



THE WET EDGE

May 2023

Guest Editor: Kyle Bieber

Hello Members. It is my first time contributing to this newsletter. I think I lucked out for the month I chose because I happen to be sitting on a balcony overlooking a beautiful bay in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. I am watching boat after boat move back and forth between each shore of this bay. There are also long skinny outrigger fishing boats towing those long skinny



hot dog tubes with tourists aboard. I can't help but think about how excited I am for opening day and getting my 1972 Coronado back out in the water.

It is tough not to regret missing our long, warm and dry fall we had because I pulled and winterized my boat in mid September. In hindsight I am glad I did because I ended up having mostly enough time to get some very needed projects done before starting other building related projects that now occupy my time. After having bought our boat in July of 2022 we spent the summer enjoying it. This also gave me the opportunity to produce a checklist of items I needed to address being the new caretaker of this classic boat.

First thing on my list was repairing the rotted wood seat bottoms. I knew I had a problem while cruising out in Lake Washington, crashing through mid sized breakers, when I proceeded to fall through my seat and into the

box. Luckily the life vests I store under made for a soft landing. After doing research through Youtube and the Century Facebook Group I settled on 1/2" marine plywood from Crosscut Hardwoods and a coating West Systems 105/205 epoxy resin. What I did was take the old seat bottoms out and remove the vinyl and foam from the rotted



base. Then using the original wood as a template I cut out new pieces from the marine plywood I bought. The West Systems epoxy is nice because they have pump handles that screw into the resin and catalyst and each pump is metered appropriately. All you have to do is pump as much resin into a cup as you need and match it with equal pumps from the hardener. Once these

dried I replaced the foam and re-wrapped them in the original vinyl. I ended up making a new rear seat base with an open top that I can store tow ropes and life vests in. The original had a flat top and all the space was wasted.



Following the same process I also made a new top to the motor box. This allowed me to make the drink holders larger and install an alligator skin fabric which is repeated at the dash.



The other major project I undertook this winter was wiring. I had been reading about and trying to diagnose a “click no start” issue all summer. It was a problem where I would kill the motor to float for example out in Lake Union. Then when I went to restart to move to a new position I would turn the ignition, hear a click, but no engagement in the starter. I would have to turn the key off and try again. The other symptom in addition to the above is what I perceived to be a longer than normal starting process. The engine almost



seemed like it was trying to start with a battery that was not fully charged and on the verge of just quitting. Starting with the obvious I tried replacing the battery. The problem persisted so I moved on to changing out all the connectors and cleaning the terminals on all the posts for the boat. At this time I also changed out the wiring behind the dash. It was 50 years of additions and questionable splices in what I can only describe as a rats nest. It relieves my OCD every time I stick my head back there now! Unfortunately none of these fixed the issue. The final item to attend, at least that my research pointed me towards, was to replace the starter. I did that but having already winterized it, I am still waiting to try. The only other thing I may try if that doesn't work is when replacing wires I noticed that one of the lugs on the key ignition post wiggles compared to the other two posts. I would be happy to hear any other ideas fellow members may have on the subject.

Onto another subject. This is more related to the administration of the club. At the end of the year I was selected as a Board Director and the role I have fallen into is Membership Coordinator, helping to energize some ideas and implement some new procedures in regards to new members and retention. Not all of you may know but Kirk Knapp has basically been a one man show handling an incredible work load for a long time. Not only is he the Treasurer of the club but he is the chair of the Membership Committee. I have been tasked along with some other members to help Kirk and add another layer of hospitality to the new member process.



I would like to share how new members will be treated formally by the club when they join. We now have a template we can follow in regards to new members. We will also be implementing it starting with the members who have joined since the beginning of this year. Luckily Kirk is no longer alone and many hands should make lighter work moving forward.

Follow along as we trace the path of a new member. Each month our Treasurer, Kirk, receives word from ACBS about monthly new and renewed members. He then communicates with me who the new members are. We now have mentors, which including myself, consist of the remainder of the people on the Membership Committee; Mary Batie, Ron and Maria Wilson, and Don Palmer. On a rotating basis each new member will be assigned a mentor. For 3-6 months mentors will reach out to their new members and inform them of all upcoming activities and resources. They will also encourage participation. The mentor performs a “Welcome to the Chapter” phone call which is used as a way to gather information about the new member. The best part is that this information is then written into a summary so that it can be distributed to existing members via the newsletter. The mentor is to follow up over the next 3-6 months to make sure the environment is welcoming and engaging.

