



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
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July 2025

Look Ahead Events

JULY

31 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm

AUGUST

2 NWRCSCM's Navigation & Tug Boat Regatta
8 am – 4 pm

17 BMM Regatta

27 Twilight Float at Bellevue pond Sunset

Only boats with lights can run after dark.

29-31 Olympia Harbor Days, see notice in newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

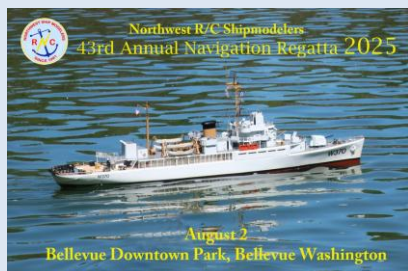
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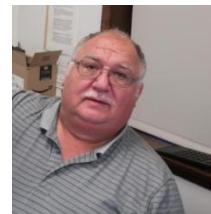
See more details in the expanded calendar section at the newsletter end.



Read more about members' projects.

From the Bridge

Richard Lenington



Hello everyone. We had a good turnout for our July meeting the day before a three-day weekend with fifteen of us attending. We got all the jobs for the Regatta filled. We had a good Show and Tell. Some exhibiting new gadgets and proper lighting on night floats. We will be doing just the raffle with cups to place tickets in for the nicer items. How many is to be determined.

NWRCSCM's Navigation & Tug Boat Regatta Information: August 2nd, 2025

There will be two separate courses at the August 2 event, they will be a

1. Navigation course for any boat and a
2. Tug course for a tug with a barge, being pulled, pushed or on the hip.

The boat size classes for both events will be:

Measured between verticals that clear all parts of the ship.
22" and under is **Small**
Over 22" and under 40" will be **Medium**
Over 40" will be **Large**

For the tug events:

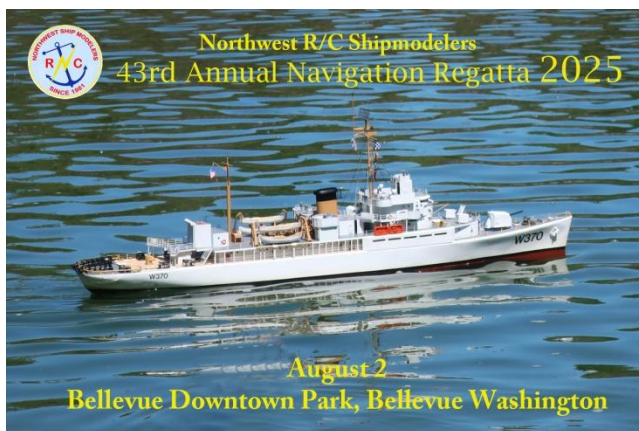
- **Tug Course:** Each tug will have to use a barge that is at *least twice the length of the tug*. The barge will have to have a draft of at least ½ of the depth of the barge hull.
- **Salvage Event:** With Orville hooks to catch and pull in one of three different size ships (which were recently completely rebuilt by Robert Wickham) to pull through a gate and pin to the wall of the pond next to the score board. This wall has colored bands from the center in each direction so we can judge how close you finish to the center mark.
- **Team Towing:** Two captains will each take one end of the Liberty ship and pull it away from the shore, then out through a gate, then back through the gate, to the shore, and pin it against the shore.
- **Tugboat Race:** Determined by interest as to classes. This will be from a starting gate and around a buoy and back to the starting gate to determine a winner.

Raffle prizes: Per the voting at the July 3rd club meeting.

- There will be raffle tickets sold at the price of \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00, as in past years.
- We will draw tickets all day and post the numbers on the board for you to match up and claim. These will be smaller items.
- After the boat running events have ended, we will have drawings for the large prizes.
The more tickets you purchase the more possibilities you have of winning.

Note: The raffle ticket sales are how the club earns enough money to pay for the regattas, fun floats, and other costs. Without this money we would have to cut back on expenditures. So, buy those tickets! View them as a donation to the club which could result in you getting something that you want.

