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ON THE ROCKS

By Sandee Barr

>Welcome new members **Tom and Rhonda Lisch**, and their 1952 Chris Craft Kit boat. (Photo 1) The boat was originally 17' and was stretched to the current 21'. It is powered with a 6.2L all aluminum crate motor with 420 HP. They joined the festivities at the recent crab feed, and were warmly welcomed in person. Ask them about the view from their home – it's impressive.

"We just bought a nice garage in Oregon City that's big enough for a mahogany runabout. It has a nice house attached that I hope **Becky** (my wife) will like...moving soon." **Bob Brown** has his priorities straight – garage first, then house. He and Becky moved from Corvallis to Oregon City to be closer to family in the Portland Metro area. He is currently working on a 23' self-built runabout (Photo 2) based on Glen-L Belle Isle plans that he started in 2010. The first water trial was October 2020 with four more test runs in 2021.

Seth Vore, CWC-ACBS member and owner of "Rosie", a 17' 1939 Chris Craft Deluxe Utility (Photo 3), recently shared his boat with the world in a spectacular music video. Read the details in "Rosie Goes Hollywood" posted March 4, 2022, on the ACBS website blog (acbs.org/blog)

Lauree Fischer officially presented a "pearl" necklace to Marilyn Ellwood (Photo 4) at a recent Pearl Girls Luncheon.



The women of CWC-ACBS meet at the Portland Yacht Club at 11:30 am on the second Thursday of every month. Y'all come, "pearls" nor required.

Here's some interesting reading for vintage boat enthusiasts. Check out "Why Young Buyers Are Snapping Up Vintage Wooden Boats" in the February 12, 2022 issue of The Robb Report (robbreport.com). It says "the nostalgic boat style is experiencing a comeback with a new generation of owners w ho favor quality over quantity." We agree, quality matters.



Above: CWC-ACBS President (and article author) Margaret Horn played hostess for the chapter's 6th Annual Crab Feed. More photos from the event starting on Page 4 inside.

CRAB FEED A SUCCESS

By Margaret Horn

Wow! The 6th Annual CWC-ACBS Crab Feed was a tremendous success tha fresh! For those who do not enjoy crab, there was chicken to tantalize their taste buds. **Marilyn Ellwood** baked a delicious array of desserts. Special thanks go to **Steve** and **Marilyn Ellwood** for securing a terrific location at Charbonneau for this large event. Forty-two people were in attendance. We were excited to welcome many members who we haven't seen in a while, as well as new members, and other guests. Thank you so much to those who donated a vast selection of items for the Silent Auction. There were eight tables full of boat books, posters, homemade items, filled baskets, and other items to delight both men and women. Plans are already being made for the 7th Annual Crab Feed next year. Get your bibs and crab crackers ready!



WELCOMING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF BOATERS

By Lauree Fischer

I often think about our boat club's membership and its growth to include younger generations. When I was young, I enjoyed time on a few wood boats and was blessed to spend much of my time on Flathead Lake in Montana. I have fond memories of the warmth of the wood, the roar of the engines, and even the smell of fresh worked wood in Stan Youngs' shop. So, later in life, when reminiscing and wanting to enjoy the things I loved when I was younger, I wanted a 1967-70 Mustang and/or a wood boat.

As I think about my children (now in their 40's) and the boats they grew up with, I wonder what their best memories might include. Back then, we had a 26' 1976 SeaRay. We added a new 350 Mercruiser, a new alpha outdrive, repaired the fiberglass hull, and installed all new interior with headliner, cushions, etc. It had a small head and a small galley with original teak that we lovingly refinished. It was the first real project my kids helped with. Their friends even joined in. The boat was butt-ugly yellow with a red bottom when I bought it on the trailer for \$800 around 1997. It became our weekender with time on board from Friday after school until Sunday afternoon on the Willamette or Columbia Rivers. That boat gave us great pleasure.

Now that I am part of the older rather than younger generation, I see the need to be more conscious of the amazing memories of people in their 30's and beyond. Their memories most likely include a fiberglass boat. My fiberglass memories include a 1987 Donzi, a 1968 Glastron, and of course the 1976 SeaRay. Good times and good boats.