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP

Written by: Rich Halbert

The 2023 combined CWC-PNW Workshop was held at Pearson Air Museum on April 8, 2023. The Air Museum is located on the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in Vancouver, WA.



Attendees were greeted with coffee, muffins and welcoming remarks from Don Cameron. Next was a presentation by Bob Nelson on removing dock rash from varnished surfaces by gently rubbing with Goo Gone or De-Solv-it.



Then PNW's own Karl Hoffman discussed overhauling the Chris Craft (Corvette) "283" engine, even displaying his most recent example.



Following that was a discussion by Mike Stevens and Tom Horn on electrifying a vintage launch.

Next was a presentation by Brian Remsing with nearly 40 years at Sheffield Marine Propeller, discussing new prop technology and repair.

Lunch was followed by Bob Brown's interesting presentation on building a 23 foot barrel back triple cockpit runabout FROM SCRATCH. An amazing "project"!

Next Mitch West presented an overview of **Rivers West Small Craft Center** (<https://www.riverswest.org>). The center is a non-profit membership shop complete with

hand and power tools, building space, an exclusive library and access to extensive expertise.

They hold an annual

"Family Boat Build" class where families can complete a small boat in a day.



Mike West then discussed spray paint technology he learned in the Auto repair business and how he converted his skill into finishing wood boats.

The final presentation by Bill Weaver centered on the preservation, display and maintenance of PT-658, a rare surviving member of the Patrol Torpedo (PT) fleet of WW2. It is believed to be the only publicly accessible PT boat in existence. Did you even know that the PT's were wooden boats? For more info on this Portland non-profit see <https://www.savetheptboatinc.com>



If you've not been to the Museum or Fort Vancouver the trip is well worth your time. Much of the air display is from slightly after the Wright Brothers successful flight and into WW1 and features PNW pioneers of flight."

Spotlight on International ACBS:

Photo Archive



Last Month's newsletter detailed the video archive that is available exclusively to ACBS members on the International's website, but did you know that there is also an extensive Photographic collection that may benefit our members? The Terbrueggen Photographic Collection represents the work of Joel Terbrueggen of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was a surveyor and restorer for many years.



Mr. Terbrueggen is a native of Lake St. Clair, Michigan and has spent nearly 60 years working with wood boats! He helped establish the restoration shop



for The Antique Boat Center in Cincinnati. Mr. Terbrueggen also taught restoration classes for over 20 years. His work can also be seen in the early ACBS

videos. This collection of over 22,000 photographs represents fifteen years of inspections and surveys done by Mr. Terbrueggen for prospective buyers. These photos represent the current condition and, generally, the correct characteristics for that particular boat.



You can access this Photographic 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. Click on "Photo Gallery" and find fifteen folders chock full of organized photos. Click on one, and search the titles for your make, model and year.



Hopefully these will be indexed differently in the future, but until then have fun perusing all of the detailed work Mr. Terbrueggen has captured with his camera. Consider sharing some photos of your own, and it will grow to represent every example of antique and classic boat!

The Nitty Gritty

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By: Curt Erickson

These are the verbal utterances made when that "SNAP" sound happens when the bolt just broke off. We talked about bolt removal last month. Now what to do when it breaks off? Sometimes a tool called an EZ out comes to mind. Be cautious!! This method can cause even more trouble. An EZ out is a tapered drill like tool with reverse rotation threads. The premise is, drill a small hole in the broken off bolt, thread in the EZ out and bingo the bolt backs out. This seldom works. The taper on the EZ out tends to expand the bolt diameter and makes it even harder to remove. Too much force and the EZ out breaks off. Now the real trouble starts. EZ outs are made from a very hard material and therefore are difficult if not impossible to drill out.



I prefer to carefully center punch the EXACT center of the bolt, Then drill STRAIGHT down the center of the bolt. (it helps to have a helper watch as you are drilling straight down the center) Using successive larger drills. Avoid drilling away the side threads. Fish out the pieces and dress up the threads with the proper size tap. In extreme situations you may have to drill an oversized hole and tap new threads for an oversized bolt. A helicoil is a nifty device to restore damaged threads but that topic for another day. Good luck with your projects!!

P.S.

As a footnote to last month's article, Ron Tracey forwarded an article that found a 50/50 mixture of acetone and ATF works better than most penetrating oils and much cheaper!



*17" 1958 Sportsman for sale. This boat was purchased new by Sam Schulman (former owner of Seattle Sonics) and then purchased used in 1961 by the same family who still owns it today. It was frequently used



on Lake Washington and Lake Chelan until 1988, when it was carefully stored in a garage as a restoration project. The boat is in all original condition with its original KFL Hercules engine. The decks were refinished in the 1980's, the hull still has the original factory stain. Hull number is CC 17 3715 Original bottom. Homebuilt trailer. Contact seller for more photos. Asking \$15,000. Dave, 206-484-7048. dave@mvsummerwind.com

* 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. (pictures in last month's ad)



HELLO!

