



Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Chapter Antique & Classic Boat Society

THE WET EDGE

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Stehekin & Mahogany and

Merlot Recap *By: Jeff Lucas*

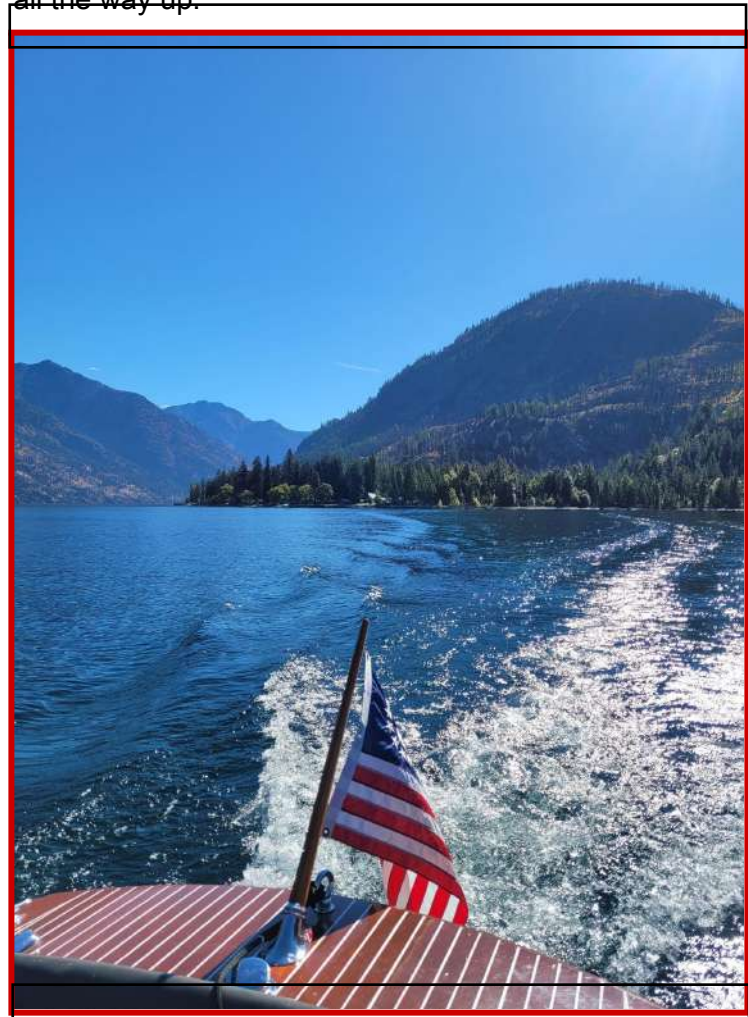
First on the scene this year were Joe and Marie Frauenheim along with Ike and Brenda, setting out on Tuesday for the pre-event in Stehekin. They had a great cruise



up-lake and settled into the lodge. On Wednesday, flight number 2 left Manson. Jeff and Corrine in "Jitterbug", The Baties in "At Last" and Ron and Liz in "Beautiful Day". And it was a beautiful day - when we left - and a little while after we left, and not so much after that. Mary Batie has written an article about the maelstrom and our battle with the Chelan Kraken, I'll leave the telling to her, but, spoiler alert . . . running into 4 to 5 foot wind waves was only the beginning of the adventure, it turned into quite a day.

So, on Thursday, Jeff and Corrine woke up, checked the weather, said screw it and headed north to Stehekin. It was one the best rides I've ever had, other than 2 or 3

miles of 8 inch chop in the middle it was glass or ripples all the way up.



(Photo of the spot we turned around on Wednesday)

We were appreciative to find Joe waiting for us on the dock just to make sure we arrived as planned. We rented some bikes and headed right to the bakery for lunch and some exploring after that. We had a great pot luck that night finished with some smores by the beach.

Friday morning the sun was bright and winds calm as we all headed south to Chelan. The lake was a mirror for most of the trip. Living on mile long Tanwax Lake, I can barely express the joy of running at speed for hours without going in circles, amazing!



Friday in Chelan saw our boats trickle into the marina throughout the day. The trickle turned into 26 of 30 registered boats showing up, the biggest group we've had post-covid! 3 docks full of boats really made it feel like M&M is returning to its peak numbers. Friday evening everyone enjoyed a check-in reception with food and drink for the ACBS and HARM. Great time to catch up with people we don't see often enough. Goodie bags were a fun surprise, containing a bottle of wine and an assortment of sweet treats, discount coupons, and information on the venue, the lake, and surrounding wineries.



Saturday was a gorgeous day, the boats were in their slips, the hydros were running and the people began to arrive and hit the docks. Lots of skippers were with their boats to answer questions and encourage voting for their boat. At noon the boat parade left the marina,



headed down the river and out onto the course for the mad dash around to the pits again. To my way of thinking, we had open water and an hour to kill so we went flank speed up to Manson and back with Ron, Liz and Ken Waldal before racing resumed.