Regatta is on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 at Bellevue's Downtown Park pond
The event is open to all skill levels
Registration opens at 8 AM



Radio Controlled Scale Model Boat Navigating Competition

August 2nd 10:00 to 3:00

*AT the Downtown Bellevue Park just
South of the Bellevue Square Mall in Bellevue WA.*

Northwest RC Ship Modelers Club



With an autonomous ferry boat running back and forth to avoid



Meeting Minutes – July 3rd, 2025

By Chis Merrill and Jon McCool

Photos by Robert Osmond & Paul Williams



The Meeting was called to order at 19:01 with fifteen members in attendance.

The treasurer reported the amount of the club's account. Two checks are going out to pay for storage of the club's property and batteries. A check is incoming from a sponsor for the club regatta.

Also, a reminder that we need a new newsletter editor. Paul Williams is looking to step down at the end of the year.

After a short discussion, the club decided to move the November Fun Float from Saturday the eighth to Sunday the ninth due to a college football game. Traditionally, the Seattle Yacht Club gets busy when the University of Washington Huskies have a home game.

The idea to do a Christmas night in December was brought up. There was a low interest.

Club decals are running very low. These are stickers with our logo which go on the rear window of member's cars. Arrangements are being made to order new supply from Callie Graphics.

A discussion of regatta preparation followed. As a reminder, the "August" meeting will occur on Thursday July 31, so that we can have our meeting before the regatta. **Bryan Morse, Robert Wickham, and Allan Wing** have accepted roles as judges and we are looking for one alternate. The Harbor Master will be **Dave White**. **Dave White's** brother will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each or six for \$5. There will be no auction this year. We are looking for a registrar person to collect \$10 (\$5 a piece for additional boats) for registration fees. **Bob Spiger** and **Dave Kentala** will bring three trays of sandwiches for lunch. A team is ready to load the truck with our course obstacles and we are looking for

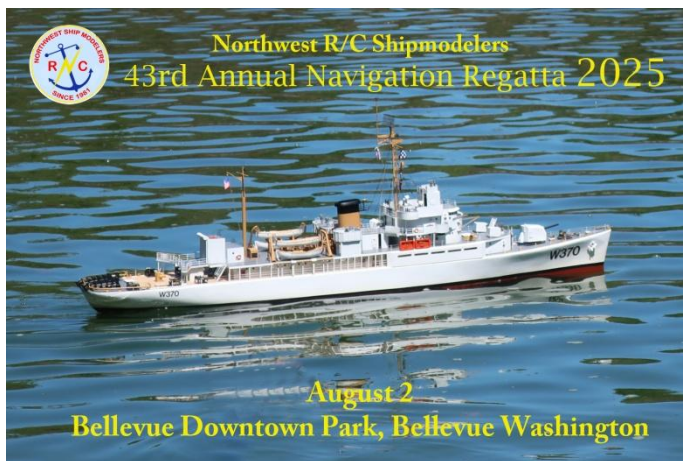
Sunday volunteers to help unload the truck after the event. **Robert Osmond** will print regatta flyers.

Members are encouraged to use the Meetup app to help generate interest in the club and attract new members.

Jon McCool said that the US Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* will be in Seattle on July 9th and 10th. He is planning to go on the 10th.

Show and Tell-

Robert Osmond showed the photos for our "dash" plaques to be used in this year's regatta. The navigation regatta recognition will honor **Dave Green** with a great photo of his beautiful USCG Cutter *Casco* scale model. The tugboat plaque will show a photo that captures 5 club tugboats (and a sailboat) in one tasteful composition.



A short lesson on lights followed. A bow light should shine in a 225 degree arc. The stern light should be a 135 degree arc. A red light should be visible on the port (left) side and a green light on the starboard (right). One way to remember is that "port" and "red" are shorter words and "green" and "starboard" are longer words. There should be a light at the top of a ship's mast and other lights on the mast can be used for communication.



He also talked about his orange submarine. It is a Robbie kit that he has had for a while. It was called *Shark* and was quite fast and fun. Robert added a skid to the bottom to protect it when running in the relatively shallow pond in Bellevue.



