



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

June, 2013

Dates of interest

June

- 1st Anacortes Waterfront Festival
- 6th Club Meeting
- 8th Club Regatta
- 10th Skagit Meeting

July

- 1st Skagit Meeting
- 4th **NO CLUB MEET**
- 27th Tidewater Cup (Spokane)

ROGER LYON, BIG WINNER



Roger, taking home the Major hardware from a very successful Northwest Regatta. Good weather, good challenge, good friends, what more could you want?

(to be there, Ed.)

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View From The Bridge – Bob Jacobsen

The Regatta was a great success!! The weather held out perfectly, not too hot, not too cold and very little wind. I am awaiting the final numbers, but it looked like we had about 25 skippers and 50 boats. Robert Osmond did an amazing job on the course and many skippers said it was the best (and possibly the hardest) course they had ever run. Frankly one of his tricky moving barges swung around and whacked my tug right on the nose – I was impressed (and kind of ticked I missed it!!). Our scale judges did a great job both on the tables and in the water, lunch was great and we had lots of help all day. I will have a full report in the next newsletter with all the helpers, total results with scores (which should be interesting to look at) and many other details of the day. A sincere thank you to everyone who made the 2013 Regatta a great success.



Take a note of some of the other events happening this summer on the website schedule and flyers in this newsletter. The Crawfish festival and Tidewater cup are a few examples. We also have a few fun floats, the Foss Cup (more on that in the next issue) and then Lake Goodwin in September. Get them on your calendar and plan to join us.

Also there is **NO CLUB MEEING IN JULY**, so make a note of that too.

My e-mail is bobandlaurie@nwlinc.net and my cell phone is 206-790-2367.

Remember you can easily skydive without a parachute, you only need a parachute if you want to do it again!

Bob



June 2013 Meeting Minutes by **Ron Bray**

Our commodore, **Bob Jacobsen**, brought quiet to the room at 1907 hours to begin the meeting. New members, **Bruce Smith** and **Bill Horton** were recognized. **Tom Stevens** brought a guest, **Dee Ogee**, who is a boat builder and interested in joining the club. Bruce and Dee are retired Boeing employees and join several others in the club who are Boeing retirees.

Bob announced that there will be a fun float at the Bellevue pond on the 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 10 AM as long as there is favorable weather. There was a great turn out in May with about 20 or so boats. The next Thursday fun float will be June 20th at 10 AM. **Mel Suelzle** gave a report on the Anacortes Maritime Festival noting that the tables were full of boats. Mel and his grandson were featured in the program with a picture of them, the **Morgan Foss** and the **L. A. Fireboat** from last year's event. Mel said Tom's crane barge was a great hit.

