



The Wet Edge

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

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Opening Day of the Seattle Boating Season! At Last!

OK, we know we can boat all year long, it just depends how many layers you want to wear and the fact you can get wet from above rather than from boat spray. An umbrella aboard our boats is standard equipment for us. But no rain this year, sunny skies, like almost summer!

As you know Opening Day is done every year by the Seattle Yacht Club (SYC), and it even has its own sub-category on their web-site:

<http://www.seattleyachtclub.org/Default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=286476&ssid=166296&vnf=1>

Opening Days history is about 100 years old, it goes back so far, no one knows for sure! And of course it does have a different theme each year, this years them was "Myths & Monsters".

For those of you having not been to our Opening Day event, Yacht Clubs and various boating groups each year decorate what their idea is of the theme is. They enter in about 20 different classes to compete for Trophies at the Very Official Awards Ceremony held at 1800 hours in front of the club house. Ater that are the kudos, "atta boys & girls", and of course someone may buy you an adult beverage.



Your ACBS members thought long and hard, for many months, because see, the SYC Opening Day Trio has made their first video presentation of the theme to us at our diner last fall. We struggled this year to find some way to decorate for this. Mind you, none of us even wants blue tape on their varnish, let alone some kind of decoration affixed to their mahogany! So after much deliberation and many beers later, an idea comes through the alcohol-fueled fuzzy reality, thanks to Rob DaPron. OK, patience here, this is a bit of a stretch, I know, I know. But, a great Seattle Myth for sure. For those of you new to the area, or a generation younger, many years ago (the '70's) our famed local Rainier Beer company had a great series of ads, "The Running of the Rainiers" ; and most of you probably remember them!

Here is one of those ads, starring Mickey Rooney, courtesy of U tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocfToV3xzUY>

There are a bunch of these on U tube, a veritable rabbit hole

By the way, this is when you know you are getting old, when some of our younger members ask you who this Mickey Rooney guy was...

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So here we have a great Seattle Myth, and if I am not myths-taken, this should fit right in, right? So we got the great idea going, our energetic Opening Day Chairman Steve Snider, contacts Rainier Beer company, (no longer a Seattle company, now owned by PBR) and.... they have the Rainiers, and they still run! Wait, I mean they still do appearances with larger than life Rainier bottles with people inside running around all silly like. All in good fun and all in the name of advertising!

OK, Steve and committee members get all the details worked out. We have our Friday night dinner, wine, and beer... oops, no Rainier Beer but Mac & Jack's African Amber.

*Here's Brenda Chrystie and Barbara Bro in the Rainier T-shirts, and trying the bottle openers that Curt Erickson made.
photo courtesy Kathy Dow*



The next morning, the members gather for breakfast (Thanks George and Peg Corley!) and briefing about how the skit will play out: the beers on some boats, being "chased" by people with openers, just like Mickey Rooney and his crew did.



And our beloved Marsha Erickson came up with.... what else but a special beer cap hat for the occasion!

*Here is Sandi popping husband Al McEwan's cap! They own the Greavette Streamliner "Jezebel"
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave*



*Saturday morning, bright sunny, with a few clouds and more Rainier t-shirts!
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave*

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A side note here, your author has had the honor and privilege of being selected as the lead boat for many years, but since that boat now belongs to someone else, Karl & Lois Hoffman with their great 1941 34' Chris Craft Sedan "Blue Jay" led the parade this year. Many thanks to Karl & Lois! By the way, we have a photo recording the fact of Blue Jay on Lake Union, far away from the dock with fenders flapping.... maybe someone will win some type of award?



Top left is Chairman Steve Snider, below left is his beloved Molly, plus friends. Note the SUMMER attire, it hit 65 today!
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave



And here are Karl & Lois and crew, headed across Lake Union to the staging area. That is the colorful Fremont bridge in the background.
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave



The staging area in Portage Bay, our club milling around waiting for their turn in the two-and-a-half hour parade. You can see we are S or "Spirit" class.
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave

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Here are Curt & Marsha Erickson in "Hokey Pokey" with Sam and Trish Bass from Atlanta. Note the Monster Squid decorated boat entry in the background.
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave



"Chris Craft II" belongs to Bob and Chris Braaf, for chapter members who aren't familiar with this boat, they brought it from Colorado to work and play here for a year or two. Chris is the daughter of THE Chris Smith, and the granddaughter of founder of Chris Craft, Christopher Smith. Her Dad will be coming out here this summer for the Chris Craft Rendezvous at Port Orchard July 19,11& 12.
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave

Parade time! John and Dolores Flaherty in their 1953 ... the name says it all! They are focused on the crowd ashore, note all the boats in the background on a temporary log boom attending the parade. Boats start tying up and anchoring out on the Wednesday before the Saturday parade. (Your author spent the time this year watching the whole event from the sidelines, seeing the morning crew races, and the whole 2 ½ hour parade.)
photo courtesy Connor Musgrave



Now we switch to the sidelines where all the folks are watching the parade. Sorry, we were not able to get everyone's picture.