Paul Williams spoke about 3D printing. He was trying to make a new steering wheel knob for a radio transmitter. Getting just the right size is a challenge.



Chris Merrill talked about a volt and Amp meter that he received for Father's Day. The digital meter was inexpensive to buy on Amazon. He tested it against his older meters and it proved to show accurate readings.



Pat Plueard spoke about a new “LiFeP04” six-volt battery that looks just like a SLA (Sealed Lead-Acid) battery, but it’s much lighter. Interestingly, it can be charged using USB-C connections. He found them at a price of two for \$12 on the Internet.



Also, Pat showed us an aluminum camera stick. He was looking for a mount for a 4K security camera and found this very affordable option on Amazon searching for a “clamp camera mount”. It might also be useful for holding parts or tools when model building.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:04. Afterwards, members had time to inspect items.



Photo of the dinner before the meeting. Some members (sometimes 8 sometimes 14) show up at the Red Lobster on 196th Street in Lynnwood before the meeting at 5:15 pm for dinner. This is a lot of fun and we get a lot more visiting and exchange of information and ideas here than at the meetings because there is no agenda. Come and give it a try.



Row & Bizier's "come on out" at Lake Tye Float

By Robert Osmond

Photos by: Robert Osmond

Fred Row and Richard Bizier organized a little fun float at Lake Tye in Monroe on July 10. They invited **Bill Heath** and I to "come on out".



The weather was perfect, overcast, so we did not get too hot as the weather will be this coming week. Richard had his finely finished 1949 Crist Craft Commuter yacht and a small run about. Two of Fred's boats were having a slipping shaft connector. Bill was running his bright yellow and white "line" towboat. I ran my *Toe Boat* and my Pacific. I had my new light weight temporary dock to practice docking with. The water was clear, as usual, and the beach was clean and a great place to run out boats from.

Olympia Harbor Days

NWRCSM will have a table with Keith Schermerhorn's float display. Vic Lanza's family will also set up several tents with his boats and a small pond for running their boats. For more information about our display area, please contact Keith.



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OLYMPIA HARBOR DAYS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

A SOUTH SOUND MARITIME HERITAGE ASSOCIATION EVENT
WINNER OF THE BEST SOUTH PUGET SOUND EVENT OF 2022
BY THE WASHINGTON FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION
AND WINNER OF THE BEST FESTIVAL BY SOUTH SOUND MAGAZINE 2023 BEST OF AWARDS

2025 Northwest Radio Control Ship Modelers Events Calendar

Remaining "???" dates and times will be listed as the year progresses. (Updated 7/11/25)

JANUARY

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| 2 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 4 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

FEBRUARY

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| 6 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 8 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

MARCH

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| 1-2 | Miniature Show - www.seattleminiatureshow.com | |
| 6 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 8 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

APRIL

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| 3 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 5 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 10 | NW Hobby Expo - Pond Setup | 9 or 10 am |
| 11 | NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe | Noon to 6 pm |
| 12 | NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe | 9 am to 6 pm |
| 13 | NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe | 9 am to 3 pm |
| 30 | Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float | 9 to 2 Wednesday |

MAY

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| 1 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 3 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 14 | Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark. |

JUNE

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| 5 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 7 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 7-8 | Anacortes Waterfront Festival | (See their website for times) |

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OCTOBER

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| 2 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 4 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |
| 4-5 | Lynden Lions Club Model Train & Toy Show | (See their website for times) |

NOVEMBER

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| 6 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 9 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club (Sunday) | 9 am |

DECEMBER

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| 6 | Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club | 9 am |

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The Facility Makerspace





Our meeting location is in part of the Edmonds Community College buildings (Monroe Hall) located at:

6606 196th Street SW.
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

Meetings are the first Thursday of the Month. More information on this facility can be found at

<https://facilitymade.com/>

2025 Club Officers

	President: Richard Lenington	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Jon McCool	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	YouTube & Meetup Master: Klaus Bellon
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams

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