



THE WET EDGE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY



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President's Letter

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Guest Editor - Steven Snider

Greetings or I guess I should say Happy Holidays! Yep, December has arrived and the holiday season is already in full gear.

We had a delightful Annual Dinner last month at the Tacoma Yacht Club. It was great to see such a large crowd in attendance to recap and celebrate our year together. The facilities at the Yacht Club were fantastic. We made an effort at the annual dinner to acknowledge those who have worked hard in so many ways to make our club active and enjoyable. I hope they felt blessed, for the appreciation is sincere.

As I type this letter, our new directors and officers will be meeting this evening to discuss and plan events for our 2014 season. Perhaps it is a sign of my age but it seems like not too long ago that we were planning for 2013. Time does indeed fly. As soon as our plans are solidified, I will send out an email giving you the dates and locations of our monthly meetings. Our January printed newsletter will also have more details about our calendar year of activities. I can give you one date to set aside, our PNW Garage Tour / Symposium will be on Saturday April 5. It has been a few years since our chapter has held a symposium and I look forward to highlighting our collective talent and enthusiasm. I encourage you to mark your calendars and attend. More details will be forthcoming, as the date grows closer.

Until then, enjoy your Holiday Season and I will see you soon.

See you soon, Rob

*Seasons
Greetings*

**DON'T FORGET
THE MONTHLY
MEETING!**

**The Holiday Gathering is Friday,
December 13th starting at 6:30pm**

Location: Diane VanDerbeek's boat house.

**The boat house is located at the Lake Union Drydock
1515 Fairview Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98102**

Merry Christmas everyone!

I cannot believe that we are in the last month of 2013 and naturally I look back at all the fun things I have done this year many of which revolve around my involvement in the Antique and Classic Boat Society. What a fantastic year in the Pacific Northwest ACBS it has been. I have been a member since 2008 and this last year has been my favorite, partially because of my increased involvement and also due to the leadership. Not enough credit can be given to Rob DaPron for changing it up, making monthly meeting more interesting and getting us all organized.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while I suggest you make it a priority and see for yourself the value and the comradely occurring on a monthly basis.

Here are a few of my favorite activities from the year:

The Boat Show The Boat Show The Great Seattle Boat Show!

Last year was our second year, since I have been a member, that we had a presence at the Seattle Boat Show. In 2012 we had Greg Price's Chris Craft Capri on display and got fantastic visibility, for our first year, at the show. Last year we had a 1940 19' Chris Craft Custom Runabout (AKA Barrel Back) recently restored by Bruce Bronson. Dick Dow's Plastic (fiberglass) Skagit was also there and got almost as much attention and maybe more. Both years Cole Franchini's Skeeto has been at the show and is always a big hit with the kids. This year it looks

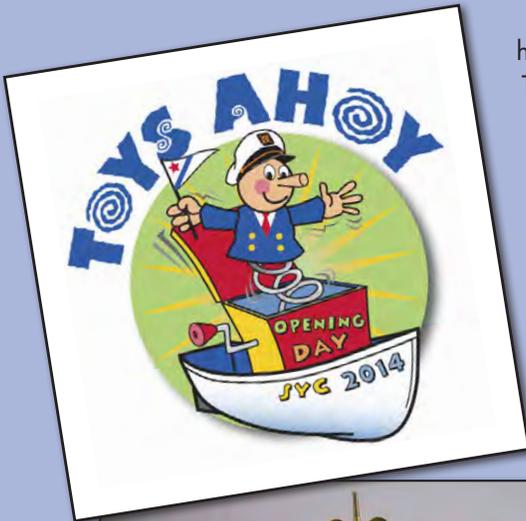


like we will be getting a spot again thanks to Frank Gonzales' involvement with the show. Every year we have a number of volunteers from the club sign up for shifts to man the booth and talk to people about these old wood boats. The first time I signed up for a shift I thought it was going to be like work but it was really a lot of fun. I met other members of the PNWACBS I either didn't know very well or hadn't met at all. Also talking to attendants of the show can be a lot of fun, and by the way you get a free pass to the show to go ogle over all the different boats and some even have female models attracting attention. E-mails will be coming out in the near future with details of this year's show and a sign-up sheet. Make sure to put yourself down for a shift at the show, you won't regret it!

Opening Day

For me the preparation for the parade is just as fond a memory as the parade itself. This year's theme was "Hawaiian Magic" and we came up with the idea to make oversized Hawaiian leis out of tissue paper to decorate the boats. This was a very labor intensive and time consuming decoration idea. The way the club comes together always impresses me. Ron Stevenson opened up his house to us as the headquarters for our lei operation even though he was right in the middle of a remodel! We had a great turnout of workers slaving away making those damn leis. I got to give a special shout out to Peggy and George Corley who not only showed up on the night of the work party but also took extra leis home and made more over the next couple days. Opening Day was a





huge success with magnificent weather and beautifully decorated boats. This year's Opening Day theme is "Toy's Ahoy" so get your thinking caps on for decorating ideas for next year. We have already had one great suggestion of windup thingy's to make our boats look like life sized windup toys. If we could make these turn that would be pretty impressive. The more boats we have at the show the better so if you haven't been in a while this is your year.

