



THE WET EDGE

April 2023

Guest Editor: Steve Snider

Did you make it to the March meeting at Ike's Garage Mahal? If you didn't you missed out. It was a full house with nearly 40 of us in attendance. Craig Magnusson presented "A Rich Legacy of Craziess" all about one-off, non-production, bespoke marine racing engines.



A very fascinating history: the early 1900's attempts and successes to build more powerful engines for various races. I learned a lot and had no idea how slow the first race boats were. Unlike digital computing we are not exceeding prior records every year, in fact the current fastest speedboat record was set in 1978 by the Spirit of Australia captained by Ken Warby with an average speed of 318 miles per hour. Since I had to Google that, you might find the following interesting:

- Land Speed Record: 763 mph (1997)
- Underwater Speed Record: 38 mph (1965)
- Two Wheel Speed Record: 376 mph (2010)
- Sailing Speed Record: 74 mph (2012)
- Train Speed Record: 361 mph (2007)
- Fastest Lawn Mower: 143 mph (2021) - photo above



A big thank you to Ike for hosting and also Brenda for feeding the large group in attendance.

I am pleased to announce that I finally have a new boat cover for my 1963 Century Raven, BADLANDS. Last year I had a new boat top made by Breezy Custom Upholstery. 206-301-4120 I am so incredibly happy with the boat top.

It makes using the boat so enjoyable rain or shine. My generic dust cover no longer fitted the boat, and I became intimately familiar with just how dirty a boat can get sitting in covered moorage at the Seattle Yacht Club. Even after just a week the boat was filthy with dust, dead spiders, live spiders, spider poop and spider webs. After months of convincing, I finally tricked the upholstery shop into making a boat cover (they usually don't handle such large or time consuming projects - it was 60 man hours to make) . I am very excited about it -It's the little things in life as they say.



If you haven't noticed the club has a new system for RSVP'ing for events. This system makes it much easier for our members to indicate if we will be at the event and is very nice for the hosts to have a head count.

Our next on the water event is Opening Day of Boating Season, coming up quick, just over a month away! Opening Day is likely our biggest on the water gathering second only to Mahogany and Merlot. Personally, it is one of my favorite weekends of the year. It is the true indicator that the boating season is upon us and the days are getting longer and warmer. This year's theme for Opening Day is "Game On." Keep your eye out for an online registration. Unlike some of our other get-togethers the Seattle Yacht Club requires registration to participate in the parade so if you don't register you can't come!



Here is an outline of our club's participation in Opening Day of Boating. Please consider participating and if you have any questions please get in touch: 206-714-2404 or SteveSnideris@gmail.com.



If you were at the Annual Dinner, you got to hear the Opening Day theme first hand from the Seattle Yacht Club Trio. We are pleased to continue our involvement with the celebration of Opening Day of Boating Season - a long-standing Northwest tradition hosted by the Seattle Yacht Club. Like every year, Opening Day of boating will be held the first Saturday in May. A weekend known for a high likelihood of both a sunburn and torrential downpour on the same day.



Our Opening Day Host – The Seattle Yacht Club

The Seattle Yacht Club has extended a special invitation to ACBS members to join in all of their Opening Day festivities. Stop by the club Wednesday through Saturday. For information on all the SYC/Opening Day activities please visit www.seattleyachtclub.org.

ACBS PNW Boat Rides – I have confirmed with Diane Lander we are on for boat rides. We'll be organizing a flotilla of ACBS boats to visit the Yacht Club on Friday afternoon May 5th from 2:00 pm to around 4:00 pm to give rides. SYC sets up a special dock for us to pick up guests and take them out along the log boom. Pick up location is between covered docks 3 and 4. This gives us a great chance to treat boaters from all over, to show them the log boom, tell them about the ACBS and 'give back' to our hosts and visiting guests. If you are available to give rides, call or e-mail Steve Snider at [206-714-2404](tel:206-714-2404) stevesnideris@gmail.com

Costumes/Skit – “Game On” is a great theme with many options for how to decorate and dress up for our club. We haven't 100% decided on our club theme but at the moment thinking that each boat dresses in the sport or game of their choice. That could be anything from football jerseys (like the boat below) to costumes of your favorite board game. The more props the better such as football helmets or tennis rackets. Depending on the weather you could be a golfer with an oversized umbrella. If you have ideas for costumes or decorations for our boats, please call or email me.