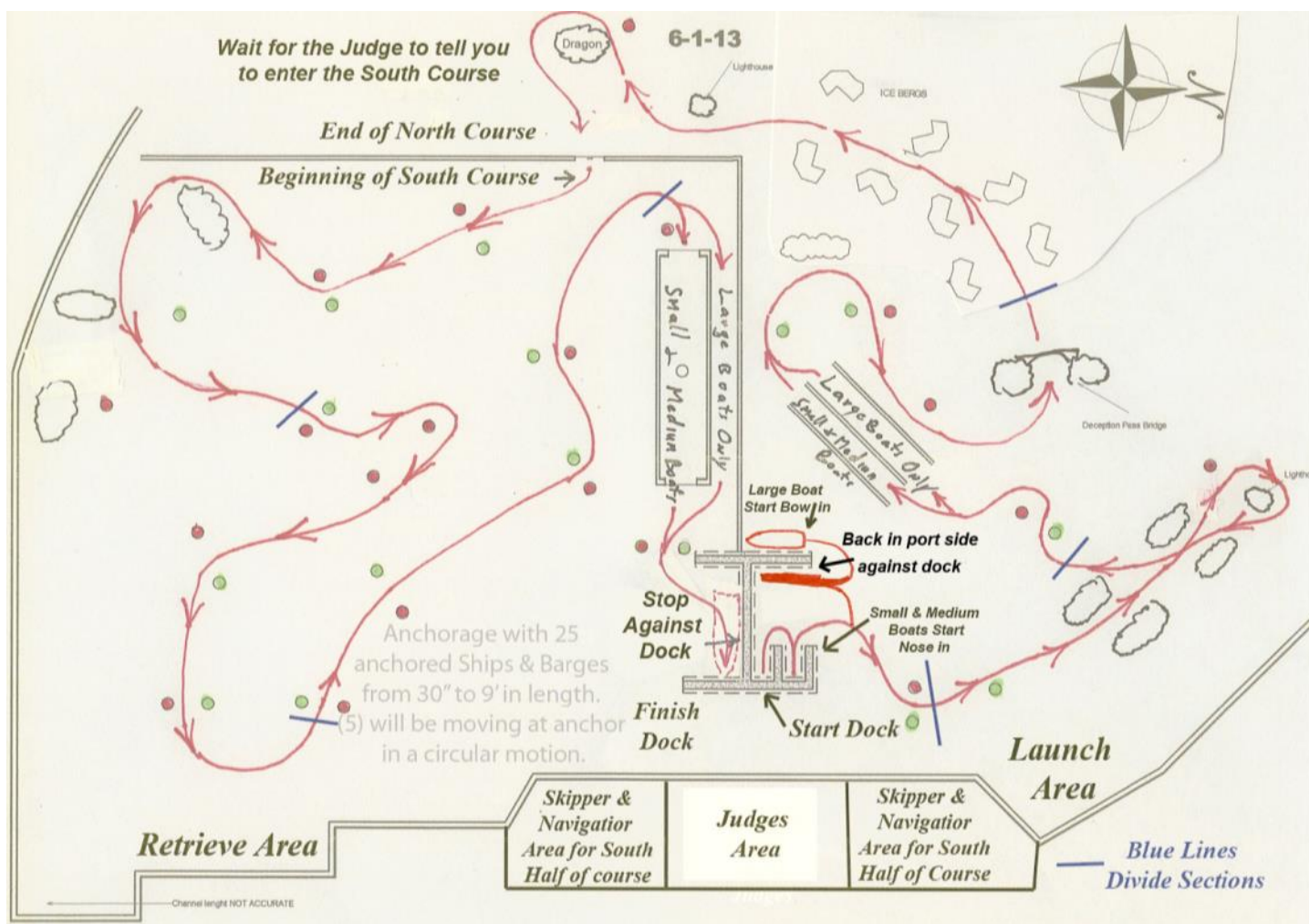
Most of the new business centered on the upcoming regatta this Saturday. Bob gave a run down on the registration details and classes of boats according to length. **Robert Osmond** presented details of the navigation course layout and the handicapping rules according to the propulsion systems. The two major events are the navigation challenge and scale judging. However, there will be space for free running, just north of the official site. Scale judging is only for boats built by the contestant and must be able to run as well as demonstrate any special effects, in front of the judges.

A brief history of the origin of the regatta was provided by Bob Jacobsen who along with **Cliff Shaw** was instrumental in its formation. Since our next scheduled meeting falls on the 4th of July, there will be **NO** July meeting. The next fun float will be on the 13th of July and the Tidewater cup in Spokane will be on the 27th. Many are looking forward to the event in Tualatin, Oregon on the 2nd weekend of August. Reservations at the Century Hotel are fully booked and it may be necessary to stay nearby at the Comfort Inn. This is one of the premiere events of the year and **Amie Eng** and **Phil** always go out of their way to make this a very special regatta, in conjunction with the Crawdad Festival.

After a break, show and tell started with Bob Jacobsen exhibiting his Southampton modification. In addition he brought a simple build to demonstrate how mechanical and electrical components are installed and arranged. He will bring it to the regatta, so those who need help can find a solution to their efforts. He also brought a new chopper that provides accurate cuts and will be carried by Galaxy Hobby.

Norm Hiatt brought the house from his *Constellation* aircraft carrier and explained how he made the radar operational. Dee Ogee brought a Dumas *Shelly Foss* kit, which he purchased from the Duncan Lamb estate, and demonstrated progress he has made in sheeting the hull. Bill Horton showed his build of a plank on frame *Sequin* tug. His doctor advised him to get a hobby after he had back surgery, so he got the model boat building bug. **Dr. Ron Bray** showed his progress in constructing a scratch build of the Lake Union Dream Boat. Plans were obtained from Dave Wickland of Sail Classics, Inc. The 1:1 scale was originally built by the Blanchard Boat Co. in the late 20's and is still a classic yacht, with several still in service in the Northwest. **Bob Wickham** showed the new paint job on his exquisite PT boat requiring 7 cans of Dull Coat to keep the paint from fading due to the chlorine in the pond. Each of the three motors draws 27 amps at full power, but the Pro Boat ESCs seem to be able to handle the load

Following show and tell, drawings for cyano glue, and a hat and battery pack was expedited. The meeting ended at 2100 hours and all were encouraged come as early as possible on Saturday to help set up for the regatta.



