



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST THE WET EDGE



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

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# *"All Mahogany & Merlot"* SPECIAL EDITION

## What is Happening?



Actually, a lot is happening within your classic boat club. A few weeks ago we held our monthly meeting at the Center for Wooden Boats. In alignment with my goal for 2013 of meetings with less voting and more information sharing, we started with a quick walk through of the process of putting a new bottom on a typical runabout. We are seeing some new faces at our meetings and I am pleased with this new direction.

Next month's meeting promises more of the new, improved monthly gathering. We will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at Ike Kielgass' shop (18827 SE 161 St. Renton) to view some

of Ike's winter projects including the Curtiss V-12 engine installation in the Miss Detroit. Craig Magnusson has also volunteered to give us a quick history lesson on some of the marine engines at hand. Craig has a great mind for history and I always learn something new when he speaks on vintage engines. You will also have the unique opportunity to invite your significant other to this meeting to attend Brenda Chrystie's drawing class. As to an introduction to the class, Brenda wrote the following:

Have you always wanted to learn to draw? Used to draw a lot way back in the day but haven't been able to find the time? Join your woody boater for the March ACBS meeting to create your own masterpiece! The drawing class will take place in Brenda's studio above Ike's Garagemahal. All skill levels welcome. Basic supplies will be available and you are welcome to bring your own. \$10 per person covers supplies and live model(s). About your instructor: Brenda Chrystie holds an MFA from the University of Idaho and taught Foundation Art, Drawing 1 & 2, and Anatomy at Cornish College of Art. Her published art work is managed by Corbis. For more information, visit <http://brendachrystie.com/about>.

Next, please mark April 6th on your calendar. The Columbia Willamette chapter will be hosting their annual garage tour / symposium in Vancouver, Washington. In the past we have supported this event and intend to set up car pools for the drive south for those who want to learn about boat maintenance and restoration. More details will be communicated as the date nears.

Finally, Tom Cathcart our guest editor is naming this edition of our news letter "All Mahogany and Merlot." This year we are dedicated to stepping up our support and participation of this wonderful event in Chelan, Washington. The show will include not only vintage hydroplanes and boats but we also have a commitment from a classic car club to have a gathering on the resort grounds. We also have volunteers from our club to set up an informal swap meet in the upper parking lot. The dates for this year's Mahogany and Merlot are October 4-6. Be there, with or without boat!

I want to sign off this month in the spirit of gratitude. I have been amazed and humbled by all the hard work that people put into our club. It is a pleasure to be involved with a group of people with a common interest that just want to help out. Thanks for being a part. See you at the next monthly meeting!

Rob DaPron

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mahogany & Merlot

Your board has been doing a lot of planning this year, as our incoming President, Rob DaPron, wants to get our membership informed as early as possible to this season's upcoming events. I, for one, like to make my summer / fall plans and reservations as soon as the new year is upon us, and find myself frustrated by show and club websites that fail to update their event information in a timely manner. We are not going to let this happen to us. In that vein, this newsletter will focus on the success of the first three years of "Mahogany & Merlot", and address the issue of how our chapter can become more involved in the continued success of this event.

As our chapter has not had a venue for a show of our own in the Seattle area for a number of years now, your board has decided to throw its support into this truly amazing mix of vintage hydroplanes and antique & classic boats. Starting almost twenty years ago as a way for Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum members to close out the year with exhibition racing and rides for their sponsors and volunteers, it has evolved over the last three years into a world class attraction, drawing visitors and enthusiasts of not only vintage hydros, but classic motorboats as well. And for 2013, a classic car show and marine swap meet will be added in the parking lot above the city docks.

However, as the show has grown in size, so has grown the complexity of putting on such an event. For organizers Jon and Chris Courtright, with assistance from friends Kris Bassett and her husband Tom, this has escalated from a relatively 'sane' amount of preparation for the vintage hydro event, to a moderately 'insane' level given the addition of 35-40 vintage runabouts, event registration, welcome parties, award banquets, security arrangements, dock assignments, and.....well, you get the picture, it's time they got some well deserved assistance from those of us who have taken from the event, but not given back. So, what can we do?



See that happy face? That's Kris Bassett, and my goal this year is to keep that smile on her face. (of course, given a ride by Alan Thomle in Greyhound would put a smile on anyone's face.....I haven't had one yet Alan!)