Don Palmer's 1957 21'
Chris Craft Continental

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Karl & Lois Hoffman's 1941 34' Chris Craft Sedan "Blue Jay" with the Husky Stadium in the Background

Curt & Marsha Erickson, Sam & Trish Bass in "Hokey Pokey" thier 1948 24' Hacker



Warren & Tracey Olson in their 1955 19' Capri. Frank Gonzales waving to us, with Kristen Drew next to him.

Brian Franchini and friends in his 1966 17' Tollycraft Sportabout



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Brian's son Cole Franchini
in his 1959 14' Reinell Jetabout

Bob and Chris Braaf in "Chris
Craft II" their 1957 28' Sedan
Cruiser



John Flaherty & friends in "Racer's"
1953 19' Chris Craft Racing Runabout

Dick & Kathy Dow on Sinbad.
Note the summer weather
attire on "Island Time" in the
background!



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OK, Parade well done! With the wonderful participation of the members and the outstanding generosity of PBR and Rainier beer; we've got a trophy guaranteed right? Well, I can tell you that sitting on the sidelines watching the parade, the "Cruising of the Rainiers" won the highest and loudest level of audience recognition... But, alas, we think we were a bit too commercial for the class we entered, can you imagine that? No award, but lots and lots of "Atta Boys & Girls", kudos, karma, etc. and adult beverages! The most important part was that everyone had a great time, and everyone is looking forward to more boat rides with the boating season being Officially Open!

Again, thanks to PBR and Rainier (<http://rainierbeer.com/>) for their contribution, we very much appreciate their help, and we love the T-shirts!

Oh, and did I mention that next year, the ACBS Quarterly meeting will include, yes, Opening Day in Seattle!

Ron Stevenson

The End



A short trip by boat or car

If you're looking for a great day trip, take a zip to the Northwest Maritime Museum in Port Townsend. there is always a new exhibit and the museum store has some interesting items and good books.



Guest Editor - Linda Cunningham

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well it just seems to never end!

I participated in the Opening Day activities. On Friday I gave rides to folks over at Seattle Yacht Club. Driving them up through the cut past the folks tied up along the log boom and back. Putting all the way, doing this for about 3 hours. The next morning we got out early on to the water for the Parade thru the cut. More putting, approximately another 2.5 hours. Blondie was not running quite right seemed kind of rough and the carb was loading up. I would put it in neutral a few times and rev the motor it sounded fine and I would just putt along again.



After I got home I removed the spark plugs and water came out of cylinder 2! It was suggested that I remove the exhaust on that side and have it pressure tested. It passed no leaks seems to be ok. Ok what's next? Remove the head and check for cracks. At this point I decided to remove the motor from the boat, didn't want to bang up the boat and it would be easier to work on the engine.

Removed the intake manifold and found water emulsified oil in the valley of the block. Removed the head and yes cylinder 2 and 6 had water there was quite a bit in 2 and just a splash in 6. I took the head to a machine shop. Valves were removed, magnafluxed, pressure tested and surface measured for squareness. All checked out fine, head was ok.

Next thing to do was look at the intake manifold; again everything according to the machine shop was ok. Upon removal of the lifters I discovered the 3rd lifter from the flywheel was dished in (see picture). The rest were flat with a slight concave surface. I pulled the cam and the cam lobe where the dished in lifter was, is gone completely rounded off.



Talking with Delta Camshaft in Tacoma, Scott asked if I had done a lot of idling, well yes I did. He said this was a problem with this type of engine. He helped me with a new cam and lifters. On the lifters he showed me where they put a thin flat spot along the side with a stop to pull oil down to the cam lobe to prevent the lifters from dishing in. Hope this works.

At this point the machine shop has the block. They are going through everything to make sure there isn't a crack in the block, clean, magnaflux, measure, replace cam bearings and whatever else they do. As for the water, still kind of a mystery. I've been told that the motor more than likely was out of time, back fired and water was sucked in from the exhaust.

So it seems it just never ends! – Warren



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Here is the link to the festival page for more information! To get the info on displaying go to the link for boats! You can see the prices there! I can reduce by 10 bucks or so for a group package....or we can give you extra tickets for beer and wine or whatever you think might feel fun for people coming up!

Its 3 days of great fun and music, and demonstrations! 5 indoor and 4 outdoor stages going all day everyday! So lots to do! **Great venue to Show off your beautiful boats!**

THANKS

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June 10th Meeting
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1417 NE Boat Street
Seattle WA 98105

August 8, 2015
On the Water - Meydenbauer Bay
Bellevue WA

July 8th Meeting
at Delta Marine Industries, Inc
1608 S 96th Street
Seattle WA 98108

September 9, 2015
Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum (HARM)
- 5917 S 196th Street
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