



Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Chapter Antique & Classic Boat Society

THE WET EDGE

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NEW FORUM ON OUR WEBSITE!

Our delightful web-mistress, Liz Gregory has enabled a new feature that will serve our members well. It will be an amazing way for us to share knowledge, ask questions, share tools, and interact with our members.

FAQ:

How do I find it?

1. Go to acbs-pnw.org
2. Click on "Forum"
3. Read through topics
4. Subscribe to the forum if you would like to chime in with a new topic or contribute to an existing thread.
5. Adjust your settings to receive notifications or not when someone replies to the topic you have added.



Is it private?

Anyone on the internet can read it, but only members who subscribe can write in and participate. Therefore, we need to be careful with sharing personal information. You can give your name and the fellow member can use our private directory to contact you.



How is it better than YOUTube or other forums and blogs?

We know that our members are legit! We have seen their work in person, often ridden in their boats or been to their shop. We know they are offering sound advice from a place of helping out, not selling a product. They have decades of knowledge and experience. Quite often they have handled the exact issue you are dealing with. (They've made all the mistakes for you)



There's nothing on there!

(Yet) This feature will grow with your engagement. Ask a question, check back for answers. Visit frequently at first to get it rolling, and it may become a favorite haunt on the interwebs.

So get in there and participate!! It's okay to be the first. It's okay if you think it's a dumb question. It is totally okay to offer a suggestion even if your spelling or grammar is not perfect. We have lots of new members who need help, and lots of old members with vast knowledge on classic boats. This forum will hopefully be a way to get those groups helping one another!

This will be exactly what you make it!



Calling All Cruisers!

As the air becomes chilly and the holiday lights are strung, we look forward to celebrating the season aboard your cozy craft! In years past, the heartier among us brought runabouts and sang Christmas Carols to the houseboaters on Lake Union. I think we can all agree that the warm confines of a classic cruiser are much more hospitable than a 17' open boat.

Please register (on our website) for this fun event and talk amongst yourselves as to how many passengers you can accommodate. We will all bundle up and bring a dish (This group can really cook!) to enjoy the lighted boats as they navigate the evening waters in procession.

Who: YOU!! (with the cruiser) or as a passenger bearing snacks.

When: December 9th meet at QCYC 5pm, Ivar's dock 5:30, Underway at 6pm.

Where: Start at Queen City Yacht Club or Ivar's Salmon House dock. Join the procession out on the lake.

Why: Show off your Holiday spirit (by decking out your boat) Connect with the nicest group of boaters in the PNW. Share delicious treats and beverages - of course.

Give a shout out if you would like some help with decorating your cruiser. I am sure we can team up and make it happen. (Also, it needn't be elaborate) It's really more about getting together than having the highest bulb-count on your boat.



AWARDS DINNER SUCCESS!

A shout out to Don Palmer for making the arrangements with the Tacoma Yacht Club to host our Annual Dinner. The food and service were amazing and it was the perfect venue with a great view of the Vashon Ferry coming and going. The room was comfortable for our small (48) group, and we even got dessert this year!

The Opening Day of Boating trio of Admirals were there to reveal the theme of this year's parade. It will be "Pirates and Pursuers".

I will list awards in the order they were presented for those of you who missed this great evening.

Bilge Pump Award: Jeff Lucas, "Jitterbug"



Bayliner Award: Ron Wilson, "Shore Bird"



Ooops Award: Ron Stevenson "Beautiful Day"



Special Recognition: Mo Wilhelm

For her unwavering support of members of the club and her efforts to increase participation.

Limelight Award: Joe Frauenheim

For coming to the rescue multiple times this boating season and aiding vessels mechanically stalled or in distress. (pictured is one of the freezing teens plucked from Lake Washington after flipping their small sailboat.)



President's Award: Ike Kielgass and Brenda Christie

For their unbridled enthusiasm for classic boats, their meticulous restorations, their gracious hosting of meetings, their role as ambassadors for this hobby, and their efforts to engage women with the inclusion of special activities and gift bags at this year's Mahogany and Merlot.



2023 Mary Herwig Award: Corrine Lucas

Given by International ACBS in recognition of dedication to the mission of The Antique and Classic Boat Society at the Chapter level.

