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President's Message

Get to Work!

The theme of this month could be called “basic maintenance”. Thanks to new board member Tim Dies for this newsletter and sharing some of the things he runs into as he works on various boats. Though he’s focused on the cruisers, it all applies and we need to remember to take care of basic systems checks to ensure that our families and guests are safe on the water.

My current “to do” list on the boats includes oil changes, tune-ups, hoses, wiring and connector termination/inspection, through-hull fitting examination, motor/shaft alignment, painting, varnish and cleaning. Don’t forget the pfd’s, fire extinguishers and other safety gear! So far, I have topped off the batteries...

The February meeting at Modern Pattern Works was a great success! We had more than 30 people in attendance as Don Kelson shared his stories of the hobby and his facility full of memorabilia and history. Thanks to Ike for introducing us to this place and putting the meeting together. The next meeting will be at the Center for Wooden Boats on March 10th, 6:30 pm.

Our garage tour will be held on March 27th. We’re still working on the details, so stay tuned to your computer, as we will be distributing the information via the list-serve. The Columbia Willamette Chapter garage tour information is included in this newsletter.

We’re going to have a great time on the water this year. There are so many opportunities around us it would be a shame to miss them because things aren’t in order.

Time to get to it!

Dick Dow

EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 27th: Garage Tour

April 10th: Portland Garage Tour

April 30th: ACBS Opening Day Dinner and Boat Rides

May 1st: Opening Day Parade

June 24th - 27th: Lake Roosevelt Odyssey

July 3rd - 4th: Lake Union Wooden Boats Festival (CWB)

July 8th - 11th: Chris Craft Rendezvous

July 23rd - 25th: Maritime Heritage Festival (a.k.a. Portland Boat Show)

A shore power story with a not so happy ending



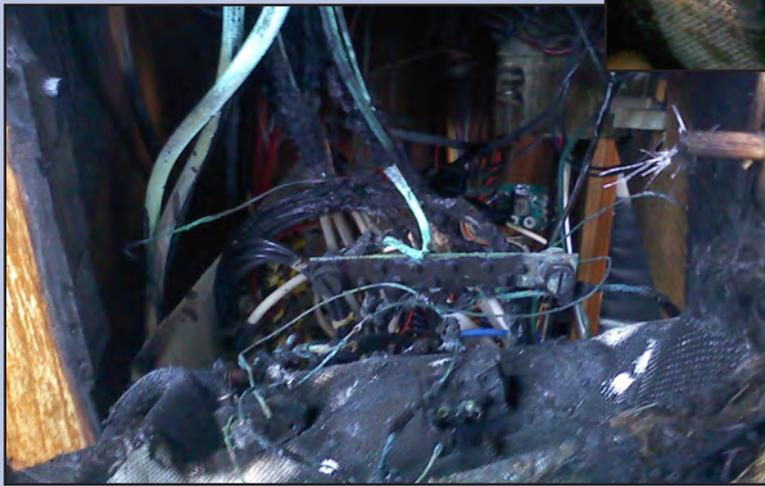
Customer called me at 4:30pm on Tuesday February 9th to inform me that “we won’t be needing to put new batteries in the boat next week because the insurance company needs the fire investigator to do a report on what caused the fire this afternoon.” I, in a panic started towards the truck to head over to the boat, parked at PSYC at the north end of Lake Union. The boat was hauled the next day at Dunato’s and the investigation started into what caused the fire.

The dock receptacle and both ends of the cord were clean, and as the pictures show, the shore inlet was clean. Entering the vessel it was plain to see the spread and the damage suffered from the helm to the headliner and curtains. Tracing the wires (what was left in the mess) from the inlet to the main breaker was o.k. but from the main breaker through the AC ammeter seems to be the center of origin. Older style AC ammeters read through the gauge itself, we have learned since then that this was not a good design



in that you were sending all of the shore current through an internal shunt which over the years would cause heat inside the gauge. Having a separate inductive coil shunt that fits around the incoming wire is much safer because there is no coil that the power feeds through.

Another factor in the mishap was the corrosion that was apparent on the back of the breaker panel, which would be hard to see if you were not directly looking for it. As the pictures show, the damage was extensive and after the insurance company report came back and the boatyard's estimate to fix was turned in, the vessel is being written off as a total loss. A lesson learned for all of us with older boats and even newer ones is to check your shore cord monthly and also check the



whole run of your shore power through the main panel annually for corrosion. Contact cleaner spray and a brass brush work well for removing corrosion and then any corrosion inhibitor spray like Corrosion Block or CRC Corrosion Inhibitor is good for coating the buss bars.

PORTLAND GARAGE TOUR SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

Starting at 9:00 am

Stop #1

**Mike Mayer's Restoration
Shop
2100-A Borland Rd.
West Linn, Oregon 97068
503-686-0599
*Coffee and donuts
will be served.***

Stop #2

**Frank Robinson
434 Wynooski
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Home: 503-538-9815
Cell: 503-537-4401
Frank is working on a
1925 Dodge Water Car**

Stop #3

**Dick Werner
22935 SW Hillsboro Hwy
Newberg, Oregon 97132
Home: 503-628-1402
Cell: 503-860-5290
At the Werner's we
will be doing a hands
on workshop for steam
bending.
*Lunch will be served.***

We should be done by 3:00 pm



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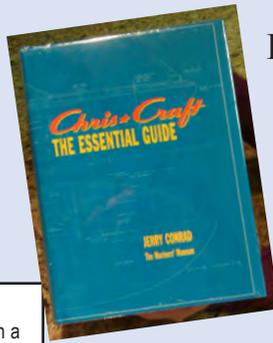
Jensen Motorboat haul out available for \$400.00. Please contact Tim Dies at 206-817-4577

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