



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
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June 2022

Look Ahead Events

JULY

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
9 Fun Float at Bellevue 9 am

AUGUST

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
6 NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta
27 Night Float at Bellevue Sunset

SEPTEMBER

1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
10 Fun Float at Bellevue 9 am
20 Night Float, Bellevue 7 to 10 pm
Canceled -- Fishermen's Fall Festival

More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, *Check our website for latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com*



Read more about members' projects.

From the Bridge

Robert Osmond

Apparently, the May 21st, night float came off ok. I heard from Fred that there were 8 hardened sea captains at the helm through, rain, sunset, and sprinkles running their boats.



Our 40th Annual Regatta on June 4th came off without a hitch, with lots of help setting up and taking down and only a breeze and mist when we were handing out awards, doing final raffle drawings and leaving. *(Full article elsewhere in this newsletter).*

Next up we have the **July 9th fun float**. I will be setting up a **Springer Polo event**. More information is on page 19.

Keep in mind that our 1st Annual NWRCSM's Tug Regatta will be August 6th.

Canadian Event on August 21st, Burnaby B.C., near Vancouver B.C.

This event has been a lot of fun in the past and looks to be so again this year. The Club has extended an invitation to our members to come up and run with them. See page 19 for more information.

Hope to see you at the pond.

Meeting Minutes – June 2

By Ron "Doc" Bray

Photos by Paul Williams.



Sixteen members participated in the zoom meeting led by **Robert Osmond**, our commodore.

Discussion began regarding the upcoming regatta. A fee of \$10 was voted on and passed with \$5 for a second entrant. **Steve Sunich** and **Bryan Morse** will be selling raffle tickets for some fabulous items. Registration will begin at 8 AM and hopefully running by 9AM. **Robert** called for help loading all the support items from our storage facility and then packing up and returning them on Sunday. He also asked for help setting up and for hip waders. There will be three classes of contenders; 0-20, 20-40 and 40 and above. Attendees are encouraged to sign a card thanking **Margorie Freeman** for her generous contribution.

Robert asked for interest in a Springer polo event to take place at the July fun float. There seemed to be moderate enthusiasm. **Allan Wing** told us that a 1250 KV motor drawing 7 amps would be a good choice for our Springers.

Bryan Morse started show and tell with his detailed hatch cover with discussion following regarding 3D printing of these in the future.



Richard Bizier show a new red boat he is building.

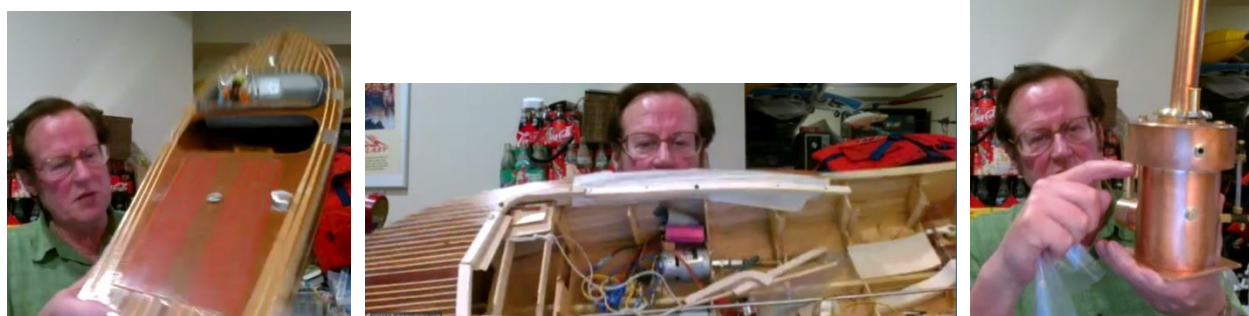


Tom Edwards showed a Dumas 24 -foot Chris Craft 1930 runabout that he picked up at expo which needs some finishing touches. The seats were a subject for 3D printing.



The subject of planking details was brought up for discussion with quite a bit of input on various techniques. **Paul Williams** announced he will be donating a finished boat for a raffle prize.

Robert showed a couple of raffle boats and his new vertical steam boiler.



Bryan Morse demonstrated the tool he uses to cut circles in various materials.



Jon McCool received a present of a new USCG boat kit.

The meeting concluded at 2010



Night Fun Float – May 21, 2021, By Fred Row, Photos by Fred Row



Eight club members ventured out the evening of May 21, 2022 for a gathering at the Bellevue Pond and a great night float.

