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President's Message

What it's All About...

Last month, I relayed a comment made at a recent board meeting from one of our newer members that questioned if we actually do anything "hands on" when it comes to sharing our restoration experiences.

Saturday, June 12th, 20 or so members reinforced the comment by coming to the varnishing seminar Rob DaPron suggested he could do and I volunteered to host. One member came from Oregon, another from Sequim, - all to get some hands on experience and hints from one of the best restorers on the West Coast. We had a great time and I think everyone learned something. I know I did!

What the day brought back to me is one of the things that I remember valuing so much when I first joined ACBS - The common interest, sharing of knowledge, resources and talent among the members through events that were focused on and demonstrated restoration techniques and examples.

We enjoyed good weather, great camaraderie and Ike did his usual magnificent job on the barbecue. "Sindbad" is looking much better as a result...

We will be doing more seminars. Stay tuned, and send us suggestions if there is something you would like to see addressed or are curious about. There is a wealth of talent and experience in this group, so let's get it out on the table and shared with everyone.

Repeating part of my message last month: The list serve is for everyone to use, so if you have a technical question, see something interesting, or just want to say hello, log on to ACBSPNWMailList@acbs-pnw.org and share with the group what you need or have seen.

If it ever quits raining, (and I actually get my planned projects completed – I'm close!) we plan to do a lot of boating this summer.

I hope you are too!

Dick Dow

LAKE TAHOE'S CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

By Diane Franchini

From fins to fabulous, fiberglass to Rivas, the 38th Annual Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance was spectacular. For someone attending this event for the first time it was a treat for the eyes and a sensory overload. This event celebrated the opening of boating season on Lake Tahoe with 87 pristine boats, showing how the design and materials used from the boats of the 1920's through the mid-1960's have evolved



Sunny morning on Lake Tahoe

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and changed. For the first time Classic FiberGlass boats were honored, paying tribute to the use of a "manmade" material that totally revolutionized boat construction and exterior finishes.



An overview of some of the boats



Twin Finn Fiber Glass with Fins



The Quiver – another fin boat



1955 Tollycraft Rumpas Little Pal



Five Rivas in a row



Miss Lucy



1940 Hacker Design Thunderbird



Savin Grace

It was fantastic to see people from Washington competing so successfully at Lake Tahoe. Congratulations to Jun Morris of Bellevue, who won Best Professional Restoration and Overall Best of Show for Miss Lucy, a 1930 22'6" Dart Boats, Inc. Runabout. Also winning Best Outboard was Savin Grace, a 1955 14' Artistocrat Torpedo, owned by Randy Mueller of Gig Harbor.



It's all in the Details!!



This is a show that is well worth the drive and the expense. The venue was beautiful, the weather couldn't have been better, and the boats were truly works of art on display.

TOM SAWYER AT WORK....

By Diane Franchini

On June 12, 2010, Dick Dow hosted a Varnishing Workshop with Rob DaPron. Wooden boat enthusiasts came from as far as Oregon to watch Rob in action as he prepped and did a first varnish coat on Dow's Sinbad.



Rob first took the time to review each step of the process as well as talking about the products that he uses. Then it was time to begin prepping the top deck of Sinbad. Here is where the "Tom Sawyer Process" began. Rob enticed the guys to step up and try their hand at taping and sanding and cleaning and sanding and wiping – how else can they learn his secrets?? Rob graciously took a step or two back and let the guys do the work.

Following a great BBQ lunch the varnishing began. Rob demonstrated the roll and tip technique that leaves a smooth as glass surface on the boat.

Here is a brief summary of the process.

Step 1: Remove all the hardware and tape any areas that cannot be removed but need to be protected from the varnish. Rob uses Scotch – Delicate, a blue low-tack tape that has a plastic feel to it.

Step 2: Thoroughly clean the surface with a wax remover. Rob uses AcrylicClean 350. It is important to do this step since many waxes have silicone in them that will create an unfavorable varnishing experience.

Step 3: Sand the surface. The best system is to use a dust-free vacuum sander. Start with 400 grit to scuff the surface. Use 800 grit if it's the final sanding. When machine sanding, you want to use a higher grit than when you're hand sanding. Sand between every coat using the dry sanding method. (Wet sanding can be done but Rob finds it harder and more time consuming.)

Step 4: Completely clean the surface using fairly dry Micro-fiber cloths (Costco) and clean water. (Cotton towels leave too much lint.) Scratchy pads are not recommended except for rounded edges.



Step 5: Before applying the varnish use a tack cloth to remove fine dust particles. Be sure to use a very light touch since tack clothes contain wax. Begin applying the varnish (Rob was using Interlux Schooner 96 that he just slightly thinned) by rolling a small area across the bow about 7" to 10" wide. Immediately follow by lightly brushing in the opposite direction beginning outside the varnished area and pulling into the varnish. The roller used was Wooster brand yellow foam, 7" X 1/8" and the brushes are foam-poly brushes. Be sure to use latex gloves.

Rob stressed that DUST CONTROL is HUGE!!

With just the first of 2 or 3 coats on Sinbad's deck, you could see the beautiful shine being restored.

Thank you to Dick and Kathy for opening their shop and home for the workshop and BBQ and a special thank you to Rob for sharing his talent with us.



Tacoma Yacht Club Open House

On May 16th, the Tacoma Yacht Club had its annual Open House hosted by the Shipmates. The Shipmates is made up of hardworking women from the Yacht Club and this event is one of their many fundraisers throughout the year that allows them to support several community based charities. For the second year, the ACBS was asked to help out with a display of boats. Our Club responded this year with 16 boats of all makes and models. Somehow we lucked out with only a few drops of rain in the morning while we set up followed by a beautiful day of sunshine during the show. Most of the boats were displayed on trailers in the parking lot with a handful of gleaming cruisers moored just steps away. Several local car clubs joined the event and put on a great car show next to the boats. Curt Erikson spent most of the day giving rides in Miss Sydney to anyone with a donation for the Shipmates. Thank you to everyone that attended this year



Classifieds:

1931 28' Gar Wood 202 Scripps motor, 1931 New York Boat Show boat. Second owner. \$45,000

Contact Dave Lobb with Northwest Classic Boats at (530) 888-0100 or nwclassicboates@calwisp.com

1937 25' Gar Wood All work is finished. \$110,000

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1961 22' Riva Ariston \$25,000

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1941 16' Chris Craft Deluxe This boat was purchased about 2 years ago and Marty Loken refinished it last year. All of the chrome is fresh and the boat was stripped, restained and varnished. It never saw the water after all the work and he wants to see it go to someone that will appreciate it and use it. \$17,000. The boat is in Auburn if anyone is interested in looking at it. Contact Troy Thomas at (206) 391-3238



1956 Aristocraft 14' Torpedo

with original Tee Nee trailer and 1960 Mercury Merc 400. Nice tight fresh water boat! Recent restoration with new OEM windshield and hardware, new seats and custom cover. Engine has recent paint, fuel pump, water pump, carburator and ignition tune, new remote control, wire harness and cables, ignition and choke switches. Trailer has new wheels, tires and bearings...Nice tight original ~ \$6500

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Busy!

...as in, "We have all been! - You are receiving a combined June/July newsletter this month. It wasn't intended to happen this way, but sometimes life just gets in the way..."

The Lake Roosevelt report will be in the August letter and I can tell you we all had a great time over there!

Don't forget the Chris Craft Rendezvous in Port Orchard July 9-11 and Portland Boat Show July 25-26. Wherever you point your bow this month, have fun and be safe.

It's all good!

We want you at this month's meeting!

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