



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

# THE WET EDGE



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

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## Greetings Club Members,

I trust that you are surviving our dark wet winter. I have always found February to be a difficult month. The holiday highlights are in the past, but yet darkness, cold and rain still persist. But we are boaters, so we think either back or ahead to that perfect summer day and imagine the sound of the water lapping against the side of our chosen craft. Although it is dark, your chapters board has been hard at work looking ahead to future events and imagining ways in which your club can better fulfill the ACBS mission of passing knowledge and heritage of classic craft while nourishing fellowship and enjoyment of our common interest in traditional boats.

Last month you saw our monthly meeting topic and location list. Our January monthly meeting was a huge success in fulfilling our mission statement. For those who missed the meeting, we gathered at Warren Olson's shop, viewed his project and were then treated to a slide show and narration of the restoration process. What made the evening special was Warren spoke of the lessons learned and techniques he used to tackle encountered problems. Food and drinks were shared, knowledge was passed, questions were asked and enthusiasm was generated. Mission accomplished.

As a reminder, our February meeting will be held at the Center For Wooden Boats on Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30. The topic of the February meeting is to discuss choices and what is involved in replacing a bottom on a runabout. Although techniques will be discussed, emphasis will be placed on choices of bottom types and materials, while giving a general overview of the process of putting on a new bottom.

For those who like to look ahead, our March meeting will be held at Ike Kielgass's shop in Renton. Not only will we be viewing the latest work from The Maple Valley Boat Company, but Brenda Chrystie will be offering her now famous class on drawing in a separate area on location to those interested. This could be a great chance to bring your significant other to an ACBS monthly meeting. More details will be forthcoming as the date nears.

Speaking of future events, I want to put a bug in your ear concerning your PNW boat show, Mahogany and Merlot. The gathering will be at Campbell's Resort located on Lake Chelan on the first weekend of October. Some of our club members have "discovered" this event and have realized that not only is this a fun event that offers many activities, but it is also set in a jewel of a location with many non boating opportunities close at hand. Your board has made it a priority this year to push this great event. We are hoping for a large turnout this year and you will definitely hear more about this event in the future.

Finally, I hope you were able to participate and help out at our booth in the Seattle Boat Show. As is usually the case, we received a last minute notification from the Marine Trade Association that they were donating a booth slot at the show to set up a display so we could proclaim to all who we are and what we do. I can't begin to name all the volunteers it takes to pull off a last minute attraction, but I do want to call out Ron Stevenson and Frank Gonzales for all their help. A true display of passion and teamwork for a common cause. Thank you.

As always, feel free at any time to give me a call with question, concerns or ideas.

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# So you bought a Classic Wood Boat !

Or you want to fix up the family heirloom.

Where do you start?

What information is available and where is it?

These are the same questions (plus many more) I had when I started to rebuild *Blondie*, a 1955 19' Chris Craft Capri.

Here are a few places to start.



- Open up your ACBS Directory. In the directory you will find other members who have the same boat as you listed with their phone numbers and email.
- Go to the ACBS.org web site. Sign in under members only area and view how to videos.
- Go back through your old Rudder Magazines. Lots of great reference material.



Next, join Chris Craft Antique Boat Club. Read the "Buzz Forum", search the archives. There's a ton of information available with just a few clicks of the mouse. Currently there is a lively discussion on "How to dock your single screw boat". Lots of fun for those of us who are novices. [www.chris-craft.org](http://www.chris-craft.org)

## Danenberg Boatworks

If you want some professional advice, go to [DanenbergBoatworks.com](http://DanenbergBoatworks.com). Don's forum is top shelf. He is very generous with his help to us. He has broken down all the categories making it very easy to navigate to what you are looking for. Don does this for FREE, so you might send him a private email thanking him for this invaluable help.

Then there is [WoodyBoater.com](http://WoodyBoater.com). This site needs to be bookmarked and read the first thing every morning. Really!



There's a story from Ron Stevenson and Dick Dow about how the big Seattle Boat Show has gone to the dogs. Cole Franchini's boat was a big hit. Everyone who came by had a giggle. Most not believing it was a real boat. Read the rest of the story at [WoodyBoater.com](http://WoodyBoater.com).



If you still need a search fix, there is always Craig's List. But be careful, you may end up with something you really don't need.

Lastly, we are very blessed in our club to have some quality restorers and very knowledgeable members. Come to a meeting, volunteer and get to know these fine people.

These are IMO the starting point for your information quest. All are very informative and helpful with a plethora of information.

Happy Searching  
Warren Olson



# COMING EVENTS

**February 13**, Meeting at Center for Wooden Boats, "Runabout Proctology 101."

**March 13**, Meeting at Ike Kielgass' monster shop.

**April 10**, Meeting at Center for Wooden Boats, Opening Day review, planning for the May Opening Day parade.

**May 8**, Meeting at Foss Waterway Seaport - currently displaying 8 club member's boats with more displays planned for the near future.

**June 12**, Meeting at Center for Wooden Boats, slideshow presentation of canal boat cruising in Europe.

**July 10**, Meeting at the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, restoration process of vintage and historic airplanes for the Boeing Museum of Flight

**August 14**, Predetermined location on Lake Washington - informal dinner and an evening group cruise in our boats

**September 11**, Meeting at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum

**October 9**, Meeting at Center for Wooden Boats. Craig Magnusson on the subject of flathead marine motors.

**November 9**, Meeting will be cancelled and conducted at the Annual Dinner

**December 11**, We will once again have a holiday gathering at a location to be determined.





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**Still Available! 1979 Chev C-30 Crew Cab Dually.** Unknown miles, but recent transmission rebuild, good tires, new brakes, new battery, great for work, towing or restore it! I've used it for the past 17 years. These can tow just about anything. Someone out there needs this truck! \$2,500.00 OBO. Dick Dow, 425 868-0921.

**1955 Chrysler Marine Hemi M-44-S,** 270 cu. In., 155 hp, 1:1 gearbox, LH rotation, 2 bbl carb, 12 volt. Complete, operational unit in good condition, ready to install, with mounts, 1" coupling, risers, factory manual and

spares. Runs strong. Last used on Chelan at 2011 Mahogany & Merlot event. Can demonstrate on cradle. Best Offer. Tom Carlin, 425 318-2119.

**1941 16ft CC Deluxe Runabout.** New 5200 bottom, new sides and deck, restored original engine with stainless valves and hardened seats. Hull # 57117. \$35,000.00.

Jim Carr, 360 832-4293.

**Dickinson diesel stove/heater** combination with all accessories - venting, pumps, etc. - buyer removes unit. \$475.00.

Bob Schrader, 206 790-6495.

**1958 16ft Skagit Skimaster.**

Sound hull, nice custom upholstery, good running 4-stroke Bearcat 55 and cool vintage trailer. We haven't used the boat very often recently. \$2,000.00 with motor, \$1,400 without - OBO. Dick Dow, 425 868-0921.

**DON'T FORGET THE MONTHLY MEETING! February 13th - 6:30pm**



## Ways to stay connected online

Just wanted to remind everyone that Facebook is being used to facilitate more social interaction both within the club as well as with potential new members. This site provides means to publish events, share pictures, and 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.

We want you at this month's meeting!

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