Lake Washington Meet Up

This wasn't exactly one of my fondest memory of the year but it has the potential to be. We only had one summer meeting on the water this year and it was somewhat of a bust, weather wise, but that is summer boating in Seattle. Rob has already put this idea out there but I will say it again that we really need to be getting out monthly in June, July, August, and September boating together on Lake Washington or any local lake for that matter. We have members with homes on a number of fantastic boating lakes. Don Palmer is always pushing for us to come to Lake Tapps. Rick Means and Jim Giesy would certainly like for gathering on Mason Lake. Even up north Craig Magnusson has a place on

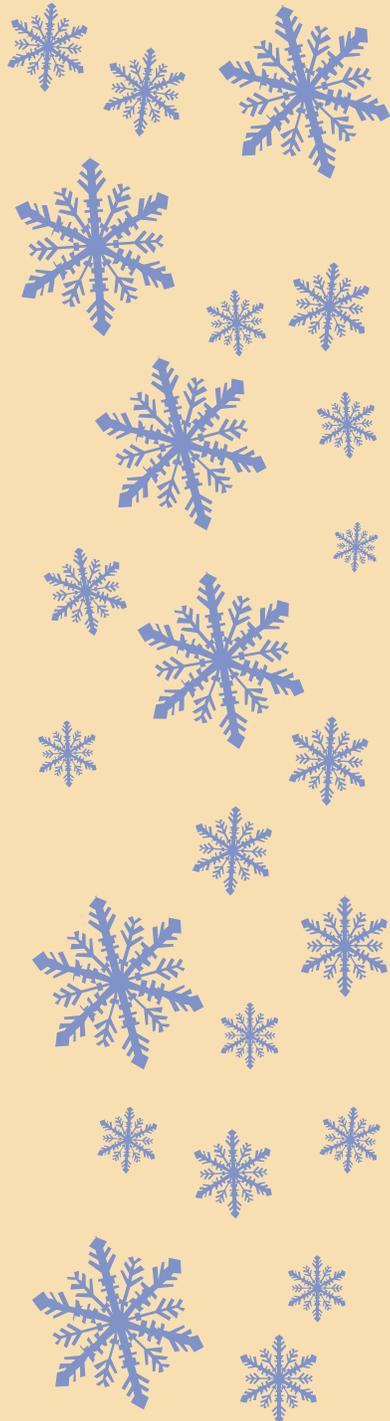


Lake Whatcom. As for me my boat is moored on Lake Union all summer long so I will be pushing for Lake Washington meet ups as often as possible. These don't need to be formal or well organized events, really just as simple as "Meet at Ivar's at 6:30 and then we will cruise from there." For me there is nothing like boating with a group of other classic and antique boats and would love to make more of these meet ups happen.

Mahogany and Merlot

The PNWACBS hasn't had its own boat show in years as a result of lack of venue. We have decided to make the Mahogany and Merlot in Chelan our big yearly boat show and it certainly looked that way this year with a fantastic turnout of boats. This year there were antique automobiles and a swap meet as well. The draw to the show looks as though it will be growing every year. If you haven't made it to M&M you really should make it next year, usually the first weekend in October. One of my all-time favorite boating activities is making the 50 mile voyage up to Stehekin and then the 2 mile walk to the bakery for lunch. From the sounds of it Rob's goal is to make our presence in the show even bigger in 2014 with better organization, more awards and increased opportunities for boating and giving rides.





Winterizing Your Wooden Boat

Winter is here and if you are like me you might have parked your boat in the garage around October sometime and haven't been back to it since. Life gets busy but it's important to store your boat properly so that it's ready to go when you pull the cover off in May just a couple days before Opening Day of boating season. I am no expert and I am sure everyone does things differently but here is what I do to prepare my boat for winter storage:

Take boat out of the water and pull drain plug. Make sure any water that is not able to drain thru plug is pumped out.

Lake growth is easiest to take off at this time since it is still soft from being in the water. I have learned the hard way not to let this stuff dry as it is much harder to get off once it has.

Disconnect power leads from battery and better yet remove the batteries from your boat and give them a full charge and then as needed for the winter months.

Change the oil and oil filter, best to have fresh oil in the engine so it's not sitting there all winter with old dirty oil.

Change the fuel filters, in my boat I have one in-line filter that does a good job at collecting sediment and another on the engine.

Add fuel stabilizer to the fuel tank. I believe the best method for winter storage is to completely fill the tank to reduce condensation.

Top of the transmission fluid

My boat is in a garage all winter and has a closed cooling system so I don't believe winterizing is necessary but I do make sure to add fresh antifreeze if needed. If your boat is subject to sub 32 degree temperatures you should winterize your engine to ensure it's not damaged.

If you want to get really crazy you could even check your trailer bearings.

Check trailer lights, I've got one out now and will be making sure these all work properly.

Pull up the bilge boards to get good ventilation over the winter and also remove any debris that might have gotten in there during the boating season. For me it is usually a handful of beer caps.

Completing this process has kept my boat in very good shape during my ownership and it's always nice to come back when the weather is getting nice to a boat that is ready to go.



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