



THE WET EDGE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY



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President Letter

APRIL 2014
Guest Editor - Steve Franchini

We just had another successful event! I am speaking of course of our recent symposium held at Curt and Marsha Erickson's. Our guest editor has composed a nice article of the event, but I would like to publically thank all those involved in putting on the symposium. I have said this before but it merits repeating: the amount of people that jump in and help in these events is impressive. I would also like to give a special call out to Curt and Marsha. Thanks so much for opening up your home to us and providing a fantastic venue for our symposium. How many symposiums have you been to where you were able to have a boat ride? Just one of the many perks of hanging with the Ericksons.



April will soon lead in to May, which means we have another big event, Opening Day. If you are planning to attend either our Friday dinner or the parade event on Saturday, I cannot emphasize enough that we need you to send in your registration forms soon. In order to participate in the Opening Day Event the Seattle Yacht Club requires us to submit a list of the boats that will be in the parade....and their cutoff date is hard, so do not delay. Likewise, if you are planning to have dinner with us Friday night at the clubhouse at the Center for Woodenboats we need to know. It is difficult for our Opening Day chair to plan with the caterer for a meal if we do not have a good idea of the number in attendance. I know I sound like a nag and it is easy to put off sending in your registration forms, but I am asking for your help.

See you soon, Rob.

OPENING DAY

Opening Day is right around the corner. Thanks to Curt and Marsha Erickson we have a great and simple idea for decorating the boats.

Typically we also have a banner for the lead boat as well as the last boat going through the parade.

This year's theme is "Toy's Ahoy" Here are a few banner ideas we have been

considering. Please submit comments for the banner to Steve Snider or Ron Stevenson.

- Batteries Not Included
- We get wound up about wood boats
- Big Boys Toys
- For ages 60 and up

(See the Opening Day schedule and registration form included in this newsletter)

Is it a Garage Tour or Symposium??

By Steve Franchini

Before extolling the virtues of the April GT/Symposium, we need to give Ike and Brenda a BIG thank you for the great March meeting. The meal was delicious, the boating projects interesting, and Brenda's "annual" Art Class was a huge success.

In April we were privileged to visit the "old curmudgeon" Curt Erickson and his wonderful wife, Marsha, at their home and multiple "garages" on Lake Tanwax. As the hosts of our Garage Tour/Symposium they invited us to explore Curt's collection of boats, motors, hardware, and workshops in addition to the boat house and their lovely home. Curt had "Sydney" and their launch in the water giving rides around the lake.

The series of slated speakers began with Tim Robinson of Robinson Restorations out of Southern California. He has been involved with the restoration of

the Henry Ford Hacker-Craft. The afternoon speakers began with Craig Magnusson, who showed us the speed formula that lets us know what speed our boats could go and what our ego tells us. John Flaherty filled us in on the mysteries of props and Tom Horn covered the evolution of the planning hull and why our boats ride like they do. Karl Hoffman did a fantastic job explaining our manual transmissions, getting his hands dirty in the process. The final session had Craig Magnusson, Karl Hoffman, John Flaherty and Dick Dow giving a detailed look at the Chris-Craft 283 marine conversion. What a jam-packed day of wooden boat expertise and sharing of knowledge. A big thanks to all of the speakers and for the effort put out by the members to schedule this event.

Lunch was a huge success with Steve Franchini providing the gourmet hot dogs from Rays Meats in Yakima, Warren Olson manning the grill, Marsha Erickson's fabulous potato salad and chili, and Diane Franchini's (you need dessert) cookies.

At the end of the day approximately 75-80 people attended from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, and Canada.



Marsha and Curt gave launch rides on Lake Tanwax in the morning.



Tim Robinson at the opening seminar.



Marsha said it isn't potato salad without the penguins!

Join the Club – Become a Family

By Diane Franchini

When our two children were growing up they both joined the local swim team and over the years it became apparent that our family had become part of a much larger family. Today the bonds that were forged at the pool, in the shower rooms, at the swim meets all over the state and beyond are still strong. For us it meant that our kids had multiple “parents” who were looking out for them, mentoring them, and when needed disciplining them. Many of the events then and now, had very little to do with swimming; but had a lot to do with being part of that big family.

Years later when Steve joined the Pacific Northwest Chapter of ACBS, we discovered that our “family” again had increased substantially. Now we look forward to getting together with other boating families, sharing our stories, and building new memories. While boating and a love of the old wooden boats is the central draw, with each meeting and event we add layers of pleasant discoveries and mutual interests beyond the smell of varnish.

Did you know???? Marsha Erickson had worked at Northwest Trek for 14 years? Or that George Corley does ballroom dancing for exercise? Or that the women in the club look forward to the annual meeting at Ike’s garage so we can get an art lesson from Brenda? Or that Maureen Spears and I taught at the same high school? Or that Marsha Erickson has added bronze sculptures to her growing list of artistic talents?

As we head into the summer boating season I am looking forward to spending time with our boating family. Who knows what interesting discoveries we’ll make this summer?



Marsha provided our group with great stories from her years spent at Northwest Trek.



Peggy Corley shows her charcoal portrait of our lovely live model for Brenda’s Art Class.

Toys Ahoy

Opening Day 2014, May 2nd and 3rd

We're pleased to continue our involvement with the celebration of Opening Day of Boating Season - a long-standing Northwest tradition hosted by the Seattle Yacht Club.

Our Opening Day Host – The Seattle Yacht Club

The Seattle Yacht Club has extended a special invitation to ACBS members to join in all of their Opening Day festivities. Stop by the club Wednesday through Saturday. For information on all of the SYC/Opening Day activities please visit www.seattleyachtclub.org.