Let's work on welcoming more boats that are relevant to the "youth" that we would like to attract as new members. We can all share the wisdom, emotions, stories, and challenges of restorations with the next generation, whether their boats are made of wood or fiberglass. And that's what it's all about – involving those who will carry on our love of boating.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These days I wake up to birds singing. I see tulips and blossoms on the trees. The hawks have returned, and various birds are stopping at our rivers on their way home from warmer parts of the world. Surely Spring is in the air, and it is time to get those boats out of storage.

We are so revved up and ready for boating season! There are dreams of lazy days and picnics on the rivers, cruising lakes in Oregon and Washington, laughing with friends on the beaches, roasting hot dogs over the fire, having great coffee on the "veranda" at Lake Mayfield, boat shows, or just anchoring out to nap and read in a shady spot on the river.

Tom will get busy with the boat, making sure the truck and trailer tires are in good shape, and perform other safety checks. He will polish, varnish, and tinker with the boats endlessly and lovingly until they take that first ride on the water.

I will drag out the life jackets, beach towels, the blanket for warmth, add the floaties, get the picnic gear ready, and make sure we have an adequate supply of goodies on board. You see we both do our fair share of hard work in our family. Happy Spring and happy boating dreams

-Margaret Horn, CWC-ACBS President



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CWC 2021 CALENDAR

*Informal lunch every Thursday. Contact Jim West at 503-422-8104.
All club cruises are dependent upon the weather.*

APRIL

4/14: Pearl Girls Lunch (all CWC women welcome), 11:30 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

4/21: CWC all-membership dinner at High Rocks Steaks and Chops, Gladstone, 5:30-8:30 PM.

4/23: Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM, at the home of Jack Coulter and Cheryl Wyborny.

MAY

5/7: Opening Day Festivities. "Roaring Twenties theme." Email Steve Snyder for details - contact acbs.pnw@gmail.com.

5/12: Pearl Girls Lunch (all CWC women welcome), 11:30 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke 503-502-6449.

5/21: CWC all-membership dinner at High Rocks Steaks and Chops, Gladstone, 5:30-8:30pm.

5/28: Board of Directors' Meeting, details TBA.

JUNE

6/9: Pearl Girls Lunch (all CWC women welcome), 11:30 AM, Portland Yacht Club, RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449

6/12: CWC cruise. Location and time TBD.

6/17: CWC all-membership dinner at High Rocks Steaks and Chops, Gladstone, 5:30-8:30 PM.

6/25: Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM, at the home of Tom and Margaret Horn.

6/27: CWC cruise. Launching 10:00 AM at Willamette Park, Portland, cruising to Oregon City. Details TBD.

JULY

7/10-15: 7/10-7-15: Lake Mayfield event. Camp, RV, motel ... you choose length of stay and accommodations. Call for reservations and dock space: 360-985-2357.

7/13: Lake Mayfield – PNW-ACBS will join us for 10 :00 AM cruise, 3:00 PM happy hour, 4:00 PM potluck. CWC daytrippers welcome, too.

7/16-17: West Linn Olde Time Fair. Car show, boat show, and more. Contact Jack Coulter for details – 510-387-0240.

7/23: Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM at the home of Tom and Margaret Horn.

7/25: CWC cruise. Newberg to Champoeg Park on the Willamette River, with bring-your-own picnic. Details TBD.

DRY ROT BOAT SHOW, SEPT. 2-5, 2022

With the warmer days, everyone is itching for fair weather boating! Priest Lake is really hopping, and unfortunately Elkins, Hill's, and Nordman are already booked solid for the 2022 Labor Day weekend. Therefore...Plan B. Jennifer Bushman at Elkins (208-443-2432) is reserving for our Dry Rot group some uncovered boat slips for those who are having to rent elsewhere. However, she will only hold these slips until **May 1, 2022**.

