



THE WET EDGE



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Here we go into 2015 with a flourish. We just had our "Round Table of Experts and not so Experts" (I fall into the latter group!) We had some excellent presentations from the likes of Alan Thomle, Ike Kielgass, Karl Hoffman, Dick Dow and John Flaherty. Warren Olson will be providing more details on this later in this newsletter.

We also have been asked to vote on a new ACBS logo design for our chapter. We should see the results of this vote at our next meeting along with a more defined version of the logo.

It was great to see a number of new faces at our last meeting at CWB. We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you better. This club is not just about boats, it is about people with boats. I first joined this chapter in 2005 when I bought my first wood boat, a 1948 Chris Craft 17' Deluxe Runabout. I remember the first time I took it to a meeting at CWB and as I was bringing it to the dock, Dick Dow was there to grab a line. I didn't yet know Dick, but over the years, he is just one of many people that I have really enjoyed doing things with. This is a great chapter because of you guys and gals. The boats are great and a lot of fun but the good times Jodi and I have had over the last 10 years, (Wow, has it really been that long?), has been because we found a club full of sociable people with a common interest.

Here are some photos of both past opening day and other events and also some of the characters that occupy seats at our meetings.



Here is Brian Franchini from an opening day a few years ago. I think Steve, his dad is working on a bigger boat as this is being written!



Opening day when we went as Coneheads... Need I say more? Dick and Kathy Dow in theme.



A large flock of coneheads... Can you pick yourself out?

Here are a few pictures of some of the characters I mentioned earlier...



Ike and Brenda at a Halloween party looking particularly stunning!



Karl and Lois Hoffman with Karl looking particularly intelligent!



Past president Peter Bro looking for handouts at his own party!



Loveable Peg and George Corley, two that are truly committed to this chapter of ACBS!



Tom and Janet Cathcart... What's that you're drinking Tom? Perhaps you should switch to beer!



Our beloved president pointing to my wet dog in his boat... What's the problem?



Warren, Steve Snider and Curt and Marsh Erickson are asking for ideas for our theme of "Myths and Monsters". We need to continue our tradition of having a fun theme for our event. If the Seahawks would have won their last game, I would have suggested we go "Beast Mode" but perhaps too many people still have not fully recovered.

There is a lot of combined knowledge in this photo with Craig Magnusson Motorhead extraordinaire, Alan Thomle, Master Boatbuilder and Restorer, John Flaherty, working Marine Mechanic with years of experience, Rob Da Pron, another Master at his craft with wood boats, and former club president Rob Corliss. Brian Franchini is in the background .

CWC/PACIFIC N.W. CHAPTERS WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Andy Werner's Shop
Dick Werner
22935 S.W. Hillsboro Hwy
Home: 503-628-1402
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Cost: \$20.00 registration

This includes: coffee, donuts, catered lunch

**Please RSVP by April 4, 2015 so we can plan for food.*

*Dick Werner:
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Dear Chapter President

I would very much appreciate if you post on your web site and in your newsletter about the forthcoming symposium/workshop ACBS and the Antique Boat Museum are putting on this coming May 8, 9,10th. It will be held at the museum in Clayton, New York.

This year's program will be centered on replanking your boat, whether it is replacing a single plank or total replanking. The participants will have the opportunity of doing both carvel and lapstrake planking. Steam bending and stain matching will also be included. There will be boat rides and a tour of some of the boat collection that is not available to the public.

More specific information and registration is on the ACBS web site. It will be both an educational and a very fun week end.

Also, many chapters are now putting on their own workshops. If you are, I congratulate you! If you are not, I would highly encourage you to consider putting one together for this coming spring. Most chapters have found this to be one of their more popular functions.

If you would like any ideas on how to organize a workshop, please contact me at:
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or phone me at: 503-628-1402

Thank you so much,
Dick Werner
ACBS Symposium Chair

TIPS FOR PROPER DOCKING

By Randy Vance

Docking a boat can be a dreaded task for any boater. No matter the size of the boat, the current or the wind, it's close-quarters maneuvering that takes the most gelcoat from boats. But it doesn't have to be that way if you follow these simple rules.

1. Never approach a dock any faster than you want to hit it. Some captains like to hot-dog around, showing how efficiently they can shift and throttle, but even the best of them can be tripped up – either by misjudging distance, drift and vector, or by stalling their engines at shifting points, rendering the boat a helpless victim of its undirected momentum. A slow, steady approach is the sign of an experienced, steady skipper.

2. Never approach a docking situation without a plan. Perfect planning makes for perfect performance. It's as simple as that.

3. Communicate your plan to your crew and clearly delegate any tasks you would have them perform. For instance, assign one competent passenger a bow line, another a stern or spring line. You might want to have other passengers hang fenders over the side at contact points to avoid scratching the boat. Assign these tasks and the order in which you want them done well in advance of the maneuver.