ACBS PNW Boat Rides - We'll be organizing a flotilla of ACBS boats to visit the Yacht Club on Friday afternoon from 2:00 pm on to give rides. SYC sets up a special dock for us to pick up guests and take them out along the log boom. This gives us a great chance to treat people from all over, to show them the log boom, tell them about ACBS and 'give back' to our hosts. If you are available to give rides, call Steve Snider at 206-714-2404.

Costumes – This year's theme is Toys Ahoy so think of anything toy related; Buzz Light Year, Woody, Lego, GI Joe, Barbie, Sesame Street, Mr. Potato Head, rubber ducky, etc. Each boat participating will have an oversized wind up for their boat

Toys Ahoy ACBS Schedule

Friday Day, May 2nd, 2:00 PM – Seattle Yacht Club Boat rides

Anyone that wants to give boat rides at the Seattle Yacht Club, meet on the water out front of The Seattle Yacht Club around 2:00. Rides are typically down the canal to the end of the log boom and back. Please let Steve know if you are giving rides: ssnider@matrixrealestate.com or 206-714-2404

Friday Evening, May 2nd, 6:00 PM – Kick Off Dinner - Center for Wooden Boats

Come with or without a boat to the Center for Wooden Boats (1010 Valley Street). For your convenience we've organized overnight moorage at the Center. We need volunteers to help decorate, so come early and join in the fun! Dinner includes a number of entrees, salad, dessert, coffee, beer, wine, and soft drinks.

Saturday Morning, May 3rd, 9:30 AM – Parade Assembly Breakfast

We'll assemble at the CWB, for a continental breakfast including coffee, juice, fresh fruit and pastries. A short skit rehearsal, distribution of costumes and skipper's meeting will follow. If you are not bringing a boat to Opening Day there will be plenty of room in boats for you to ride along. Don't miss this parade!

Saturday Afternoon, after the parade, lunch at the UW Husky Crew House

Following the parade we'll arrive at the Conibear Shellhouse, home of the University of Washington Rowing Crew. Bring a picnic lunch; we will picnic on the crew house dock. Around 3:30 after the parade has ended, the green light will be turned on for boat traffic west thru the cut and we can return to Lake Union.

IMPORTANT: REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 19th

Don't Forget To Register Your Boat before April 19th

Since we usually have out of town guests needing boat rides, we need as many club boats as possible to participate in this year's parade. The Seattle Yacht Club requires that we register our flotilla in advance. To make sure we all get our parade numbers in time, registration forms must be in Kirk Knapp's hands by April 19th. But why wait? You know better than to miss this one! **Send your registration now.**

Event Questions? Call: Steve Snider at 206-714-2404

Toys Ahoy Registration Form
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 19th

Important: Complete This Section If You Are Bringing A Boat To The Parade

Boat Name _____ **Builder** _____ **Length** _____

Your Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

In consideration of acceptance of the entry form for the Seattle Yacht Club's (SYC) Opening Day, we agree to decorate/exhibit the boats identified above in accordance with definitions applying to the class entered. We further agree jointly and severally to release, indemnify and hold harmless from any claim of liability or negligence whatsoever ACBS and SYC, its committee members and employees. The Parade Directory has the authority to hold back any entry for failure to follow parade instructions. Any entry found to be not in accordance with the class definitions, in the judgment of the Parade Director, will not be allowed to proceed into the parade. I represent that I am authorized to execute this covenant on behalf of my club and all parties having an interest in the boats identified above

	Number of People	Price Per Person	Total
Friday Night Dinner - Dessert, Beverages		\$39	\$
Saturday Breakfast Snacks + Decorations/Skit Materials		\$10	\$
Total		Make check payable to ACBS>>>>>	\$
Mail no later than April 19th to: Kirk Knapp • 8704 SR 530 NE • Arlington, WA 98223			

ACBS Member's Name _____
 Contact phone: _____

Guests Names: _____

Please direct registration questions to Kirk Knapp at 360-435-0766 or email kirkknapp@aol.com

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How do I send a message to my fellow chapter members?

Want to contact all of your fellow chapter members about that free boat you found or the evening lake cruise you want to do? It is very easy, simply send an email with your message to:

ACBSPNWMailList@acbspnw.org Your message will be held for review, and sent out usually within hours.

DON'T FORGET THE MONTHLY MEETING!

April 9, 2014

Center for Wooden Boats, boat shop
1010 Valley St. Seattle, WA 98109

May 14, 2014

At Brad Green's Home
12303 Pinehurst Way NE. Seattle, WA
98125

June 11, 2014

Center for Wooden Boats, main gallery
1010 Valley St. Seattle, WA 98109

July 9, 2014

Street Rods by Denny
38224 244th Avenue SE. Enumclaw, WA
98022

August 13, 2014

Predetermined location on Lake Washington

September 10, 2014

Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum (HARM)
5917 South 196th St. Kent, WA
98032

October 8, 2014

Center for Wooden Boats, boat shop
1010 Valley St. Seattle, WA
98109

November 1, 2014

Annual Dinner at the Tacoma Yacht Club
5401 North Waterfront Drive Tacoma, WA 98407

December 2014

A holiday gathering at a location to be determined



Classifieds:

Buy - Sell - Trade



1961 CHRIS CRAFT 19' RUNABOUT

Chevrolet 350; fresh water cooled; completely restored in 2009; 1200 hours; all new mahogany, 5200 bottom; gauges refitted/re-chromed; new upholstery, flooring, windshield; 3 speed heater. \$29,000.
Contact: Ed Tronca 253-905-1717

1955 CHRYSLER M-4-S HEMI MARINE ENGINE WITH GEAR BOX

Complete and operational. 270 cu. in. 155 hp. 2bbl carb. LH rotation. Factory maintenance manual. Some spare things. Make Offer.
Contact: Tom Carlin 425-318-2119

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Ways to stay connected online

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