As always, we will be registered in the Spirit Class for the parade. There isn't another category that would really apply to us. Per the SYC guidelines for the Spirit Class: “Any fleet which exhibits crowd-pleasing spirit AND enthusiasm in attire, decoration and actions. Each entry will be judged on the following categories: crew and guest actions, attire, fleet spirit, fleet seamanship and fleet overall look.” Please keep this in mind when passing the judges.

As always, the main goal is to have fun and have as many boats as possible participating, so a costume is not required.



Game On!

Opening Day 2023, May 5th & 6th

Friday Day, May 5th, 2:00 PM – Seattle Yacht Club Boat rides

Anyone that wants to give boat rides at the Seattle Yacht Club, meet on the water out front of The Seattle Yacht Club around 2:00. Rides are typically down the canal to the end of the log boom and back. Please let Steve know if you are giving rides: stevesnideris@gmail.com or 206-714-2404

Friday Evening, May 5th, Approximately 6:00 PM – Kick Off Dinner – Chinooks at Fisherman's Terminal

Chinook's is a great dinner venue as they have plenty of space for boat parking and also have a private room that we can utilize. We will also be gathering back there in the morning for breakfast so overnight mooring is an option. If you are interested in mooring your boat overnight, please contact Ron Stevenson for arrangements. Cost for overnight moorage will be \$1.36 per foot with a \$27.20 minimum.

Saturday Morning, May 6th, 9:00 AM – Parade Assembly Breakfast

Saturday morning sometime between 9:00 and 10:00 we will meet at The Bay Café at Fisherman's Terminal. Last year we had our own room and a whole menu to order from. After breakfast there will be a captain's meeting to hand out the parade numbers and discuss our plan for going through the parade. Generally, we have a couple of hours to kill between breakfast and the parade so a good opportunity for touring the waterway.

Saturday afternoon approximately 2:00

This is when we typically make our run through the cut for the parade. Remember to have SPIRIT! After the parade we typically head straight to the Conibear Shellhouse but it is important to make sure the crew boats have had enough time to get back to the crew house and shells put away.

Saturday Afternoon, after the parade, lunch at the UW Husky Crew House

Following the parade and lap around 520 we'll arrive at the Conibear Shellhouse, home of the University of Washington Rowing Crew. Bring your own lunch; we will picnic on the crew house dock. Around 3:30 after the parade has ended, the green light will be turned on for boat traffic west through the cut and we can return to Lake Union.

Don't Forget to Register Your Boat before April 21st

Keep your eyes out for an email registration invitation for participating in Opening Day.

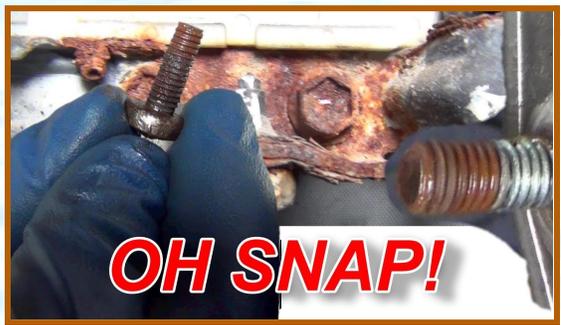
Event Questions? Call: Steve Snider at 206-714-2404

The Nitty Gritty

By: Curt Erickson

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Are these the expletives that come flowing out of your mouth while trying to remove a bolt from a rusty, crusty piece of vintage boat machinery? Then you hear and feel a sudden SNAP! Broken bolts are the bane of all mechanics working on antique engine projects. Here are a few tips I have used over the years. Patience, patience, and more PATIENCE. While I was not born with an abundance of patience, I have



