



Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Chapter Antique & Classic Boat Society

THE WET EDGE

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Guest Editor: Ron Stevenson

The Seattle Boat Show

There are many members to thank here but the biggest thanks goes to Warren Olson. I called him to ask him to display his unfinished boat that was quite popular last year. He refused me but suggested that we really should use Kirk Knapp's U Of W coach boat "Conny" especially with the popularity of "The Boys in the Boat" movie being recently in theaters. It was the hit of the show and featured on the Seattle Boat Show website. Thanks to owners of our display boats: Kirk Knapp for "Conny"; Ron and Maria Wilson for their Chris-Craft, "Shore Bird"; Ike Kielgass and Brenda Christie for their Garwood racer; Randy Mueller for his Aristo Craft, "Saving Grace"; and Curt and Marsha Erickson for their Hacker Dolphin Deluxe, "Longshot". And of course our "Kiddie" boats, Ike with "Bobber", and Rob DaPron with the Rocker boat.

Thanks to our move-in and move-out crew: Ron and Maria Wilson, Scott Mason, Greg Batie, Ike Kielgass, Joe Frauenheim, Warren Olson, Rob DaPron, Curt Erickson, Randy Mueller and Kirk Knapp. These people work together like a well-oiled machine. Move-in time was two hours. The show closed at eight and we were out forty-five minutes later, after waiting for the door to open!



Welcome to our Display!



Many Hands = Light Work

They also helped to set up the display. Please take note of the burgees on the back-drop, supplied by **Skipperrudy.com**, aka Rick Means. Contact him for any burgee that you need! After expressing difficulty recruiting enough volunteers in the week before the show, unbeknownst to me, Corrine took 2.5 hours of her time to text 178 of our members to drum up volunteers. This was a huge success, even bringing a couple of members out of the woodwork to volunteer. Thanks to all the volunteers!

We wanted volunteer time to be fun. Many thanks to our 35 volunteers who staffed the booth. There are too many to name, except Ron & Maria Wilson who were there A LOT! The staff was great passing out ballots for People's Choice, giving us the opportunity to interact with the public. We passed out approximately 150 ballots on busy days and 75 during the mid-week for 1130 in total. The voting was very close but bragging rights go to Longshot. Second place was a close boat race between Conny and Shore Bird. Bobber got votes too and even the Quilt hauled in a vote for Peoples Choice!

Always Improving...

At our February monthly meeting, we had a post event discussion about how we need to be more explicit with our approach: telling the public that we are a club, to choose which boat you like the best, asking them if they have a wood boat, or are interested in wood boats. Then following up with an application or an "on scene" QR code sign up. Also it's important getting their contact info written in our book to make a follow up call. This is the best time we have to reach the boating public. Attendance this year was approximately 33,500, about 10% less than last year. We will get a "Join Now" banner to put up in coming years.



Kirk and his Crew-Launch, The Conny were both celebrities!



We will contact the people who gave us their names to see if they have an interest in membership, to clarify their classified ad, or answer their questions. We spent slightly over our budget of \$500 for tickets, parking and printing. Additional ballots, membership applications, and name tags will be used in the future.

<- Shorebird shining!

Longshot and Saving Grace



**Thanks to Diane Franchini for her beautiful creation ^
made from a bunch of re-purposed boat show T-shirts!**

GarWood Racer->

Please, I always welcome your ideas and suggestions. Here's to hoping we have another nice big display space next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Stevenson
Seattle Boat Show '24 chair



Bobber, the Lil' Rocker, and some possible ballot-stuffing shenanigans.

Membership Survey

It is said that the only constant in life is change.

Our club wants to make sure we are keeping up with the changes that our members want to see.

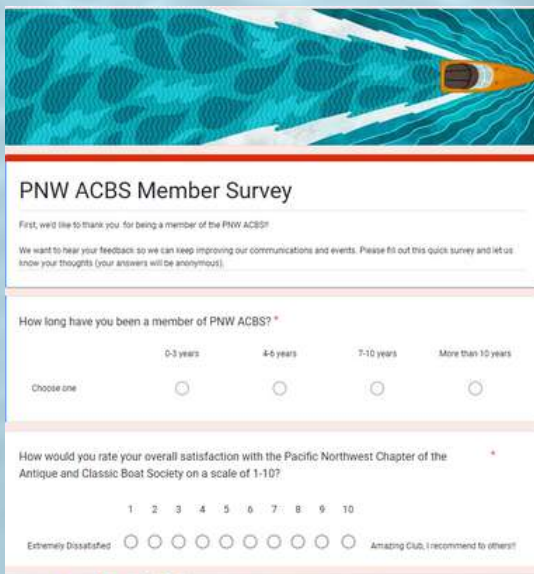
We have changed with the increased pressure from insurance companies and other organizations by becoming a 501c3 nonprofit. This opens doors for us to collaborate with clubs like ours and receive benefits, grants and donations.

We have created an onboarding protocol to help our newest members feel welcomed and included.

Now we would like your help to review all of our events and methods of communication to make sure that our efforts are focused in the right direction.

Please take a few moments to fill out the survey below. It will guide us to improvements in our communication and planning of events. Your participation is greatly appreciated!!

