



The Wet Edge

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

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EXPENSIVE THERAPY

I use to say buying or owning a wood boat was cheaper than therapy. Now, when people tell me I need therapy, I tell them I spent all my therapy money on my boats. The Black Raven II is no exception. I made the mistake of looking on Cragislist for a boat for a friend last fall. I ended up finding the Black Raven II a 50 foot (former) Canadian Fisheries patrol boat. They only wanted \$1,000 for it. My second mistake was going to take a look at it. Oops, I bought it. Black Raven II may have been the first boat that ran when I bought it. Shortly after purchasing it, I moved it from La Conner to Everett with the help of my mom, my friend Bryn and Kirk Knapp. Other than the cold, the trip was fairly uneventful.

Fortunately, the Black Raven II was hanging out at the same marina as Tim Dies and Kirk Knapp. I got a call one day from Tim, "Your boat is sinking." Well, that's not good. Tim managed to convince



the bilge pump to start working again. That night, I came up to discover only 1 of the 4 bilge pumps was working. I also discovered what I call a "water feature". It looked like one of those small desk fountains just bubbling away. I tried plugging it up from the inside with no luck, so the Black Raven II would have to depend on bilge pumps to keep it afloat until I was able to haul it in March.

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EXPENSIVE THERAPY - cont.

And then it was March and the Black Raven II was hauled out in Everett. Other than the obviously missing oakum and concrete in the seam with the water feature, the hull was in decent shape (below the water line). The steel plates, bolts and rudder weren't so great. Our very own Alan Thomle came by to look at the boat after I pulled the plywood patch on the starboard side. As you might expect, things weren't great behind the plywood patch. I told Alan we might as well pull the really bad stuff out; it isn't doing any good in the side of the boat. Next thing I know Alan has about 20 feet of the side opened up. We (and by we I mean Alan) ended up replacing 4 planks and at least 6 frames. A bit of a task when the planks are two inches thick and the frames are almost 4 inches wide. Lucky for me grandpa was a hoarder...errr... collector and among the things he collected was wood; 2 inch thick fir in this case. Yay grandpa, something I can use on a boat!



While Alan was working on the ever growing hole in the side of the boat, Alan's son Aaron, my friend Michelle and I worked on scraping the bottom, cleaning up smaller bits of rot and patching gouges. This continued well after Alan was done. Turns out there is a lot of bottom on a 50-foot displacement hull. It was hard not to get carried away and fair everything to perfection. But as Alan kept reminding me it is not a Chris Craft, it is an old work boat.

Along the way a number of other friends and family chipped in. My friends Brian, Bryn, Stephanie, Adam, Lincoln and Gabe to name a few. My mom, dad and sister came out to help as well. As boat projects go, we were working right up to the last minute. To the point we had to put plastic on the travel lift slings to keep the fresh paint from transferring.

One thing is for sure the Black Raven II draws a lot of attention. Until we put tarps up over the boat it was almost hard to get work done. Everyday someone was coming by asking about the boat. You could hear people going to Scuttlebutts talking about the boat. On a side note, having a brewery in the boatyard is both a blessing and curse.