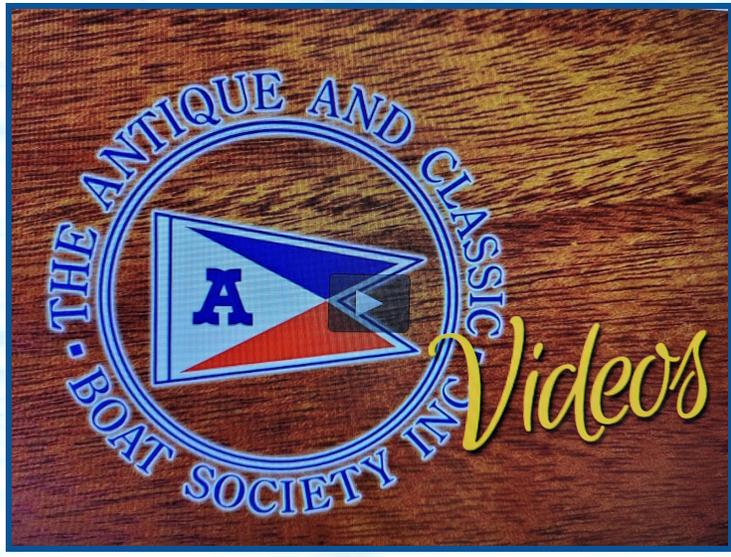
acquired some through countless mis-steps. Go slow, try less aggressive methods first. PATIENCE. Soak the bolt with penetrating oil.

Tap directly down on the head of the bolt. Try twisting back and forth, not too aggressively. If applying too much rotational force, it may twist the bolt itself, which weakens the metal and thus, is more liable to break. Tap on all four sides being careful not to bend the bolt. If you are lucky this will be enough to free it up. Use a short wrench so you can feel how much pressure you are exerting. Next in aggressiveness is heat. This almost always works. Propane or Butane is usually not enough. Oxygen and Acetylene work best. Heat the casting where the threads are, not the bolt. Repeat with heat and quenching in penetrating oil multiple times. PATIENCE. A little time now will save much aggravation down the road if the bolt breaks off.

NEXT: Stay tuned for tips on removing a broken bolt. (some methods work, and some create more problems)



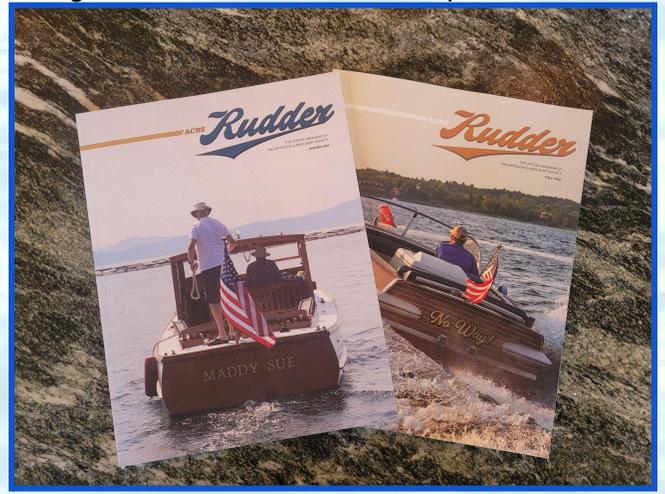
Our Facebook page has grown! With over 1,000 members, our posts reach a very wide audience of boat lovers. Now, we know that not everybody who is in the Facebook group are actual members, but they may grow in their love of our hobby and end up with a boat and joining us. There has been a recent uptick of posts from our members, so keep 'em coming. Update us on your projects, chime in from a PNW event, or just post an enviable photo of your glistening beauty. If you haven't joined us there already, check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/34770010372/?mibextid=NSMWBT>



Spotlight on International ACBS: Video Archive

Each time a member renews their membership and they see that the majority of their dues go to our international organization of the ACBS it begs the question....what VALUE do I receive for my contribution?

Four times yearly, a beautiful magazine comes to your mailbox. Weekly there is an email directing you to some interesting boat stories from other Chapters, which are



enjoyable to read, but did you know there is also a vast catalog of helpful videos to view? The topics of these videos range from woodworking tips on how to fill a gouge-mark in your hull, to prop shaft alignment, fiberglassing tips, stain matching and wood bleaching, to packing the bearings on your trailer and how to position a waterline. Beginners and experts will enjoy this collection exclusive to our club membership. These videos are not found on YouTube. If you have a project that you would like to share, submissions are also encouraged. There is no need for fancy editing or slick camera work. This treasure trove of knowledge exists for us and is created by us. With close to 5,000 members nationwide and in Canada we represent a wealth of knowledge. It is the purpose of the ACBS Inc. to be a storehouse of information for each other and for the future of our hobby.