Get your lodging now. Here are other suggestions:

- **VRBO Priest Lake** - House/Cabins for rent. Make sure you are booking at Priest Lake, and not Sagle, Sandpoint, etc.
- **Airbnb** - Search Priest Lake - Houses/Cabins for rent.
- **www.priestlakevacation.com** - Houses/Cabins for rent.
- **Historical Northern Hotel on Priest Lake - Coolin** – New with groceries /gas/ restaurant.
- **Cavanaugh's Resort** - www.cavanaughbayresort.com
- **Inn at Priest Lake** - www.innatpriestlake.com - Hotel in Coolin. They also have RV lots.
- **Coolin Motel** - www.coolinmotel.com
- **Sundance Mountain Lodge** - www.sundancemtlodge.com
- **Camping** - For Reservations, search www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/priest-lake.

See the Dry Rot Boat Show website for registration: www.priest-lakedryrot.com. Contact us for help: Brian Fair - brianf@carlson-sheetmetal.com and Kathy Fair - kathy@priestlakedryrot.com.



SAVE THE DATE

MAHOGANY & MERLOT BOAT SHOW, OCT. 1-2, 2022

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of ACBS partners with the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum to present this premier event at the gorgeous setting on Lake Chelan, WA. Boats move in Friday afternoon for Saturday's show. The show is at the City Park Marina, by Campbell's Resort. Mention Mahogany & Merlot for the group discount rate at Campbell's. RV parking is also available nearby.

Pre-event: Stehekin Adventure, Sept. 27-30. Launch at Chelan, cruise 50 miles to the other end of the lake. Reservations: lodg@stehekin.com.

Details: Ike Kielgass, contactacbs.pnw@gmail.com





6th Annual CWC-ACBS Crab Feed

Photo 1: Ken Bakke is our crab master. **Photo 2:** Chef hats were given to Steve and Marilyn Ellwood for their delicious contributions to the event. **Photo 3 and Photo 4:** CWC members never go hungry at club events. **Photo 5:** The "President's Cup" award was given to Bob and Wendy Nelson. **Photo 6:** Bob Nelson was awarded the "Bent Prop" award ... again.





“Now that Spring is here, I thought I’d take the boat out. I’ll be back in about a month. I want to make up for lost time.”

SPRING BOATING CHECKLIST

It’s time to wake up our boats and get them ready for the water. Here’s a list of items to check so you are well prepared for the boating season. It’s best to fix or replace things now before they cause problems. And we all know trouble happens at the most inconvenient time and place.

1. Overall boat condition: check bottom paint, sides and decks. Think through any repairs or improvements that are needed.
2. Charge the battery and test all things electrical: lights, bilge pump, blower motor, horn, starter, and other accessories.
3. Now for the engine. Before cranking it over, check these items: hoses (firm, or soft or crunchy?), belts (tight and solid), oil (correct level and color - when was the last oil change?), how long since the raw water pump impeller was changed (two or more seasons and it’s ready for a new one), spark plugs/wires/distributor cap (all OK?), oil filter (how old is it?).
4. Let’s actually start the engine. Now that she’s running, check for leaks – water, oil, fuel. After sitting silent for months, it may take a bit of time before the engine runs smoothly. Check the gauges, too, to see if all are working well.
5. Look over the trailer, since it carries a precious load: tires (air pressure, wear and tear), spare tire (is it ready for emergency use?), lights (left and right turn, flashers, brakes), brake fluid in the trailer master cylinder (full and in good condition), wheel bearings (dust caps or bearing buddies would benefit from a couple of squirts of grease and the wheel bearings should be completely serviced every two years).
6. Finally, check the life jackets, first aid kit, signaling flares, fire extinguisher, lines, bumpers, seats, cushions, and registration and insurance cards kept in your boat.

After everything is checked, fixed, and prepared, you’re ready to hit the water!

