.

**Gordon Canney** Ordering and delivering trophies.

**Ross Hatte** Registration

**Gary Robstad** Computer scoring

**Bruno Faccini** Computer scoring

**Robert Osmond** Nav course design and construction.

**Lou Magnabosco** Setup, registration & score auditing.

**Mike Moor** Scale water judge.

**Dick Sackville** Frequency Control & table transportation.

**Dave Kentala** Frequency control

**Andy Paris** Lunch for Judges

**Art Delsman** Nav course judge

**Jerry Julian** Nav course judge

**Jim Elder** Nav course judge

**Chuck Hough** Nav course judge

**John Harris** (non-member) Nav course judge

**The "Unknown Judge"** Nav course judge

**Ray Holley** (non-member) Scale Judge

**Captain Webb** (non-member) Scale Judge

**Dave Smith** Great help in set up

As you can see, this could never happen without the efforts of many dedicated and truly helpful people. I am sure I missed someone, especially in the areas of setup and tear down. I regret this, but many thanks to you as well.

## From the Editor

Mike Moor

### Regatta Review

It amazes me how fast a day can go by, I was eating breakfast one minute and dinner the next an all I can remember in between is repeating the phrase over and over; *"Leave the lighthouse to Port"*.

Besides the good company there was excitement:

WHALES

CRANE BARGES

TORPEDO ATTACKS

**WHALES** About 1:00 while sneaking bites of my lunch and calculating points on my clipboard and I noticed I was getting wet..... Rain? No rain. That's when I noticed the pint sized plastic Cetacean paddling half circles and spouting pond water on my burrito.

The spouter turned out to be a wind-up toy compliments of Bob Jacobsen. The whale played a part in the judging, Any skipper who bumped the whale lost points with Greenpeace.

**CRANE BARGES** The crane barge was on site as a prop, a very nice prop designed to give the appearance of a harbor scene. Built by **Vick Lanza** the barge is a replica of the Foss Maritime 300 foot steam powered crane barge. The barge operates the boom and hook and is fully manned (or womanned).

**TORPEDO ATTACKS** The peace and quiet of the afternoon was shattered when out of the depths of the pond came a trail of bubbles and a **torpedo** from nowhere, running straight and true. It did miss the boats in the area and the dock for that matter, but it was impressive.

Scanning the horizon for a tell-tale periscope or racing PT boat I did notice **Dave Basden**

crouching by the side of the pond 35 feet away and sporting a fiendish "DAS BOOT" grin.

All in all the 1994 Northwest Regatta was excellent. To all who participated and to all who pitched in.....Good Job!

## Meetings and Floats

May 5

North End Meeting

Show & Tell

**Gene Lemon:** "The Log", actually "The Log II" This revised edition of an old theme includes a bilge pump, innovative drive system and, what else, a tree frog. Gives a new meaning to Ship's log.

**Steve O'Connell:** Displayed his Sturgeon class submarine in 1/96 scale. The sub is 36 inches long and sports a 7 bladed propeller. The sub comes from Engineered Specialties and sports a price tag of a cool \$169.

Steve also handed out score sheets for the navigation and scale events at the regatta.

**Dennis Lunde:** In an effort to clean out his garage, and probably to make some points at home, brought in some hulls for sale including battleships and destroyers.

May 8

North End Float

Due to two annual, and important events, there was no North End Float. The Northwest Regatta which happened on **Sunday May 1** saturated most skippers with boat driving. If that isn't enough May 8 is **Mother's Day** which, in most cases will keep everyone busy at brunch or at least a day full of family bonding.

Comment [M1]:

Comment [M2]:

May 19

South End Meeting

The last indoor meeting of the summer was held at Andy's on Thursday. For the remainder of the Summer all meetings will be floats, and all floats will be floats. All floats will be held at Steel Lake unless notified.

Andy has been working on getting club members from the South End to pitch in and help the City of Federal Way to improve the park facilities at Steel Lake. Sounds like great community spirit and a good way to make points with F.W. Parks Department. Common South Enders', lets pitch in.

Eight members attended the meeting and good times and "smokies" with mustard was enjoyed by all.

**May 22 South End Float**

A bit disjointed this float, with Randy Petre arriving about 11:30, Brad and Jerry Sager at about 1:00 and Andy and Mike at 5:00. All told it would have been a good turnout if we could have been there at the same time.