You can access this video library by visiting the International website acbs.org and clicking on "LOGIN/RENEW" when you have signed in to your account, look for the "Resources" menu. Then have fun traveling down the rabbit hole for hours of video watching! It is the Netflix of our beloved hobby. Consider sharing a video of your own, and the collection will grow to encompass every aspect of antique and classic boating.



By: Andy Mueller

This is a photo of my wife (Leilani) and I along with our 5 year old GoldenDoodle, Kona. We've loved boating for many years, but purchased our 1988 Chris Craft Scorpion 19' in 2015 as our first "real" boat. I believe we are the third owners and the boat is all original as far as I know. I grew up working on cars and was a professional rotary engine builder for several years so I perform all my own maintenance and upgrades as needed. We found our boat online the first day it was listed, took a look, sea-trialed the next day and took her home. That was July 2nd of 2015 and we were watching the fireworks with our daughters on Lake Union on the 4th! We can't imagine being without a vessel at this point and we always look forward to the warm and sunny days out on the water. This boat is a fair weather floater, so we only take it out during the summer and fall months as much as we can. We live in Mukilteo and usually go to Lake Washington and Lake Union quite a bit as well as launch out of Everett. Last year we started launching from Bellingham and look forward to heading up there again a few times this year.



We've always thought it would be fun to join a boating club and after talking with Ike at the Seattle Boat Show last month, we thought we'd give it a try. Although I feel that this boat is unique (as I haven't seen another 19' Scorpion in person or online), I didn't think it would be considered a classic or antique until talking with Ike and the club sounds like a great group of people. We're hoping to make a few

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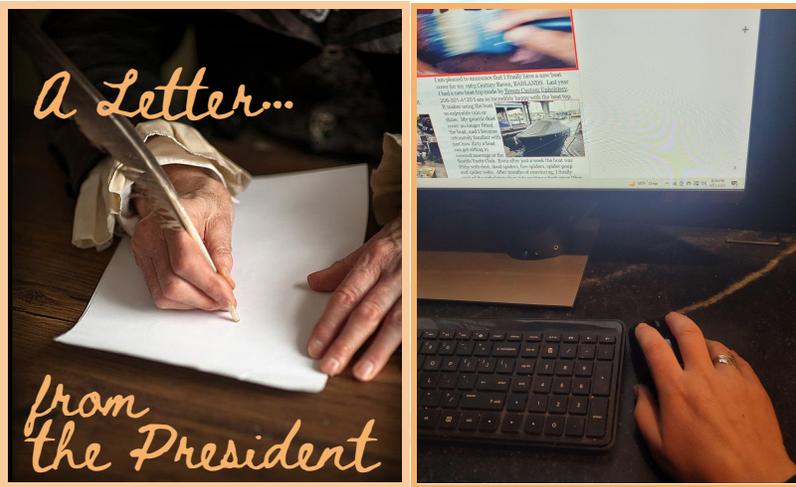
Experiences....well, my day job is that of a design engineer of sorts at Boeing in Everett working in a prototype shop designing and building aircraft parts, layouts, etc. Leilani is a school teacher for Mukilteo SD. As stated earlier, I spent quite a few years in automotive, building engines and rebuilding cars in general (mostly Rx-7's). I like machinery and comfortable jumping in to figure out how things work and fixing when things go wrong. I also have experience with composites and such as well though I haven't done any major glass work on the boat. I am a certificated private pilot (though not current) and I'm working on my UAS (drone) certificate at the moment and learning how to get some great aerial footage with these ingenious machines.



* FREE: 1956 16' Century Resorter with Chrysler Marine 110 HP engine. Boat & motor need complete restoration.
 *Sold separately, a galvanized 2021 King Trailer, model KB 2400 w/bunks. Nearly new with less than 200 miles-\$3200. Contact Dale Roberts 206-465-5810

*Three Chrysler/West Bend outboard motors. You can easily make two good motors out of these. All turn, they are all the same blocks, housings, and lower units. 50hp Chrysler, 40hp West Bend Golden Shark and 35hp Golden Shark. \$300.00 obo for all three. Call Dick Dow 425 417-0921.