The evening event started with a "torrential down pour" that lasted about 15 minutes over Bellevue. A number of members were driving to the pond and reported that traffic almost came to a standstill on I-405 because of how hard

the rain was coming down, coupled with sun reflecting off the wet pavement. Fortunately, the down pour was short lived and didn't squelch the enthusiasm of members from attending! Other than a light sprinkle now and then we had a calm night to run our boats. People and kids walking around the park were extremely interested in the boats and several asked question not only about our boats but the club.



A side note: Richard Bizier and I let a number of children run our boats. Sorry, I missed getting pictures of the kids taking a try at captaining one of our boats. I did learn to set an age limit as one "little captain" somehow got into the set up on my radio and it took me about 20 minutes to find the changes he made and get it reset. "New rule: No one under 6 -- Live and Learn".

It was especially a nice evening in that we had three wives came to enjoy the evening and watch their husbands play with their "toys."



For those of you that missed this Night Float, we will be having another Night Float on August 20, 7:00 PM till 10:00 PM at the Bellevue Pond.

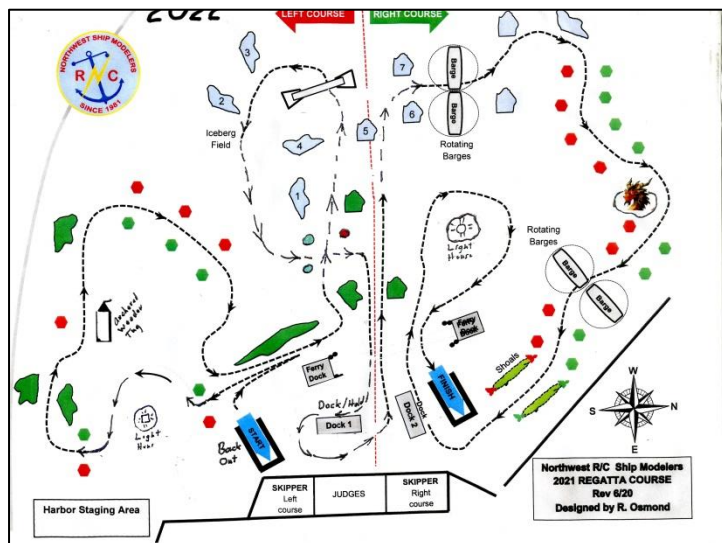
NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta

"Observations from a 1st time regatta captain."

By Chris Merrill

Pictures by Chris Merrill, Keith Schermerhorn, Paul Williams

The NW RC Ship Modelers Regatta was held on Saturday June 4, 2022 at the Bellevue Pond and was the 40th year in our 41 year history. The weather was expected to be iffy with some light rain, but we managed to get through almost the whole event before some light rain came, so we were all glad to have the tents up for shade as it got to over 70 degrees.



There were many member hands to help unload the Heath's truck right on time at 6:30 am. With the many wagons all the regatta course materials, tents and tables were moved from the parking lot to the pond within an hour. Then Robert, Bill, Kevin and Richard put on the waders and began to build the course per the latest design map. Working from left to right, it took about 90 minutes to get all the islands, buoys, bridge, docks and ferry boats in the required correct places. There were many folks on the edge of the pond handing the assemblers whatever items were needed next.





The tents got all set up for the raffle ticket selling, member displays, raffle items, food (donuts yum cool drinks) and judge's perch. This being my first attendance at a regatta, I was amazed at how everything got done by so many people.





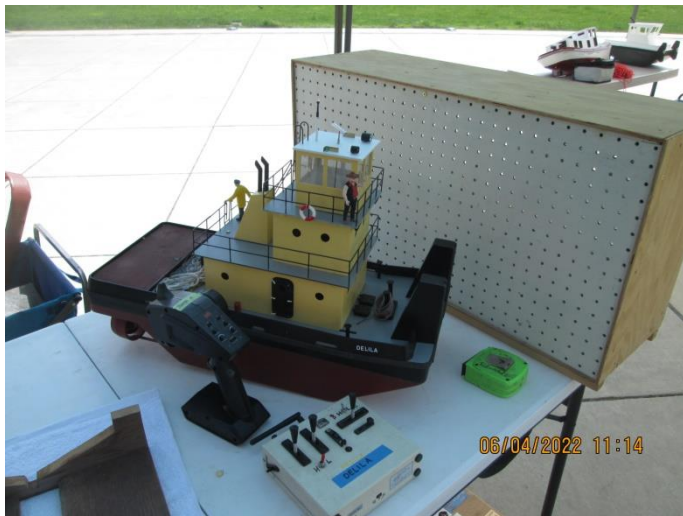
It began with the skipper's meeting, registration and raffle ticket sales. Then ships and crew were getting ready to sign up to run the course.

