



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST THE WET EDGE

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## NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

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## Summer Has Arrived...

...I think, -and with it the stark realization that I am late on getting all my projects/honey-do/and professional obligations started and/or done - which includes this July/August newsletter! The miserable "spring" we've had put me into a depressed, lazy fog, from which I am just now emerging. So here goes -

Soon, we will see the completion of Don and Jody Palmer's "Ohana". She will receive her new engine and hopefully be back on the water in time for the family fun day at their house September 8<sup>th</sup> and Mahogany and Merlot. She has been rewired, now has a blower, a new exhaust system, will be equipped with a single-lever control, as well as a new rudder, shaft and propeller. The Velvet Drive has been gone through and the 327 Q has been rebuilt to Craig's specifications.

It's always fun for me to dig into a vessel and see how the builder did things. I've been through a lot of Chris Crafts, and while the basic hull construction is the same, they were experimenting with fiberglass and some difficult design issues on these models. There are some solutions they arrived at that make you shake your head and wonder... It's going to be fun to see how the revised boat works. She will be a very different craft when Don, Craig and I are done with the project, which was supposed to have wrapped up months ago...

My Morgan is back on its wheels as I attempt to put a few more miles on it before it comes apart, gets a new frame and total driving restoration, hopefully next winter. John Freeman is supposed to deliver the new chassis sometime soon. Now that the sun is out, it's good to have it back on the road. It is working well as I run up the hill to Ace Hardware several times a weekend to get things for the various projects. Who needs those big pickup trucks anyway? 500 more miles and the odometer will zero out, reaching 100,000. It's time for the restoration, don't you think? That was the goal I set when I bought the car in 1978, though it has taken a bit longer than I thought it would to get there... We won't talk about the Garwood in the shop - it will not have to wait that much longer!

The instruments are out of the bridge on "Thisuldu" and will likely be reconditioned now that I've realized I can't find appropriate replacements. In the meantime, all of the other things I had planned to do with the boat are on hold, partially because our cruising will be very limited this year and well, I just haven't been motivated to work on it - something about cold, wet, miserable weather and other distractions -

But - "Sindbad" is ready to go and there are many days of blue skies and calm waters ahead, so we'll be out there when we can be. We'll be looking for you!

## Coming Up

**Coeur d'Alene:** August 17-19. You may still be able to register, but if not, go over there anyway and enjoy this wonderful show! Contact Diane Higdem at [diane@cdachamber.com](mailto:diane@cdachamber.com) or phone 208 292-1635.

**Dry Rot:** August 31- September 3. Priest Lake, ID. If you have never attended this event, it is a unique and wonderful way to spend Labor Day. Contact Louise Werner [lhuegli@hotmail.com](mailto:lhuegli@hotmail.com) or 503-628-1402

**Family Fun Day:** September 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Tapps. Don and Jodi Palmer are welcoming the membership to their wonderful place on the lake. Keep an eye on the list serve for details.

**Mahogany and Merlot:** October 5-7, Lake Chelan. The third annual event once again promises to be a great way to cap the season, with vintage hydros, a largedisplay of our boats and great hospitality. The registration is included with this newsletter, so make your plans now!

**Annual Dinner:** Date and venue to be confirmed, but pencil in late October or early November for our annual passing of the baton and Opening Day premier presentation. Details and invitations are forthcoming!

# JULY

July was a busy month, particularly the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>, with the Chris Craft Rendezvous, the Sand Point ACBS show and the new Portland show at St. Helens all on that weekend. Here's a quick recap:

**CCR:** There were 66 boats at Port Orchard this year, a great variety and a number of nicely restored vessels that we had not seen before. Tim Dies has been very involved in running the show for the last several years and is hoping he can get the show back up to around 100 in the next few years. If you've not visited this event before, it's basically a big dock party/open house at one of the best marinas on the Sound. Participants reported that the lightning storms in the Olympics were magnificent, but they stayed dry! Rumor has it the Woody Boater crew will be attending next year...