Simply click the photo below or the link inside your email sent on 2/28/24



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based survey titled "PNW ACBS Member Survey". The survey is presented on a white background with a blue header image of a boat on water. The text on the page reads: "First, we'd like to thank you for being a member of the PNW ACBS!" followed by "We want to hear your feedback so we can keep improving our communications and events. Please fill out this quick survey and let us know your thoughts (your answers will be anonymous)". The first question is "How long have you been a member of PNW ACBS?" with four radio button options: "0-3 years", "4-6 years", "7-10 years", and "More than 10 years". The second question is "How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society on a scale of 1-10?" with a scale from 1 to 10 and radio buttons. The scale is labeled "Extremely Dissatisfied" at 1 and "Amazing Club, I recommend to others!" at 10.



March is upon us, and I am eagerly counting each of the harbingers of spring. It seems impossible with freezing temperatures overnight that the crocus and mini daffodils are in full bloom. We have seen bullfrogs in our koi pond, and the hummingbirds have returned.(some never left) We are gearing up for spring on the lake by repairing the boat lift for the season and shopping for a “big water” boat to celebrate Jeff’s retirement.

The March meeting on the 13th at 6pm is taking place at Ike’s Garage-Mahal. We will have an interesting presentation by Dave Lobb and Ike on his latest project, “The Comet” along with beverages, lots of time to BS and a delicious meal. (\$20 buy in) - unless it’s your first meeting...then it’s free.

Surprisingly, the boat show has only yielded one new member so far, but we are still busy following up on the people who gave us their contact information.

I urge you all to fill out the quick survey mentioned in the article <- It has been mentioned that only 30% of surveys are returned, but I KNOW we can do better than that!!

Your feedback is vital to the continued health of our club. It will guide our decisions about boat shows and which events and methods of communication are most desirable and effective. There are only 9 questions as we know how valuable your time is.

Thanks in advance for your honest feedback.

Sincerely,

Corrine Lucas
PNW ACBS President



Minutes of the 2/14/2024 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1830.

In attendance are President Corrine Lucas, VP Greg Batie, Treasurer Kirk Knapp, Secretary Jeff Lucas, Board member Rich Halbert, Ron Stevenson and Liz Gregory. Attending on-line are Board members Fred Hall and Rick Means and member Ken Waldal.

Quorum was not met at the onset of the meeting.

Kirk Knapp reported YTD income of \$1400, expenses of \$362.34 with a fund balance of \$10762.78.

Kirk also reported 146 current members, membership remaining stable through 2023. 16 memberships are due to expire in the next 30 days, please check your membership status.

Ron Stevenson reported on the Seattle Boat Show. Thanks to everyone involved for bringing boats, setting up, tearing down and staffing the booth. 1130 ballots were cast, Longshot won the People's Choice award. Overall show attendance was 33500 people, down about 10% versus 2023 and cost \$2.5 million to produce. Ron has submitted a request for reimbursement for \$451.15 for parking and supplies. Thoughts were shared about increasing recognition with the public that we are a club to join, perhaps through new banners or signage. This will be explored .

At this time Board members Ron and Maria Wilson joined the meeting on-line creating a quorum allowing official business to take place. It was moved by Greg Batie, second by Kirk Knapp to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented, motion carried.

Advertising in the website and or Wet Edge was discussed, there are some questions to answer concerning our bylaws, no action was taken.

The proposed budget was examined, Meeting Venues line was increased to \$370, Symposium line was increased to \$1000. Moved by Maria Wilson, second by Kirk Knapp to approve amended budget, motion carries.

Results of the soft roll out of the member survey to the board members was discussed, the system worked as intended, it will be released to the membership in the near future for feedback on our chapter.

Next meeting will be at Ike Kielgass' GarageMahal on March 13, dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30

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2024 Calendar of Events

(These events are listed for planning purposes and are subject to change or cancellation.)



March

13 - 6pm Membership Meeting at Ike's Garage - Mahal with dinner and Dave's boat building presentation.

April*

6th- 9:30am refreshments served 10am- 2pm presentations during Spring Symposium at Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum
chairperson - Ike Kielgass

10 - 6pm Membership Meeting @Foss Waterway Seaport Museum with Pizza

May*

6 - Opening Day of Boating theme
"Pirates and Pursuers"

8- Meeting Location Lynwood, Petroliana "Man Cave"

June*

12 - Meeting @6pm Fisherman's Terminal
23-29 Lake Roosevelt HouseBoat Trip
28 Whitefish Woody Weekend

July*

10 - Times TBD Membership meeting/ Family Fun Day on Lake Tapps

12-14 - Sand Point Boat Show

27 - Renton River Days? Fisherman's Terminal . Show? Either? Or Both?

August*

2-4 - Coeur d' Alene ACBS Boat Festival

14 - 6pm Membership Meeting @ Fisherman's Terminal

30-31 Priest Lake Dry Rot

September*

1-4 Dry Rot Inland Empire Boat Show

8-15 ACBS Intrn'l Gull Lake, Minnesota

11- 6pm Membership meeting at Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum

October*

2-4 Stehekin pre-event

4-6 Mahogany and Merlot

9- 6pm Meeting at Puget Sound Yacht Club

November

16- Time TBD at The Tacoma Yacht Club- Annual Dinner Meeting, induction of Officers, Awards Banquet

December

11- Time TBD Board Member party/appreciation dinner Don Palmer's Home

TBA -QCYC lighted boat parade

*Months requiring MeetUP's! -

Anyone can take the lead and host one for us. All you have to do is choose a date and place, show up and hang out with our club members. We'll announce the opportunity, and you enjoy the company!

These can look like boats gathering on the water, or if weather doesn't permit it can be people in garages, or restaurants over a meal or a drink. The idea is to get together and share our enthusiasm for classic boating. Please throw out a date and get one started! (Contact corrinelucas02@gmail.com)



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