Brenda Chrystie organized some art and wine activities for those who didn't want to spend all day on the docks. I heard it was fun, but as I haven't seen the final artwork I am left to presume the wine portion went very well!

Saturday night after all the boats were put to bed ACBS and HARM met again for dinner, drinks, music and awards above the marina. We had a fabulous smoked brisket and chicken with all the usual BBQ fixin's which was well received by all. After dinner our PNW Vice President, Greg Batie, awarded the winners of the boat show voting. Ike and Brenda won the Skipper's Choice for the 1936 Garwood as well as People's Choice for Nameless. Joe and Marie Frauenheim won Kid's Choice for their newly acquired Chris Craft 8 meter.



Now it's Sunday and most of us are preparing to leave. Everyone attending brunch and the poker run pulled out at 10 for a run up to Manson. Once again we are very grateful for the Lake Chelan Boating Club allowing us to use their dock and facilities to moor while at brunch and as our base of operations for the poker run. They have



a beautiful spot and we love spending time there. After a migration of boaters up to the 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino we all sat down for brunch and brotherly bonding. We would also like to express our thanks to the 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino for allowing us to park trucks and trailers in their lot for the week, this is a tremendous help to our logistics.

After the slightly slower after-brunch trek back to the boat club we all fired up and headed out for the highly competitive Mahogany and Merlot Poker Run.

Thanks here to our PNW brother Ron Tracy who organizes the poker run with help from his friends, family and neighbors on the lake. What I write next, I do



so in good humor with a smile on my face, but it was a keystone cops meet classic boats kind of afternoon! We had confusion about stops, child care issues at a stop, and we hit some wood in Jitterbug forcing us to limp back from 25 mile creek at an idle.



As we approached Manson, finally, we texted the group not to wait for us and go ahead with the last cards and

awards. But wait, we're not the last ones! All of the Canadian boats are missing and Joe is out looking for them! Joe didn't find any Canadians after who-knows-how-much fuel through his 8 Meter Racer, but he did find Greyhound dead in the water and assisted until she was running again. So, after finally tracking down our Canadian brethren and getting everyone tied up, Warren and Tracy Olson had the best hand and Jeff and Corrine had a high card, a lonely ace.



All in all, it was a good year and the biggest in several years. It felt like another big step back towards normal, whatever that is anymore . . .

The new system for entering and exiting the marina worked well and everyone seemed to work well together.



I hope we continue to grow attendance and cooperation with HARM as this gives us more possibilities for events, activities and even sponsorships in the future. I hope everyone had fun and are already looking forward to next year!



At Least It Wasn't Salt Water

On:

High Jinks on the High Seas

with Jeff & Corrine Lucas, Greg & Mary Batie, Ron Stevenson & Elizabeth Gregory

By: Mary Batie

October 4th was a sunny, warm morning in Chelan and a near perfect day to head up to Stehekin. As we launched from Manson my biggest concern was how many pee breaks (very important) were on the agenda and would we arrive in Stehekin before or after lunch.

Earlier this year a club member cautioned that the cruise up the lake could get a bit breezy but on this day there was barely a ripple on Lake Chelan. Three boats set out that morning - "Beautiful Day", "Jitterbug", and "At Last" - destination Stehekin or bust. And yes, the "or bust" part did happen.

Remember the ripples?

The real fun began when the ripples turned into a light chop with some white caps. The crashing and splashing had not yet commenced but bigger white caps,



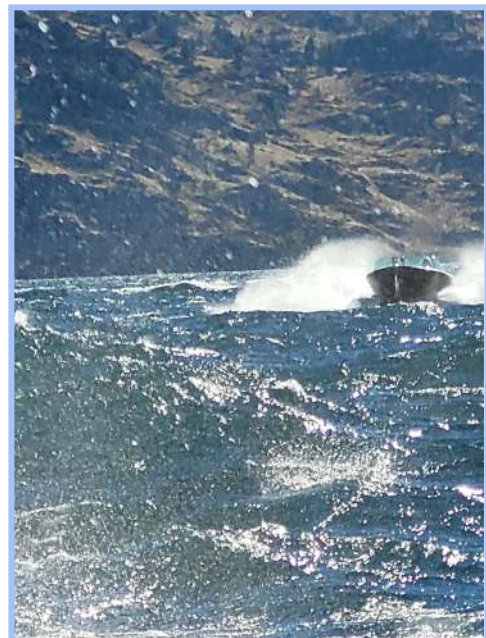
significant waves and 29 knot gusts were looming. Lake Chelan was in a mood and pleasure boating was not on the itinerary. It would get messy. At some point during an explosion of water, Greg

asked me to lean out the side of the boat to make sure the bilge pump was working. I politely declined - well maybe not politely- as the ride was getting bit rough.

Lake Chelan became a bucking bronco. All three boats were hammered with drenching

waves coming over our bows. We climbed 3-4' waves and crashed into the troughs. We were in the maw of the beast (or maybe the belly or large intestine), and could not see out the windshield, but hey, the sun was still shining. It was more than a bit breezy. Decision time was at hand.