This year we had the opportunity to actually see the course under construction from the air as I was able to video record about 3 and ½ minutes with my DJI drone before it beeped low battery and I had to land. Kevin also had his Parrot drone with him but was not able to fly much. I took over 60 pictures during the event and hope I got everyone in a few of them. Robert and I will work out which ones get posted as he also took pictures. I am not sure if the video can be hosted to the club website, but I gave Robert a CD with everything I shot.









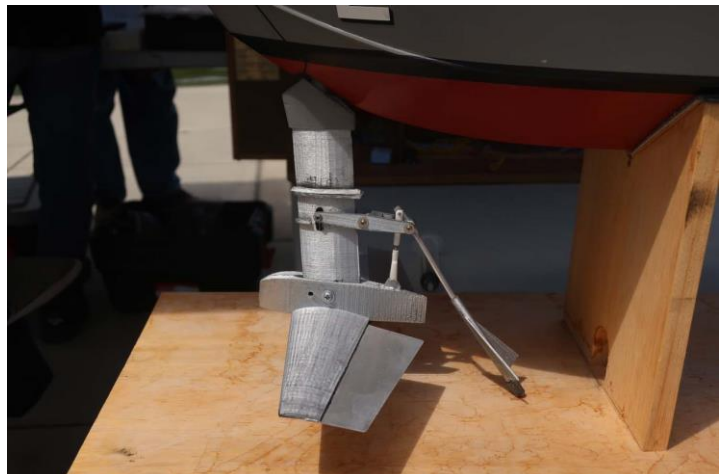
So, here is the part where I admit to being a real novice boat driver when under the constraints of an actual navigation course. Boy did I miss a few turns. Guess my distance judgement needs a lot of practice. It did not help that I had a rudder trim issue during the first part of the course and had to return to the harbor staging area to see if I could quickly resolve that problem and take another run. I did fix the rudder issue, but had full forward power and limited reverse that made me over run many turns. The judges were patient with me and I did finish going through most of the course. I was the last boat to run and glad to be off the course.







In summary, the weather was great, the course was challenging, the food and cold Cokes were very much enjoyed, but it was the interactions with many of our members that made it special. I have to confess to getting a little competitive when it came time for the raffle drawings and went back to buy more chances. That did pay off as 8 of my ticket numbers were called and I went home with 2 models and a very nice transmitter. I will be back for more fun at the next event.





2022 NWRCSM Regatta Navigation Winners 40th Annual Regatta

Small Class

- 1st Place Keith Schermerhorn with *Dale A* (tug)
 - 2nd Place Robert Osmond with *Toe Boat* (springer)
 - 3rd Place John McCool with *Toe Boat* (springer)
- (6) Small boats

Medium Class

- 1st Place Bryan Morse *Southampton*
 - 2nd Place Robert Osmond *Pacific* (tug)
 - 3rd Place Aimee Eng *Eekhoorn* (which means squirrel in Dutch) 0(SDM Tug)
- (7) medium boats

Large Class

- 1st Place Steve Sunich Andrew Foss (tug)
 - 2nd Place Steve Sunich Solace (yacht)
 - 3rd Place Robert Osmond *Castle Invader* (tug)
- (7) large boats

Navigation Highest Score Award

Keith Schermerhorn with *Dale A* (tug)



2022 Regatta “Operation” Report by Robert Osmond

Pictures by Chris Merrill and Paul Williams

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Thank you all for signing up quickly to run and using the new system, where members were to get their boats and radios on a table by the Harbor Master, **David White**, so that less time was used rounding up skippers and getting boats in the water to run the course. I would like to thank all of you who helped make this another successful regatta. **Richard Bizier** and **Lou Magnabusco** did a great job judging. **David White** was Harbor Master, **Bryan Morse** and **Richard Lennington** did registration. Bryan also worked with **Steve Sunich** on raffle ticket sales and drawings. **Bill Heath** of course moved all of our equipment from his house to the pond and back in his large truck (this saves the club a lot of money that we used to have to pay for truck rentals). Truck loading and unloading at Bill's house by **Richard Bizier**, **Richard Lennington**, as well as Bill's wife **Judy**. Setting up and taking down the course by **Bill Heath**, **Richard Bizier**, **Kevin Nolet**, and many others helping to unload and load the truck at the pond. Without you all we could not have a regatta. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the donors to our regatta: **Margie Freeman**, **LoyalHanna Dockyards**, **Pacific Power Battery**, **Aimee Eng**, **Paul Williams**, **Al Kinsman**, and **Interstate Battery**.

Hope you all had fun and will come out for the August 6th Tug Regatta.

A note on raffle tickets.

The donations of boats etc. made to the club and the selling of raffle tickets to try to win these donations is a large part of how the club pays the costs of \$730.00 for putting on the regatta. We also have additional costs for storing the items for the regatta till next year as well as website fees, insurance and city permits. So please remember this when purchasing those raffle tickets.