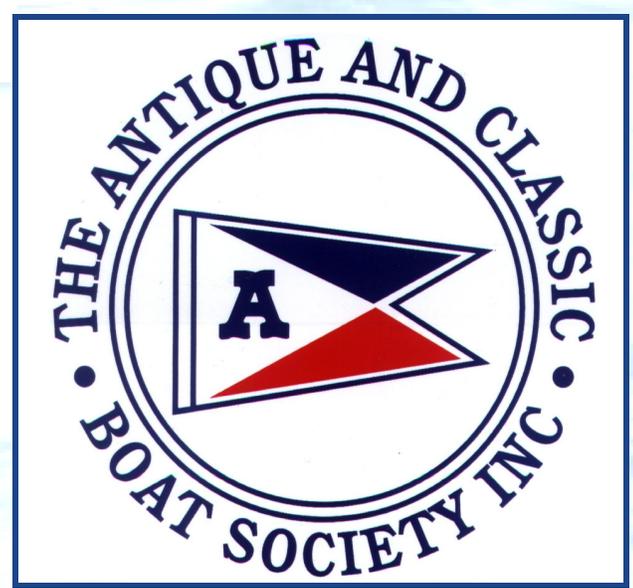
Each time I sit down to pen my thoughts, I chuckle because *the first image* is the image that comes to my mind. We certainly have come a long way since the days of whittling your own nib and using a blotting pad. It seems though, that in this age of information it is difficult to be heard above the din. I tell my teens all the time that it is really becoming the responsibility of the individual to seek out good information, research products and organizations that are reputable and trustworthy, and earnestly do your homework whenever you buy anything, or endeavor to put your trust in information. That is why it is more important than ever to have a community of people who share some of that legwork and often learn the hard way by making mistakes from which we all inevitably learn.

I really hope that our PNW ACBS can be a place for camaraderie and exchange of resources. The most effective tool that we have as a club, and truly a hub of information where all relevant sources can be found - is our website. <https://www.acbs-pnw.org> Having recently attended a webinar by ACBS specifically addressing chapter website issues, I am able to proudly say that we have one of the most advanced and active websites of all the chapters. We have everything up to date, emails being sent referring us back to the website, all of our social media links, current membership lists, events calendar, timely registration forms, and an archive of important documents and newsletters. It is attractive, simple to use, and quite simply a vital hub to all things Pacific Northwest ACBS!

It is my pleasure to work with a professional team who make it all happen. Our social media pages are abuzz with new posts! Each spoke of the wheel comes together to function and move our club forward. If it has been awhile for you, please log in and take a look at what these folks are doing for your benefit. We really do belong to a special group of people.

Respectfully yours,

Corrine Lucas, President



Official ACBS Boat Classifications

- **Historic:** Any boat built up to and including 1918.
- **Antique:** Any boat built between 1919 and 1942, inclusive.
- **Classic:** Any boat built between 1943 and 1975, inclusive.
- **Late Classic:** Any boat built after 1975 through the year 25 years prior to the current year.
- **Contemporary:** Any wooden boat built within the last 25 years.

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ACBS Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

(unofficial, pending board approval)

Attendees: Corrine Lucas, Greg Batie, Kirk Knapp, Rich Halbert, Kyle Bieber, Ron and Maria Wilson, Fred Hall, Warren Olson, Ron Stevenson, Ike Kielgass, Don Palmer, Max Schneider, Eric Larson, Jeff Lucas, Curt and Marsha Erickson, George Corley, Karl Hoffman, Dave Weiseth, Tom Cathcart, Dave Lobb, Steve Blanchard, Joe Frauenheim, Brenda Christie, Liz Gregory, Gary Becker, Phil Bordman, George Greer, Ron Tracy, Craig Magnusson, Jim Peters, Gary Larson, Buck Selby, Andy and Mykala Mueller (36) - missing three people help with names...?