Beautiful Day was the first to turn around and head for shelter. The two remaining boats endured about five



more minutes of getting thrashed. After a particularly large wave crashed and drenched us, I stood up and hollered, "I am done." Greg, got the message and turned Around.

Jitterbug followed. Via hand-held radio we raised Beautiful Day and learned they docked at 25-mile creek. Roger that, we were on our way. But as we arrived at 25-mile creek, we had no visual of Beautiful Day. Maybe they were down at Field's Landing? Out again into the churn but rather than bucking it the wind was at our backs with a following sea which had its own hazards. With no sign of Beautiful Day, we tied up at the ferry landing and we raised Ron on WhatsApp. He sent us a picture of the marina at 25-mile creek. They were moored behind a giant breakwater which we somehow had missed due to waves crashing over it! Out into the madness again, Jitterbug and At Last finally made it to the safety of 25-mile creek marina. Liz greeted us and observed how wet we were and noted that, "at least it wasn't salt water." We sloshed off the



boats to a picnic table and had lunch, while Ron regaled us with stories of drying his clothes using the electric hand dryer in the restroom. By the way, Greg gave it a try and after pushing the dryer button a few times was somewhat successful. After eating and drying out, the wind calmed and the rollers were now mere white caps.

The decision was made to continue the journey up to Stehekin - or maybe not.

As it turned out, Beautiful Day wouldn't start due to a fried ignition and At Last was nearly out of gas. Jeff, Corrine, Greg and Ron then motored down to Manson in Jitterbug to get the trucks and trailers in order to pull both boats out at 25 mile creek. (Jitterbug stayed in Manson).



Beautiful Day was paddled to the ramp and with both boats out of the water, we all headed back to Chelan, a bit beat up by the lake but with a story to tell.

Postscript 1: If all the years were added up, this group of boaters had many decades of experience. I was grateful to travel with folks who took safety so seriously.

Postscript 2: Corrine and Jeff successfully took Jitterbug up to Stehekin on the morning of October 5th. Lake Chelan was like a mill pond. What a difference a day makes!



Welcome Aboard Two New Members

John Iseman and Dennis Oswalt both joined our Chapter in August and a hearty welcome to both. John owns an 18' 1959 flat nose Century Resorter, which is currently being restored. The next phase of the project is the upholstery and the engine. Dennis Oswalt has a 37' 2002 (1935 design), Hacker Craft Commuter. He has 30 years of boating experience in various sizes of boats from steel to fiberglass and now a wooden boat. Again, welcome to our club and we look forward to seeing you both at upcoming events and our monthly meetings!



Spotlight on International: Keep our “phonebook” current!!

Our private Directory is a great resource to our members, but only if everyone does their job to keep it current. Please take a moment to log in and check that your information is correctly listed with the boats and engines that you currently own (adding pictures is very helpful). Log in to <https://acbs.org> and correct your information today. Need technical help? Go to the link below and this document will walk you through all of the steps. It also shows how to use the search features on the website to find owners of a boat by make/model/year, or even by boat name!

<https://myacbs.org/Content/GettingStarted.pdf>



Wild Apricot: For Members app

Our LOCAL Chapter also has a new feature offered by our website provider. (Wild Apricot) It's called [For Members](#) You can click the link to download onto your phone or go to the Google Play store. This app will allow you to easily see and register for upcoming events listed on our website, you can also search our chapter member directory quickly and contact members with one tap. The app is free to download and easier to use on your phone than the whole website. I'm a big fan!



17' 1958 Century Sportsman for sale (original bottom) Hull number is CC 17 3715 This boat was purchased new by Sam Schulman (former owner of the Seattle Sonics)



and then purchased by the current seller. It was frequently Used on Lk. Washington and Lk. Chelan until 1988, when it was carefully stored in a garage as a restoration project. The boat is in all original

condition with the original KFL Hercules engine. The decks were refinished in the 1980's, the hull still has the original factory stain. Original bottom. Comes with a home-built welded steel trailer in poor condition. Asking \$15,000- \$5,000. Dave, 206-484-7048.



As we embrace the rhythms of the cooler days and tuck our boats away for the winter, neatly drained, dried, and winterized, it becomes time to prepare anew for the next busy boating season. Some of us have exciting new projects, while others enjoy a rest from the comings and goings of a busy travel season.



(The Kids' '94 Blue Water "Ka - Bluey" put to bed for the season)

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have renewed their commitment to our board of directors and look forward to adding a brand new member to our board! The new slate is uncontested and ready for your vote on November 4th at the Annual Dinner.

The people who make up our board are instrumental in deciding and planning fun opportunities for participation. Please reach out to any one of them if you have any. There are whisperings of bringing back multiple-day "Odessys" or Houseboat trips... Ladies and family involvement at events, along with informal "MeetUps!" on the water. Are there new ways we could be communicating? Are there new members out there to be found? Are there old members who need to be invited back into the fold? Please participate this year in the planning and attending the in-person events that we gather together to arrange. It is your participation and involvement that make our Chapter strong.

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Minutes

PNW 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 membership.

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 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!