The members' dues are not enough to pay the bills to operate the club have regattas and pay the fees necessary to exist.

Think of the purchasing of raffle tickets as a donation to the club with the added benefit of possibly winning some items for RC boating.

BAMM Regatta (Canada) – August 21

By Burnaby Association of Marine Modelers of Burnaby B.C.



R/C Boater are invited to attend the **2022 BAMM Regatta** which will be held on Sunday, August, 21st from 9:00 a.m. till about 4:00 p.m..

There will be boat judging, a steering course, races with trophies and much, much more. Please bring your boats out and participate. And of course lunch is included for participants.

The BAMM has a very nice pond. They run their boats and have their event at the southeast corner of the, **Lower Pond**, in Central Park, located in Burnaby B.C., which is east southeast of downtown Vancouver B.C.

Springer Polo Event at July Fun Float

By Robert Osmond

At our July fun float, I will be setting up a Springer Polo event. I will have 4-5 boats and radios so you can come try your hand at this fun event. We have not had this for 2 years because of COVID and delays in getting our events scheduled.

In this event there are two 4 foot wide goals, one #3 junior size soccer ball and the boats are divided into two teams. The game is more of a soccer game, except there are no assigned positions. To be competitive in this you need to use door stop springs on the front of your springer, 7 inches apart is the specification, but if yours are different and you want to try it come on out.

To play each team goes down behind their goal line and waits till the ball is thrown into the center of the field. Then the boats race to get the ball or to block an opponent from getting the ball. The goal is to put the ball through the goal from the front side. It does not count if it goes through from the back side. Once a goal has been made, each team has to go back to the starting position to restart.

Warning: This involves a lot of bumping and thumping (can result in boat damage), when the teams are jostling for the ball and a goal. But it is a lot of fun. Boats must comply with Polo Springer rules and suggestions are on our website, under Technical Articles, Springer/Polo Boat.



Batteries for Spektrum Radios

By Aimee Eng

Someone asked me about where they might get batteries for their Spektrum radio. I couldn't remember that person's name, but Batteries America said they can make battery packs for many RC radios and well as many other applications.

Website is: www.batteriesamerica.com

One example of a battery is:

<https://batteriesamerica.com/products/jr-2s?variant=31674147078223>



SSMA New Editor Requesting Articles:

Hi, my name is Bob Kostosky, I am the new SSMA journal editor. I am starting to put together the next edition and need your help. In the past your group has been a regular contributor. I am trying to get material in April and May and attempt to have a draft for the SSMANA board to review in early to mid-June.

Thanks again and I'm looking forward to reading about your group and all the exciting things that you are doing.

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More information about Scale Ship Modeler Association of North America

Their website is WWW.SSMANA.ORG

They publish "The SSMA Journal" four times a year.

The Scale Ship Modelers Association of North America, Inc., (SSMA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1988. Our purpose is to promote the hobby of radio control and static ship modeling. We encourage all types of model boating in electric, sail, and steam power as well as the building of plastic and wooden static models. SSMA is comprised of clubs and individuals throughout North America and acts as a clearing house for information concerning the modeling industry. SSMA works with the modeling industry to address the needs of the modeling community.

This link is to an icloud folder that I setup for your group. Let me know if you need help uploading the photos. I am going to try and get high resolution images wherever possible in the future for all of the articles.

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2022 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the Year progresses and our activities increase and return to normal. (Updated 6/14/2022)

JANUARY

6 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
8 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club (SYC) 9 am

FEBRUARY

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
5 Fun Float at SYC 9 am

MARCH

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
5 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

APRIL

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
9 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm
10 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 3 pm
(Check their website for updates WWW.NWMHE.COM)
16 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

MAY

4 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float 9 to 3
5 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
7 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am
21 Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond sunset

JUNE

2 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
4 **NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta,** 8 am

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AUGUST

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20th Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.

SEPTEMBER

1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
10 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am
20 Night Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 7 to 10 pm. Only boats with lights can run after dark.
XX Fishermen's Fall Festival -- **Canceled in 2022**

OCTOBER

6 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

NOVEMBER

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
5 Fun Float at SYC 9 am *Unless Huskys have a home game. TBD*
?? Pacific Marine Expo at Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle, WA

DECEMBER

1 Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting ???
3?? Fun Float at SYC 9 am





The Facility

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

6606 196th Street SW.
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

More information on this facility can be found at <https://facilitymade.com/>



NWRCSM 2022 Club Officers		
	President: Robert Osmond	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Ron Bray	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	

Currently we have resumed having only Zoom club meetings. (since October 2021)

When we resume in person meetings, they will be at "The Facility" location.

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Lynnwood, WA. 98036**