



# The Wet Edge

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ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

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## CLASSICS ON THE COWLITZ

**The Place:** There is a place in Washington called Mayfield Lake that is about 1 ½ hrs. from Portland and 2 ½ hrs from Seattle making it a reasonable meeting place for the Columbia -Willamet Chapter (CWC) and the Pacific Northwest Chapter (PNW) to join forces and enjoy boating and each other's company. And that's exactly what happened the weekend of July 22/23/24, 2016. Tom Horn (CWC) and Warren Olson (PNW) collaborated in the winter and the end result was 13 boats and 31 people showing up at the Lake Mayfield Resort and Marina. A cozy place with something for everyone.

So you may ask why are we cruising the Cowlitz? Aside from being a catchy name for this article, some 190 feet below the surface of the lake lies the Cowlitz River. In 1968, the 250 ft. high Mayfield Dam was completed and thus created the 2,200 acre lake. Further upstream is another dam; the 606 ft. high Mossyrock Dam completed in 1968 creating the 11,500 acre Riffe Lake. By comparison, Lake Washington is 21,500 surface acres. At 606 ft. high, Mossyrock Dam is the highest dam in Washington State.

**The Pot Luck:** Friday night at 5:30 in the sunshine we had a delightful pot-luck at some picnic tables overlooking the lagoon where the marina is. Everyone showed up and as usual there was more food than we could eat including some "Runabout Red" wine. Homemade wine with a homemade label. It was all good.



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## CLASSICS ON THE COWLITZ - cont.

### The People and Boats:

Bob and Linda Alton (CWC) in "Bob's Boat", a 1954 CC Sportsman with a hailing port of "Sister Bay, Wisconsin". Bob and Linda are the second owners, brought the boat from Wisconsin and do all their own maintenance.



Jerry and Coleen Campbell (PNW) with "Dr's Orders", a 1947, 16 ft CC Rocket that they restored themselves and launched in 2015.



Steve and Maralyn Ellwood (CWC) with "Diane Rose" a 1959, 19' Dorsett (fiberglass) that they restored themselves and launched in 2014.



Ken and Sandra Bakke (CWC) with "Liberty", a 1948, 19' CC Racing Runabout that they restored themselves and launched in 2014.



Karl and Lois Hoffmann and their friends Roger and Diane Cox (PNW) with "Jobe", a 1983, 18' Correct Craft Ski Nautique (fiberglass) that they launched in 2015. The launch at Mayfield this time was punctuated with Roger's extra effort that landed him in the water. Hmmm.

Bob and Cheryl Barnum (CWC) with "Rio", a 1956, 18' CC Holiday.



## CLASSICS ON THE COWLITZ - cont.

Tom and Margaret Horn (CWC) with "Blackthorne" a 1998, 22' Thorne Gentleman's Racer. They have owned the boat since new in 1998.



John Tyler (CWC) who brought a 1962, 21' Century Resorter (fiberglass) with no name yet even though he has been it's caretaker since 1978.



Rick and Jan Means (PNW) with "Meant to Ski" a 1970, 18' Century Resorter (fiberglass).



Jim and Sharron West (CWC) with "Classic Plastic", a 1966, 17' Century Fibersport (fiberglass with beautiful wood deck added). The boat was restored and modified by them and launched in 2008.



Warren and Tracey Olson (PNW) with "Blondie", a 1955, 19' CC Capri that they restored themselves and launched in 2013.



Bob and Jytte Wheeler (PNW) with "At Last", a 1948, CC 17' Deluxe Runabout restored by them over a 10 yr. period and launched in 2013. Bob documented the restoration with 12 articles in the Rudder.



## CLASSICS ON THE COWLITZ - cont.

Wendy and Bob Nelson (CWC) with "It's Only \$", a 1958, 15' CC Cavalier purchased in 2016 to make do while their other boat has rock shards removed from it's hull. Ouch!

Also attending without boats were Roger and JoAnn Rollins, and Mike and Linda Stevens, both from CWC.

**The Cruise:** Actually there were two "organized" cruises on the lake. Both were on Saturday; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Obviously some folks made runs by themselves at other times. The lake runs more or less east and west with Mayfield Dam to the west and Mossyrock Dam to the east plus a smaller tributary south and east of the arm to Mossyrock Dam.

So at about 11AM on an overcast and cool Sat. morning we set off for the arm that leads to the 606 ft. high Mossyrock Dam. We went under several bridges and slowed to idle as the lake narrowed and became a mere channel; one that meandered and was bordered by an untouched forest. This is what I call wilderness cruising. We continued on until we came almost face to face with the huge monolith and we could see bottom! After a few moments of reflecting on what were seeing and doing, it was time to head back.

That afternoon, the weather had improved and warmed so at about 3 PM we once again headed out to the other, shorter tributary. Once again we slowed to idle as the lake really narrowed and we slid between overhanging trees and sheer rock walls. This time the end of the line was a "swimming hole" or pool of relatively shallow water and well occupied by numerous other boats. So we made a slow "U" turn and wiggled our way back out to the main lake and back to the marina.

By Saturday dinner time, we had some sunshine and warmth. Some of us had dinner at the restaurant followed by sitting around the fire telling stories while others gathered together in their RV's doing the same.

Sunday morning dawned foggy which I was sure would burn off and sunshine would prevail and sure enough it did. So we hauled the boat, said our farewells and headed home with some fond memories.

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# "HORN" Makes Big SPLASH!!! at lake Mayfield.



*Tom Horn from our sister club in Portland doing his rendition of Tarzan. A few of us had a great time down at Lake Mayfield in Mossyrock July 22nd thru 24th. Looks like a repeat for next year.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you been enjoying your Boat? Summer is finely here! I haven't talked to many of you lately so let me know what everyone's been up to. Send me a note on your Boating activities along with pictures and I'll get them in the Newsletter.

Our next meeting will be August 10th at Gene Coulon Park in Renton. Bring your boat and we will try to take over the docks and have a mini Boat Show. There are a couple of places to eat there. Try to get there between 6:00 and 6:30pm. Socialize awhile, some dinner more socializing then a run with our boats. It would be great if we could do some kind of photo op while we are running. Any photographers out there any other ideas? As always you don't have to have a boat to come there is always room.

There are a couple more Big Things coming up this year You need to attend. The installation of our new Officers at the Annual Dinner details coming soon. Mahogany Merlot what can I say it has turned into a premier show for us (well it's our only show) but still premier! There are many other things to do while in Lake Chelan other than sitting and looking at your boat. Get up make plans now to attend rooms are getting scarce don't be left out.



Warren

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS & UP-COMING EVENTS

**August 10th** - 6pm - Meeting on the water, Gene Coulon Park

1201 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton 98055 Program - "US"

Bring your boat, we'll have an impromptu boat show. Restaurants & socializing.

**September 14th** - 6pm - HARM - 5917 S 196th St, Kent 98032

Program - Mahogany & Merlot at Lake Chelan Sept 30 to Oct 2

**September 17th** - Mason Lake - Awaiting details from Rick Means

**October 12th** - 6pm - CBW - Program open

**November/TBD** - Annual Dinner (Changing of the Guard)

**December/TBD** - Annual Christmas Party

