



THE WET EDGE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY



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President's Letter

What a weekend! I am sitting at my desk on a sunny Sunday afternoon, the day after the Opening Day festivities, and ticking off one of "my to do list" items - writing this letter. Normally we try to publish our newsletter at the end of the month with the goal of having the publication arrive in the mailboxes sometime during the first week of the month. We intentionally held off this publication so we could include coverage of the Opening Day of Boating season. I will let Brian Franchini, the guest editor for the Month of May cover the event in detail, but I will add that we were tremendously blessed with gorgeous weather this year. No small detail the weather, for I can remember many Opening Day events hunkered down with many layers of clothing in a cold boat trying in vain to stay out of the pouring May rain. Not this year.

Being out on a boat among friends this past weekend surrounded by the beautiful PNW setting had the effect of awakening me from a winter slumber. Boating season seems to finally be here. It is also a busy time of year: plans need to be made for future outings (hint, reserve your room for Mahogany and Merlot,) the yard needs tending, and as always, that winter boat project

that never quite got finished needs to be tackled. All is good.

Looking ahead, I would like to give advanced notice of our June monthly meeting. We will be gathering on Wednesday, June 12 at the Center for Wooden Boats starting at 6:30. To further our goal of making our monthly meetings more than just club business and of interest to a larger audience, we will be trying something different. The plan for June is to briefly cover some chapter business then transition to a slideshow presentation of canal boat cruising in Europe. Several of our members have cruised the canals in France and have volunteered to share their experiences. I believe it will be a fun and informative evening. I would once again like to add that this meeting would be an excellent opportunity to invite your significant other to attend. I promise there will be no detail discussions of engines, boats or finishes. And as always, food and drinks will be provided for a small fee. Please consider joining us for the June meeting.

Thanks for belonging to a dynamic and fun club. A big thanks for all that helped make Opening Day happen. As always, if you have questions, concerns or ideas please give me a call or shoot me an email.

Rob

Monthly Meeting Schedule

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.

OPENING DAY 2013

What a fantastic weekend in Seattle this past weekend! With record breaking temperatures and crystal clear views of the surrounding Northwest, it was a picture perfect day for Opening Day of Boating season. I will give just a quick summary of the events and then let some pictures of the festivities do the talking. The weekend started out with boat rides Friday afternoon for guest at the Seattle Yacht Club. This is a perfect way to get to know some new people and share our love of the wooden boat lifestyle. Friday evening the club was treated to dinner at the Center for Wooden Boats. Great food, and more importantly, great boat stories shared by all. Saturday morning started off meeting back at the Center with a quick breakfast (thanks to George & Peg) and decorating the boats with gigantic lei's that several of the club members worked tirelessly making weeks before the event. With 80 degree temperatures, the actual parade was one of the nicest weather-wise since 1994!! We had 13 boats in our small flotilla and looked fantastic lined up in the "cut". Lunch afterwards at the UW shell house ended a perfect day on the water.

If you have never participated in Opening Day, it is one of those events that everyone should try at least once. Make your plans for next year, with or without your boat, and come join the fun!



PROJECT UPDATE

Member Steve Franchini purchased a 1947 Century Seamaid at the beginning of the year and is making great progress getting it water ready again. The boat was originally part of the Alan Furth collection and had been sitting in storage in Oregon for several years after a restoration was started. It spent a little time at Lake Oswego Boat Company in Portland having some hull side planks replaced and is now back in Washington for some more rehab. The boat was factory equipped with a Gray Fireball 6/160 with the triple down-draft carbs. The boat came complete with everything except the three carbs. If anyone has a lead on some Zenith 28's (either venture at this point) he would love to hear from you. sdfranchini@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Bell Street Classic Weekend 2013

The Pacific Northwest Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association in conjunction with the Port of Seattle will once again sponsor the Bell Street Pier Classic Rendezvous as part of the Seattle Waterfront Classic Weekend, June 15 and 16 at Pier 66 on Seattle's downtown waterfront. Over forty classic wooden vessels, many of them built prior to World War II, will welcome visitors throughout this Father's Day weekend. This event represents the largest gathering of classic yachts on the West Coast. The yachts will be joined by dozens of classic automobiles that will be on display on the pier. Admission to all show sites is complimentary.

Edmonds Waterfront Festival

Fri, 05/31/2013 to Sun, 06/02/2013

Sponsored by the Edmonds Rotary, this is a fun event for around a dozen classic wooden yachts. The event is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association and the Port of Edmonds. We did a land display here last year, and perhaps again this year.

NEW MEMBERS

We are trying to start a new feature in the newsletter introducing (or re-introducing old members). If you are new, or have an update to share with the club, drop me an e-mail and we will get it into the next Wet Edge! franchinidesign@comcast.net

4th of July at Center for Wooden Boats

Thu, 07/04/2013 to Sun, 07/07/2013 Details coming



The 24th Annual Rendezvous is held at the Port Orchard Marina in Port Orchard, Washington; and will be held July 11th-14th. Up to 80 boats typically attend.

**DON'T FORGET
THE MONTHLY**

MEETING!

June 12th

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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