A Note From the Prez



After all of the awards were presented I undertook to capture my vision for the club in the coming year. I began with the simple idea of ENTHUSIASM.

Enthusiasm is defined as: *“an intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.”*

I would like to see us enjoy our boats and each other more. One way to increase time spent together is to plan a multiple-day function. Houseboating on Lake Roosevelt is a terrific way to accomplish both of these aims in one fell swoop. I will set a committee to plan this trip and promote it heavily so that we can make it a reality. We will also continue to plan many small MeetUPs! to get out on the water together.

I would like to see an increase in our membership's engagement. We are 160 strong, and yet our turnout for events and meetings remains around 15-20. How do we increase engagement?

I would like to see some actual data on the levels of retention and engagement of our members. If folks are leaving, Why? What could we do to increase involvement? Surveys are so simple these days. I think it would be valuable to poll our membership to see how we could serve you better.

I would like to see us embrace our status as a 501c3 and the visibility that technology can provide. Promoting our events through social media calendar pages, increasing our membership through the use of QR codes and online marketing strategies, and raising money to further our aims.

Of course, none of this is accomplished through the efforts of one person alone. I encourage you to share your ENTHUSIASM and your talents as we plan 2024 together. Please reach out to myself and my wonderful Board of Directors to make 2024 a PNW ACBS year to remember.

PNW ACBS meeting October 11, 2023 at Ike Kielgass' home

Called to order at 7:15pm. In attendance were President Corrine Lucas, Vice President Greg Batie, Treasurer Kirk Knapp, board members Jeff Lucas, Mo Wilhelm and Ron Wilson. Advisors present were Dick Dow, Ike Kielgass, Ron Stevenson and Warren Olson. Members present were George Corley, Joe Frauenhiem, Liz Gregory, Maria Wilson, Ron Tracy, Don Palmer, Steve Franchini, George Bojko, Dave and Kay Fields, Jim and Kimberly Peters and Inland Empire member Don Vogt.

Treasurer Kirk Knapp reported \$4250 income and \$5029 expenses since last meeting with a balance of \$9038.14.

Kirk reported 146 current members as of today. Kyle Bieber and Don Palmer will be stepping down from membership duties, Maria Wilson will join the committee. We are looking for one more interested person to join the membership committee.

Ike Kielgass reported on M&M 2023. We had 24 boats on the docks. Nameless, Jitterbug and Frauenhiem's Chris 8 meter all made the trip to Stehekin for the pre-event. There were no reported problems with the new system of entering and exiting the docks during racing. Ron Stevenson reported on his unlimited ride in the Miss Wahoo.

Don Palmer reported on the Annual Dinner on November 4 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Preparations are going well, we have 15 signed up in 24 hours. Registration is open on the PNW website and we are now able to pay on the website. Please make sure you indicate how many people will be in your party and pay for each, there may be some confusion about getting everyone paid for.

The Queen City Yacht Club lighted Boat Parade will be on December 9. Current plan is to once again meet at Ivar's Salmon House to board cruisers. We need to know how many of our cruising members are planning on bringing their boats.

The annual board planning meeting will be at Corrine and Jeff Lucas' house on January 10. The board and officers will create events and budget to bring to the membership for approval.

Liz Gregory reported we have access to a new app called Wild Apricot for Members. It is a smaller, simpler version of our website for quick access to info like members and events. It is free in the Apple and Samsung stores.

Maria Wilson reported pictures and videos from M&M are on our Instagram page, give them a look.

We have printed generic PNW business cards with basic club info and a QR code directed to our membership application page. They are great to give to people interested in the club. They will be available at the annual dinner.

The idea of a club garage sale or swap meet was brought up to peruse each other's parts. No plans have been made as of yet.

Ron Tracy reported on the M&M poker run. There were a few hiccups this year but everyone had a great time. A big thank you to Ron, his family, friends and neighbors for helping out!

Ron Stevenson reported we have at least a 10x10 space in the 2024 Big Seattle Boat Show. We usually end up with a larger space, but it is a last minute change, usually within a week of the show. More will follow as we know how much room we have.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, member Jim Peters gave a great presentation on the history and development of fiberglass Chris Craft boats. He brought a slide show as well as video interviews with some of the famous CC designers of the early glass age. If you have questions about glass boats, Jim is the guy to talk to!

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