4. Warn your passengers to keep arms and legs inside the boat and away from pinch points between the boat and dock. To protect the boat in case of a harder-than-expected landing, have them suspend fenders at contact points.

5. Never allow a passenger to jump ship until the docking maneuver is complete and the boat is secure. The force of leaping off the boat can misdirect its motion, causing an accident, or can make the boat move away from the dock, lengthening the distance and leaving the offending passenger in the drink. At best it's embarrassing; at worst it's dangerous when thrust from the propellers is needed to control the boat.

6. Never allow a passenger to serve as a fender, pushing against the dock to arrest forward motion. First, if you need that help, you've done a horrible job of docking. Second, rendering that help is extremely dangerous. Emergency rooms across the boating world have stories of missing fingers and broken arms from such mishaps. Gelcoat scratches are much easier and cheaper to fix.

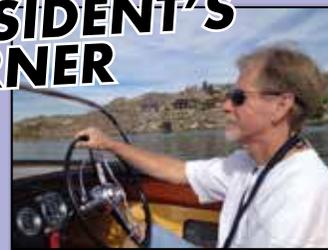
7. When approaching a marina, use the VHF radio to talk to the dockmaster before entering port. Get directions to the best available mooring and let him know of any maneuvering limitations you might have. The larger the boat, the more important this is. You don't want to enter a dead-end passage and have to back out or perform an unnecessary pivot in unfamiliar conditions.

8. It's always best to approach a mooring against the current, when possible. Always gauge the current as you come in, because its direction and momentum will determine your safest, most practical approach. A following current diminishes control; a strong beam current could even sweep a smaller vessel beneath the dock, capsizing it and putting the crew at risk.

9. Wind is the enemy of powerboaters and an unfriendly ally to sailors in port. Gauge its force and direction and determine whether you can use it or overcome it. For instance, docking beam-to a pier is pretty easy when the wind is pushing toward the pier. Give yourself an extra-wide safety margin and let the breeze push you against the pier.

10. There is only one skipper in a boat. You know who he is. No matter who is at the helm, the skipper is always responsible for his crew, so make sure you plan, prepare your crew and do so in a friendly, but firm and clear, way. Knowledge and experience are the keys to safe and fun boating. Keep sober and make sure your crew wears their life jackets.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well I think our 1st Round Table of the Experts and not so Experts turned out pretty good. I want to thank our "MC" Mr. John Flaherty for moderating our event, keeping people on track and moving things along. Also all the Experts and Not so Experts Alan Thomle, Ike Kielgass, Karl Hoffman, Craig Magnusson, Dick Dow & Don Palmer. These guys stepped up and gave their own time to research the answers to the questions and came prepared. The discussions became lively, spirited at times and was informative as well as fun. Will we do it again? You bet, if I can convince the Experts to do it again.

The March 11th meeting will be at Ike Kielgass's shop, poking around his stuff. Looking in drawers, the closets, under cabinets, where ever. Ike and Brenda always put on a great show (meeting) so put the remote down, get off the couch and come on over to Ikes. 18827 SE 161st ST, Renton. We will be getting things going about 6:00. Michael Luis, the Executive Director of The Center for Wooden Boats, will give us a run down on how the building is progressing. Followed by Craig Magnusson discussing Chrysler marine motor rebuilds.

The club has a table at the CWB Dinner/Auction "Steer by the Stars" March 21st. We still have some room for you. Email me to reserve a spot.

April 8th we will be at CWB planning "Opening Day", need your help here. I know that you have ideas that you would like to share. Well this is your opportunity. We will be meeting about 6:00pm and, of course, we will be having a very healthy and nutritious meal of Pizza and Drink for the paltry price of \$15.00. My god what more could you ask for.

April 18th the Portland Chapter is having a Garage Tour @ Dick Werner's from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Let's get a car pool going and support these fellow ACBS members. It will be a long day but you'll have a great time and possibly learn something about wooden boats.

We are going to be trying out a new meeting place for a few meetings starting with the May 13th meeting. It will be at Wild About Cars Garage located at 11200 Kirkland Way, Kirkland, WA 98033. Check out their web site at wildaboutcarsgarage.com, some pretty cool stuff.

Looking forward to seeing at the next meeting!

Warren 253.653.5677

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MONTHLY MEETINGS & UP-COMING EVENTS

March 11th Meeting

at Ike Kielgass Monster Garage
Program - Motor Rebuilds - Chrysler
Marine

Craig Magnusson

April 8th Meeting

at the Center for Wooden Boats
Program - Opening Day Planning
Steve Snyder and Kirk Knapp

May 13th Meeting

at Wild About Cars Garage
11200 Kirkland Way, Kirkland WA 98033
Ike Kielgass

**We want you
at this month's
meeting!**

More about Classified Ads!

A new, welcome addition to our chapter monthly newsletter, and did you know for a few bucks you can get a national classified ad in the Trading Dock section of the ACBS website?

All on-line ads must be submitted through headquarters. There is NO DEADLINE dates to have to worry about.

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