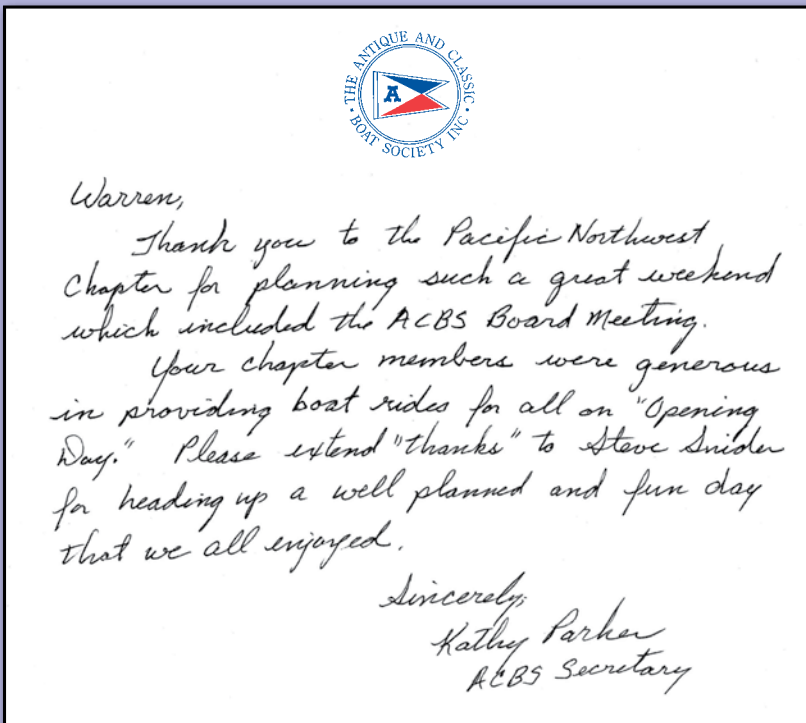


PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ACBS Quarterly Meeting/Opening Day we started with a Welcome Party at The Hydroplane and Race boat Museum on Thursday. Friday the ACBS Board had their meeting. Friday night they joined us for our Opening Day dinner. Saturday morning Opening Day, I don't see how it could have been any better. The weather was a picture postcard kind of day, unbelievable. You would have had to be there to believe it. We had 26 boats turn out to help give our guest rides. Our out of town guests were blown away with what we have here in the great Pacific Northwest. Some comments were, "Is it usually like this in Seattle?" "Do you guys really do this every year?" We made sure to let them know that it really does rain here all the time.



We received a nice note from Kathy Parker, ACBS Secretary



There were a lot of folks behind the scenes helping to make this a memorable event. There was a lot of planning and meetings throughout the year. I'm sure if I listed them I would miss someone so this is a big THANK YOU to all who helped.

By now I'm sure you heard we won 1st Place in our division. The theme this year was The Great Escape. The runabout folks dressed as prisoners with black & white striped hats and shirts. The larger boats dressed as Policemen chasing after the escapee's.

Steve Snider won best classic boat with "Badlands". He and his crew brought up the rear of our parade. They were all dressed as policemen and some good looking policewomen. He has a siren on the bow of Badlands, which made it sound just like a cop as he

was chasing the escapee's in the runabouts thru the cut and down past the log boom. Congrats Steve well done.

Lots of stuff is happening in our club.

Did you RSVP for the next club meeting 6/8/2016? We are going to descend upon Ed & Barb Tronca's new Boat Shop in Tacoma. Time is running out, cut off time to RSVP is 6/3/2016.

July we have an outing in conjunction with the Portland Club at Lake Mayfield in Mossyrock. If you plan to stay the night you had better make a reservation. There are several places to stay. We will be at the Lake Mayfield Resort. This is also where we will have an impromptu boat show before we explore the lake.

The Portland Club (Columbia Willamette Chapter) has invited us to their show August 26th on Lake Oswego. For more info contact Mike Stevens – mahoganyrunaboutrentals@gmail.com

These are just a few of our upcoming outings. Go to our website for additional events. It's your club enjoy it!

Check out the opportunity with the CWB on 4th of July holiday!!! (page 6)

Warren



2016 Lake Oswego Classic Boat Show

by

Columbia Willamette Chapter

Antique and Classic Boat Society

The Columbia Willamette chapter of the A.C.B.S. invites all vintage boating enthusiasts to attend their 17th annual Classic Boat Show at Lake Oswego, Oregon. This show, sponsored by the Oswego Heritage Council, offers several unique features that make it a "must see" event for all fans of classic boating. Lake Oswego is an upscale community south of Portland, Oregon surrounding a private lake not normally open to the public. Cleaning of the outer hull of all boats admitted to the Lake, is required to eliminate the threat of invasive species. However, the cleaning is not harmful to wooden boats, and will be provided free of charge to show participants.