2013 Regatta Results

Scale

Pleasure	1 st	Ron Bray	Emma B
	2 nd	John Nygard	Typhoon
Military	1 st	Roger Lyons	Chilula
	2 nd	Ron Bindon	Freedom
	3 rd	Norm Hiatt	Connie
Commercial	1 st	Tom Stevens	Jeanette
	2 nd	Tom Stevens	Heidi
	3 rd	Bob Jacobsen	Fishboat
Tugs	1 st	Ron Burchett	Jackie B
	2 nd	Ron Bray	Lindsey Foss
	3 rd	Aimee Eng	SDM Tug

Navigation

Large	1 st	Roger Lyons
	2 nd	Bob Jacobsen
	3 rd	Ron Bray

Medium

1 st	Jeffrey Parker
2 nd	Al Kinsman
3 rd	Jeff Parker

Small

1 st	Amy Eng
2 nd	Keith Schermerhorn
3 rd	Ron Burchett

Best of Show

Roger Lyons (Combined scale & navigation score)

Scale Judges Choice

Ron Bray - Lindsey Foss

Junior

Jeffrey Parker- Best Junior

Emily Higashi – Captains Certificate



Views of the course. Not sure how you could tell which was your boat!





May 27th Rain Float

The Fun Float, held on the 27th, found that there was almost as much water on the banks as was contained in the pond. Even though it rained the whole time, it proves what some skippers will do to get a donut and a cup of coffee. Fun was had by all!



There must a been some wind along with the rain



Some very keen piloting and critiquing



Some of the floatilla used during the day



Al Kinsman, Robert Osmond, Bill McGee and Bob Wickham

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Vancouver, Washington

Hosted by:

SPOKANE MODEL BOAT CLUB

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

DATE & TIME

JULY 27th 2013 10:00 AM

Registration starts at 9:00 AM

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AVISTA REFLECTION POND

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SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

THIS EVENT SANCTIONED BY:

U. S. SCALE SHIP MODELER' ASSOCIATION

Tualatin Crawfish Festival

Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th.
RC Tug boat Regatta, and Fun Float



Saturday 9am til 10 pm

Tug boat competitions 9:30 till 3:00pm

Buffet Dinner 6:30pm (\$34.00)

Night Sailing with lights 8:00pm-10:00pm

Sunday Fun Float 9am till you leave.

All the docks and tank barge, crane, offshore tower and other equipment will be available to use and challenge your skills.

Century Hotel is located on
the South end of the pond
<http://www.thecenturyhotel.com/>

Comfort Inn up the road a bit.
Comfort Inn & Suites -(503) 612-9952
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A report from our Eastern most Member, Ralph Durham:

This my model the ***USS Joseph Strauss DDG 16***. It is a guided missile destroyer and the scale is 1/96. It features 4 rotating radar antennas, navigation lights and 4 operating search lights. It is 55" long. Many scratch built parts.

Ralph



I would have to say that the Big Sky state produces some fine model builders.

I hope that one day Ralph will see fit to transport this beauty to Bellevue so we can see it in person! Thanks Ralph for sharing with us. Ed.

ERRATA

Dain Webster has asked that the following website be placed in the newsletter in follow-up to a demo he made at a Thursday Coffee Session. It has to do with a light controlling system available from Dimension Engineering.

<http://www.dimensionengineering.com/products/delight-starter-kit>



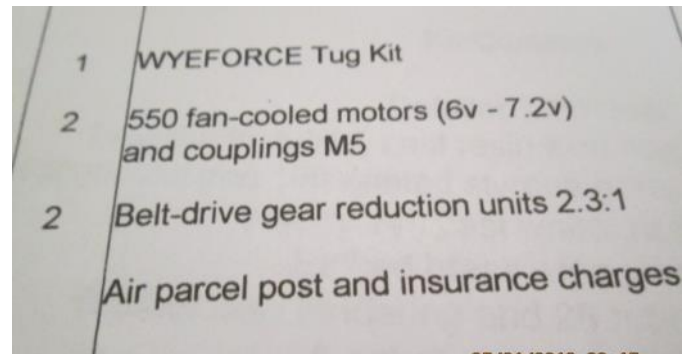
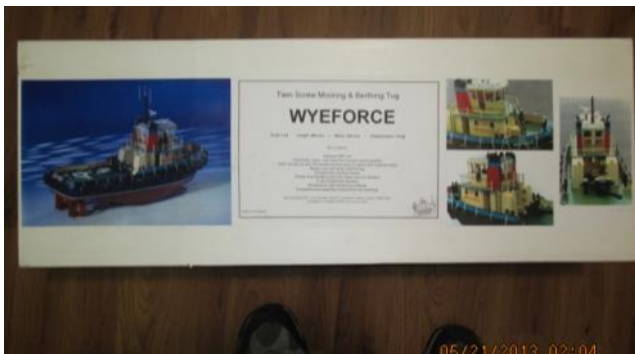
FOR SALE

Model Slipway's **Wyeforce Tug** Kit

Asking \$450.00, has not been started

Still in the packaging it came in

Chip McCullough (253) 381 9212 (Tacoma)





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