**Sand Point:** ACBS PNW was represented by the Thomle's, Steve and Diane Franchini, Rick Means and Tom and Janet Cathcart this year. The dinner was attended by over 120 guests, and while the weather was not very cooperative much of the time, the show was well attended and the rain held off during the duration of the main event. Steve tells me the boardwalk has been extended and was full of viewers all day. Tom and Janet hung around Sunday and about the time everyone left after the planned Sunday cruise was nixed, the weather cleared and they had a wonderful afternoon on the lake.

**Maritime Festival:** Chris Finks and the Columbia-Willamette Chapter introduced a new venue down river at St. Helens, which by all accounts was a great success and set the stage, reviving this yearly event. Plenty of moorage, great food, a Multnomah Channel cruise, a Native American dinner on Sand Island, big boats, little boats, the PT boat, canoes, you name it, they had it going on! Ike and Brenda were in attendance as were Jim and Maria Giesy. Jim couldn't say enough good things about the event. This is part of a plan to create a permanent Maritime Heritage Center in the Portland area and to celebrate and energize Old Town St. Helens. They are planning to change the date to avoid conflicts in the future, so there should be a large contingent of PNW folks attending next year, right? I'm planning on it!



## Classifieds:

389 Pontiac V8 with Star conversion, manual transmission, complete. Chris Craft model WR, 404 ci. Flathead, 200 hp, complete. Gray Marine 244ci. with Century ID plates, 135 hp, mostly there. Contact Alan Thomle, 425 387-5418, and leave a message.

1962 18' "Starfire" - Ron Jones designed fiberglass ski boat, with 455 Olds inboard, velvet drive, Glenwood exhaust, and trailer. Unique! Much new and/or rebuilt. \$3,200.00 OBO. Jim Ross. 360 671-3935. [jro7@comcast.net](mailto:jro7@comcast.net).

1956 21' Chris Craft Continental for restoration. All there, including trailer. \$3000.00. Mike Cable. 360 697-1650. [drmch@bigvalleyanimalcarecenter.com](mailto:drmch@bigvalleyanimalcarecenter.com)



1961 19' Chris Craft Continental, # CUA-19-0023-C. "My Girl" is fully restored, newly planked, no-soak 5200 bottom, freshwater cooled 350 Chev, refitted instruments, new upholstery and flooring, new windshield and rebuilt trailer. Even a heater for those evening cruises with your sweetie. \$27,000. Ed Tronca 253 905-1717. [barbaratronca@comcast.net](mailto:barbaratronca@comcast.net).

1958 Skagit 16' Skimaster, 1958 15-1/2' Dakota, 1980(?) 12' hydroplane, 1979 C-30 Crew-Cab Dually. Various engine combinations and options available for the boats, so prices are open and negotiable. \$2,500.00 OBO for the truck. It's time to reclaim some space around here! If interested call Dick Dow, 425 868-0921. [thisuldu@yahoo.com](mailto:thisuldu@yahoo.com).

1947 16' Chris Craft Special Runabout. All original beauty that has had the sides and decks stripped, refastened and refinished. New floor material and very good upholstery. Original and tight bottom with fresh paint. Original Chrysler ACE runs great. This boat is extremely original and ready for use. Includes very nice tandem axle trailer. Asking \$22,000. Call Mike 503 686-0599 or [mikem@loboat.com](mailto:mikem@loboat.com)



## News:

The Flaherty family has welcomed a new member, Declan Flaherty, born to Michelle and Brian on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Grandma Delores is on cloud nine, as she just got the best birthday present ever! Congratulations Michelle and Brian!

Rumor has it that Warren's 1955 19' Capri is getting close to completion and Garret Spears is working hard on his 1956 21' Capri, so we hope to see a couple "new" boats in the water before too much longer.

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invite new people to join us. Please take a moment to check out our Facebook [ACBS - Antique & Classic Boat Society (PNW)] site. While you are there sign up for our group and even better, become an assistant organizer and help keep our group up to date. Contact Frank Gonzales (gonzalesfa@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or can help.

**DON'T FORGET THE  
MONTHLY MEETING!**  
**September 12th -  
6:30pm**

We want you at this  
month's meeting!

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