The Lake Oswego Show is unique among A.C.B.S shows on the West coast in that it encompasses three venues, with cruisers and a restored World War II PT boat on the Willamette River, small boats and runabouts on Oswego Lake, and a 250 vehicle collector car show at a nearby city park. A free shuttle bus operates between the three venues. These attractions combined with shopping opportunities in the adjacent upscale shopping community assure entertainment for all attendees.

The festivities begin on Friday night August 26 with a wine and appetizer reception for all boat display registrants. The next day show registrants may launch their boats on the lake and enjoy the day exploring its wide variety of architecturally significant homes and boat houses. Activities culminate in a steak and salmon dinner at the historic Oswego Heritage House museum. Judging for the numerous show trophies will occur Sunday morning August 28th followed by a water skiing show at 1:00pm, and culminating in the trophy award ceremony at 2:30 pm.

Because dock space for on- water display on Oswego Lake or the Willamette River is limited, and seating at the Saturday night dinner is similarly constrained, we encourage interested parties to register early. Registration can be accomplished on- line by going to **[OswegoHeritage.org /events/ Car and Boat Show](http://OswegoHeritage.org/events/)**. The registration fee for A.C.B.S. members is only \$10 per boat, and the reservations for the Saturday night dinner is \$30 per person. Fees can be paid via a secure PayPal transaction.

Need more information? Contact - Mike Stevens -- mahoganyrunaboutrentals@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Dick and Louise Werner along with the Inland Empire Chapter welcome you to this year's fabulous Priest Lake "DRY ROT" wooden boat event.

DATE: September 2-5, 2016

PROGRAM:

***September 2, Friday: Welcome aboard Dinner at Nordman's**

(This is a change as Grandview restaurant will be closed this summer. The rooms and condo's at Grandview will be open this summer. Randy, owner of Nordman's, will provide a great Italian dinner.)

*** September 3, Saturday: Poker run organized by Brian and Kathy Fair**

***September 3, Saturday: BBQ dinner at the Werner's cabin**

***September 4, Sunday: Boat Show and Brunch at Elkins Resort.**

***September 4, Sunday: After Elkins you will parade over to Hill's for the Gin Fizz BBQ**

***September 5, Monday: Continental breakfast at Werner's**

***September 5, Monday: Boat through the upper Priest lake, beach your boat and stay for an old fashion hotdog roast!**

Registrations will go out by the end of June.

Please email by June 10, 2016 with a yes, no, or strong maybe to: lhuegli@hotmail.com

Places to stay:

Grandview: 208-443-2433

Elkins: 208-443-2432

Hills: 208-443-2551

Nordman: 208-443-2551



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From: mluis@cwb.org

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Subject: CWB Festival

Date: Tue, 31 May 2016 23:20:44 +0000

Warren:

Nice to see you on Sunday.

This year the Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival, which takes place over the July 4 weekend, is expanding back into Lake Union Park. This gives us a lot of space to fill with interesting and beautiful things.

One of the ways we will use that space is having more boats on land. I was thinking that maybe some of the ACBS members might want to bring boats on trailers for display in the park. It would be a nice chance to show off their boats and talk about what they do. Eye candy is always welcome!

If you find interest among your members, have them get hold of me and we'll figure out placement and load-in/load-out.

Thanks!

Michael Luis

Executive Director

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MONTHLY MEETINGS & UP-COMING EVENTS

June 8th - 6pm

Ed & Barb Tronca's new Boat Shop in Tacoma. RSVP by June 3rd

July 13th - 6pm - Meeting aboard the Cruisers - boarding at CWB

July 23rd - Lake Mayfield - MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY if planning to stay overnight at any of the campgrounds or resorts around the lake!

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