Time though, is on our side with 8 months to go, and we are looking for volunteers to sign up to help reduce the workload on those who have worked so hard to make this a great time for all of us. If we could get enough of our membership involved we could keep the shifts short enough so that everyone gets enough free time to participate in and enjoy the show. In a recent interview with Kris she sends the following draft;

"sharing the load of this is something we've talked a lot about after last year's BIG show, setting things up so that others can carry on the event in future years is important. There's no sense in doing all this work if it can't be continued, right?"

"I can see the list including the following tasks:

1. assisting the dock master(s) by being on the docks and monitoring incoming and outgoing boats per the schedule, and helping boats get to assigned spaces.
2. helping set up the vendor spaces in the parking lot (helping unloading tables/banners/chairs, etc. that are brought in).
3. assist with boat and people traffic control in the parking lot.
4. handing out and collecting ballots from the public and boat owners.
5. helping with decoration, wine and awards set up in the banquet room and take-down.
6. Clean up/take down (parking lot and supplies) on Sunday.
7. Assisting boat owners and helping with traffic control when boats are being taken out at ramp.

So, you can well appreciate what goes into putting on a successful boat show. As we progress towards spring and summer, we will continue to refine the task list, but please consider being involved beyond just being a participant this year. Janet and I get there on Thursday, with some of us cruising to Stehekin on Friday morning for lunch. Furthermore, if you can stay until Monday, you will miss the crowds jockeying for position at the ramps and spend a relaxing evening with friends.

# Campbell's Resort is the place to be on Lake Chelan



That's right folks, once again Campbell's Resort is pulling out the stops to ensure that we have an experience we will remember for years. This year, as they have done in the past, they are offering special group rates for "Mahogany & Merlot" participants. When you call to make your reservation at (800) 553-8225 or (509) 682-2561, just give them your "Mahogany & Merlot" group number (282387) to get a fabulous rate for their rooms.

## Save the Date!

4<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Mahogany & Merlot

on Lake Chelan, Washington  
**An all - Vintage Wooden Boat Show,  
 Hydroplane Exhibition  
 and new for 2013 - Classic Cars!**

*Mahogany & Merlot on Lake Chelan* is back with the excitement and *thunder* of Unlimited Hydroplanes from years past along with APBA Vintage Limited Class Hydroplane Raceboats, both groups will run in exhibition heats. Come and feel the thunder of the Unlimteds!

And if that is not cool enough, the public display of over 35 antique and classic pleasure boats from the 1920's to - 1960's built by Chris Craft, Gar Wood, Hacker, Yandt & Century. These boats all flawlessly restored, are boats similar to those seen in the early days on Lake Chelan. All boats will be floating at the Lakeshore Marina at Don Morse Park for the public to enjoy.

To complete the picture of vintage and classic boats will be the PNW CCCA classic car tour on display featuring Woody cars and classic cars from the 30's & 40's!

A food and wine garden in the parking lot above the docks along with vendors such as the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum Store will round out the visitor's experience.

**What? 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mahogany & Merlot**

**Where? Lakeshore Marina at Don Morse Park, Chelan, WA**

**When? October 4 - 6, 2013**

**Friday 2pm - 7pm** - participant registration reception

**Saturday 9:00am - 9:45am** - Antique and Classic Boat Parade

**10:00am - 4:00pm** - Hydro exhibition, boat show at docks, classic cars on display, food, wine and shopping booths

**Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm** - Hydro Exhibition, boat show at docks

**Admission: FREE!!!**

**Where to stay:** See the web site for hotel listing

Visit our Website: [www.mahoganyandmerlot.com](http://www.mahoganyandmerlot.com)

Email: [chelanvintageboats@yahoo.com](mailto:chelanvintageboats@yahoo.com)



## Coming Events

**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.

## And if that's not enough.....

"In the motor driven by the products of petroleum man has at last found what he has so long waited and toiled for-a safe, economical and trusty engine. It is especially adapted to the propulsion of craft, such as are too small for steam and too heavy to be rowed"

(From: 'How To Build A Motor Launch', written by C.D. Mower, 1901).



## Classifieds:

### WANTED

#### PORT SIDE CROSS OVER PIPE

(Yes, I know the picture is starboard)

That's the problem, I have starboard but want port side.

Please contact Warren at 253-653-5677 or wolson1@msn.com



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**DON'T FORGET  
THE MONTHLY  
MEETING!  
(at Ike's)  
March 13th  
6:30pm**

**facebook**

#### 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.

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