Board members not in attendance: Mo Wilhelm, Rick Means, Ken Waldal **Quorum is reached.**

Meeting was held at Ike Kielgass Garage Mahal. Dinner consisted of Beef Lasagna, Salad, Appetizers and Dessert. 33 paying and 6 new faces!! Meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

President's Report and welcome to new members **Minutes** from February 8, 2023 were approved as published in the March Newsletter.

Membership Committee: Report attached.

Treasurer's Report:

Period: Jan 1, 2023-Mar 7, 2023

Income: \$1,690

Expenses: \$1,332

Net Income: \$358

In the bank: \$10,175

Budget was approved in accordance with the Budget Worksheet.

Mahogany and Merlot: Ike Kielgass reported that there was nothing new to report.

Renton River Days: Jeff Lucas reported that we will not be participating in 2023. This is primarily due to construction work at the Show location.

Opening Day "Game On" is May 6. Steve Snider (206-714-2404) is the contact.

Annual Symposium: A reminder that it is being hosted by the Columbia Willamette Chapter (CWC) at the Air Museum, 1115 E 5th Street, Vancouver, Washington on April 8, 2023.

Members are reminded to be sure and register so they can plan for the food. Plan is to organize carpools.

Penticton Show: June 16-18 (Father's Day weekend) Contact Jim Cooper, jimopal@shaw.ca for more information and to register.

LakeCrescent Meetup: June 27-29. Contact Jeff Lucas for details and lodging information. (253-820-1624)

Next General Membership meeting: Will be held at 6pm on April 12, 2023 In Mukilteo. Steve Snider will preside, The Lodge Restaurant - 7928 Mukilteo Speedway, Mukilteo, WA 98275.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Craig Magnussen presented an informative talk on Bespoke Marine Racing Engines. He covered the top ten engines covering the period 1908-1936 illustrated with historic slides and fascinating stories of wealthy sponsors.

Calendar of Events 2023:

April

- 8th-** CWC Symposium, Saturday April 8, 2023
9:30-2:00 Pearson Air Museum 1115 E 5th St, Vancouver, WA
[Call Jack (510) 387-0250 to reserve your free lunch]
12th- Members Meeting at "the Lodge in Mukilteo" 6pm. Ken Waldal to coordinate (206)708-5520.

May

- 6th-** Opening Day of Boating "Game on" Contact Steve Snider (206)714-2404
10th - Members Meeting Seaport Museum, 6pm
<https://fosswaterwayseaport.org>

June

- 3rd-** Inland Empire "Show and Shine"
<https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>
14th - Business Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club
16-18th "Penticton Show" Jim Cooper jimopal@shaw.ca for more details and to register.
23-25 Inland Empire "Whitefish Woody Weekend" <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>
27-29 Lake Crescent MeetUP! Contact Jeff Lucas for details and lodging information. (253)820-1624

July

- 9-14** CWC Mayfield Lake
<https://sites.google.com/site/cwcacbs/?pli=1>
12th- Mayfield Lake Cruise and Potluck MeetUP! (meeting)
11am-4pm
14-16 Inland Empire "Sand Point Boat Show" <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>
14-17 "Chris Craft Rendezvous" Pt. Orchard
<http://www.chriscraftrendezvous.com>
23rd - Renton River Days Boat Show, ~~CANCELED~~

August

- 9th** - Lake Tapps Family Fun Day and meeting. Details TBD
11th Inland Empire Coeur d' Alene Antique and Classic Boat Festival <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>

September (we need a MeetUP!)

- 1-4** Inland Empire "Dry Rot Boat Show"
<https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>
13th- Members Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club

October

- 5-8** Lake Chelan Stehekin pre-event
<https://www.acbs-pnw.org/Registration-Forms>
and Mahogany & Merlot
<http://thunderboats.ning.com/events/event/listUpcoming>
11th - Business Meeting Ike's Garage-Mahal 6pm.

November

- 2nd-** election day for PNW ACBS officer/board vacancies
4th - Annual Dinner at Tacoma Yacht Club Details TBD.

December

- 16th-** Queen City Yacht Club lighted boat parade and MeetUP!

January 2024

- 10th** - Business Meeting Corrine Lucas' house
Snoop tour begins at 1pm, meal 2pm, meeting begins at 3pm.
Calendar of events, assignment of committees.