**NORTHWEST REGATTA RESULTS**

**Scale, Class A (1/60 and less)**  
 1st Phil Northrup Sophie Tucker  
 2nd Bill Bull (CAN) SS Elpenor  
 3rd Bill Bull (CAN) MV Benarmin

**Scale, Class B (1/60 thru 1/30)**  
 1st Dan Kachur Alfa  
 2nd John Tarvin (CAN) Loch Ness  
 3rd Ray Nelson Paterson

**Scale, Class C (1/30 and up)**  
 1st Ron Burchett (CAN) Seaspan Regent  
 2nd Lorne Scott (CAN) Gillfoam  
 3rd Victor Lanza Shelly Foss

**Navigation, Large Vessels**  
 1st Dave Basden German Sub  
 2nd Dan Kachur Nautilus  
 3rd Ray Nelson Seguin

**Navigation, Medium Vessels**  
 1st Robert Osmond Warwick  
 1st Ian Cunningham(C) Sea Giant  
 2nd Gordon Canney Shelly Foss  
 3rd Ray Nelson Paterson

**Navigation, Small Vessels**  
 1st Wayne Martin Isabel

2nd Steve O'Connell Mr. Mike  
 3rd Mike Moor Naupaka  
 3rd Phil Northrup Sophie Tucker  
 3rd Gary Vermass Shelly Foss

**Junior Category:**  
 Jeremy Magnabosco Hagar the Horrible

Judges choice:  
 Ian Cunningham (CAN) Burrard Cleaner

**Best of Show**  
 (Top scale and Nav Course Combined)  
**Ron Burchett** (CAN) Seaspan Regent

**Bollard Pull:** Unofficial Events

Navigator **Mike Moor** 10.2 pounds  
 Seaspan regent **Ron Burchett** 7.6 pounds  
 Russell Foss **John Benthien** 7.2 pounds

**ATTA-BOY**

The May regatta went very well, 61 boats entered, tables and awnings were provided for free, and everyone seemed to have fun.

The success of the regatta was defiantly a product of many members as noted in this newsletter, but only with the guiding hand of our President **Steve O'Connell**.

Besides the high salary and many perks provided to this club's President, here is an award for your shelf.

Thank You Very Much Steve, Ya Done Good!

**BENT PROP AWARD**

The BPA this month was generated during the May regatta, **Lou Magnabosco** did a great job of recreating an in scale accident between a tug and barge called "girding or tripping". Lou was pulling Robert Osmonds large, heavy ship (200 pounds or so).

Lou's tug was happily pulling the ship along until he tried to turn. The tug changed course but the ship didn't. When the tow line

tightened up it was pulling from the side of the tug and rolled it over. The little tug filled with water and sank. Some guys go to great lengths to operate in scale.

Also, Hagar the Horrible, another one of Lou's boats defied the primary principal of boats; "*Keep the water on the outside*".

So, for two sinkings in one day, Lou, This props' for you.

### **ANACORTES WATERFRONT FESTIVAL**

I received the results of this regatta the night before the newsletter went to press, so my coverage is a little sparse. I do however have the results of the competition.

Despite Mother Natures best efforts, the competition was a great success. The main road into town was blocked on Saturday by a rock slide. Then on Sunday when the highway department tried to reinforce the hillside there was another rock slide. If you wanted out of Anacortes and you didn't have a boat big enough to ride in, you were forced to make a long detour.

As you may know the *Anacortes Waterfront Festival* is a static competition. Although there was water running it was just for fun. The water course at Anacortes is salt water and many skippers don't run in salt water.

So, enough small talk and on with the scores. I do not know how the classes were broken down, but I will get a report from John Benthien prior to the next newsletter.

#### ***Anacortes Waterfront Festival*** **COMPETITION RESULTS**

##### CLASS A

1st	Jackie B	<b>Ron Burchett</b>
2nd	Ocean Pioneer	<b>Ron Burchett</b>
3rd	Trifoiler	<b>Ray Robinson</b>

##### CLASS B

1st	Leading Lady	<b>Jerry Julian</b>
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2nd	Russell Foss	<b>John Benthien</b>
3rd	Foundation Franklin	<b>Ray Nelson</b>

##### CLASS C

1st	USCGC Iris	<b>Ken Long</b>
2nd	Island Champion	<b>Michael Dean</b>
3rd	Seaspan regent	<b>Ron Burchett</b>

##### BEST OF SHOW

**LEADING LADY JERRY JULIAN**

Congrats guys and thanks to **Keith Schermerhorn** and company for a good activity.

The rest of our club's fleet competing or watching included:

**Vick Lanza, Gary Vermass  
Jim Elder, Brad Young**

### **WANT ADS**

##### FOR SALE

6 and 12 volt gel cell batteries.

One each

12 volt ,6.2 AMP hr

6" X 2 -1/2" X 4" \$10

Two each

6 volt , 6.2 AMP hr

1-3/4" X 2-3/4" X 4" \$6

Smaller boats,

Chargers are not included.

If you are interested contact  
Mike Moor at 838-3651.

Newsletter contribution Thanks  
this month go to:

**Jerry Julian, Andy Paris  
Robert Osmond, John Benthien**  
and  
**Steve O'Connell**

*Fair winds and calm seas*