New Members!

The warm and sunny weather certainly is a welcome change from the record-breaking cold April we just suffered through! It gives us hope for a busy and enjoyable boating season. Jeff has been occupied with the tasks of readying the trailer and cleaning up Jitterbug after her long winter's soak in the boathouse. She also has a little glitch that may have to do with water in the gas tank or a slip in the timing. We hope to have things ironed out before Opening Day. We are planning to show up as High School sports fans. As you know, my son has earned a letterman jacket in his first year in a high school sport. (and if not, it's because you didn't hear him shout it from the mountain top). Both of my kids are in the pep band and have recruited some friends to join them playing Pep music from the tiny back cockpit of Jitterbug. I hope everyone else is having fun outfitting their sport of choice in their boat. It will be our first outing, and we are hoping for a sunny one, but prepared for anything that the PNW may offer.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to come, but don't have a boat ready, or maybe you missed the deadline for registration, don't fret. Reach out to Steve Snider at [206-714-2404](tel:206-714-2404) stevesnideris@gmail.com and he will let you know which boats may have room for you to ride along.

Let the Games Begin!!

Brent Paine is one of the club's newest members. He joined at the beginning of February. He heard about the club during his visit to the Seattle Boat Show where he found our booth and chatted with one of our members working it. He has been in the Commercial Fishing trade for his entire career. In his free time he sport-fishes around the Puget Sound. Brent owns a 1959 Chris Craft Sportsman that he



purchased from the original owners. The cool thing is the boat has been in the PNW its entire life. It was sold on Lake Union. Brent uses it recreationally on Lake Washington and Lake Union. He is still working 60 hours a week but hopes that when he retires he will have more time for clubs and other things he enjoys. Currently the thing that Brent would like most from the club is resources to maintain his boat, specifically the original Hercules engine.



"ACBS Meeting Minutes"
April 12, 2023

(Unofficial Minutes pending Approval by the board at the meeting May 10th)

Attendees: John Flaherty, Rich Halbert, Kirk Knapp, Eric Larson, Don Palmer, Max Schneider, Steve Snider, Ken Waldal, Mo Wilhelm, George Corley, Maria and Ron Wilson.

Meeting was held at The Lodge in Mukilteo, 7928 Mukilteo Speedway. Attendees ordered off of the menu.

Meeting opened about 6:30 pm

New members welcome: Andy and Leilani Mueller, Scott deRecat.

Reports:

Minutes from the March 8, 2023 Meeting were approved as published in the March Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Period: Jan 1, 2023-Apr 11, 2023

Income: \$2,580

Expenses: \$2,592

Net Income: \$(-12)

In the bank: \$9,805

147 Current Members (for reference, CWC has about 65 current members)

Membership: Membership Committee implemented their new onboarding process for all new members.

Symposium: Rich Halbert attended the Symposium and will submit an article for the Newsletter.

Opening Day: Chairman/Point of Contact Steve Snider (206-714-2404 or email stevesnideris@gmail.com)
See Steve's "Game On" flyer for details.

Penticton Boat Show: Penticton Yacht Club, BC. June 16-18 (Fri-Sun, Father's Day weekend)
POC's: Jim Cooper (jimopal@shaw.ca) or Steve Leslie (leslieand@telus.net)

Lake Crescent MeetUp: June 27-29. Contact Jeff Lucas for details/lodging information. (253-820-1624)

Lake Tapps MeetUp: Planned for Aug 9. Details to follow. POC's: Don Palmer and Scott Mason.

Mahogany and Merlot: Chairman/Point of Contact Ike Kielgass
(425-271-4799 or bc5speed@comcast.net)

Registration is now open at <https://www.mahoganyandmerlot.com/antique-classic-boats.html>

For Stehekin Lodging call Charlene Green (509-449-5224).

New Business:

1. Fly-In at Arlington Airport. Aug 19, 10:00 am until Noon. Dry boat display.
POC: Ron Stevenson (206-799-1048)
2. Some discussion/issues regarding Facebook page. More to come.
3. September MeetUp needed.

Next General Membership meeting: Will be held on May 10, 2023 at Tacoma Seaport Museum.
6pm pizza 6:30 Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30."

Calendar of Events 2023:

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 (REGISTRATION OPEN)

- 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.

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