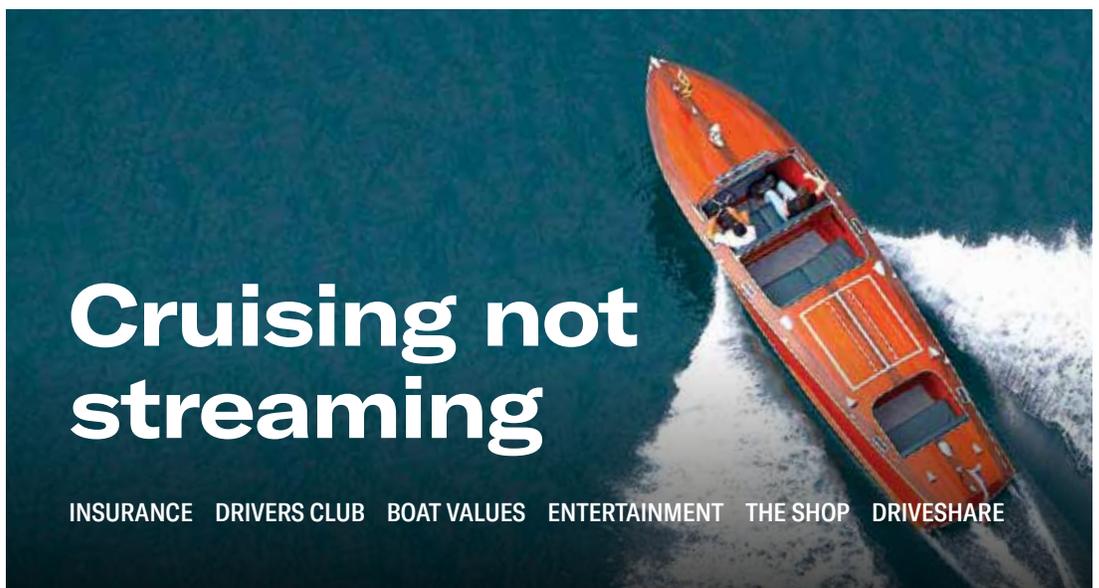


Photo 7: CWC-ACBS Past Presidents helped award John Fischer with his official club president’s jacket. Left to right: Steve Ellwood, Tom Horn, Jim West, Roger Rollins, John Fischer, Bob Nelson, Ken Bakke. **Photo 8:** Current President Margaret Horn gave Past President John Fischer “John Deere” items in honor of his service and restoration of his boat, “John’s Dear.” **Photo 9:** The “Unsung Hero” award was presented to Tom Horn by John Fischer.



FEATURED BOAT: Mabel, a.k.a., Miss Minnie

by John Sparks



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FEATURED BOAT: Mabel, aka Miss Minnie

"That boat is much loved!" This is a statement we have heard many times during our cruises of the San Juan Islands in Washington. Then, the more experienced "salts" add the comment, "Better you than me!" All of this is very true. However, the hard work, head scratching, and nerve-wracking times "Mabel" has put us through has made us appreciate her even more. We now have many more talents to add to our resume and I have had lots quality time with my hard-working wife, Traci. She scraped the paint off the entire bottom of Mabel with a heat gun on a creeper.

"Mabel" is a 1953 33' Capitan found in a loafing shed in Tumalo, Oregon. We purchased her in December of 2012 and brought her home on the included triple-axle trailer during a snowstorm. We only had to chain up the last 10 miles of the trip. She lives most of the year in our boat shed in Bend, Oregon. We have spent years restoring her and yet she still needs our constant attention and love.

Last summer when we were cruising the San Juans, taking a trip to Sucia Island where we picked up a mooring ball. An older gentleman came by in his tender and said he knew our boat. Since we have heard this many times, we were thinking, "Sure he does".

Then he proceeded to tell us exactly what engines were in the boat. She had very rare International Harvester 345's, marinized by Palmer. We were shocked, to say the least! His best friend owned "Miss Minnie" from 1969-1979 and she lived in a covered slip at the Queen City Yacht Club in Seattle, Washington. Apparently, she was the love of her owner and his family, and cherished by all. (If anyone knows Howard at Queen City Yacht Club who owns a 42' Bayliner, please remind him that we are awaiting pictures of "Mabel" or as she was called back then, "Miss Minnie".)

I must say, it has been quite the learning experience as this was our first wooden boat. We were expecting a project, but not one quite this big. We value all the help we have received from the members of ACBS. "Mabel" is cruising into her 70th year over calm waters and giving back visions of yesterday to next generations!



Post script by Tom Horn (your roving reporter)

We have been trying to meet the Sparks the last couple of summers in the San Juan Islands but they have had a different cruising schedule. So, we made a trip over to Bend a couple of weeks ago to see their boat, "Mabel," and get to know them better. Besides their description in the story above, they have made many upgrades to the boat, including a new heavy-duty goose-neck triple-axle galvanized trailer, and a new Ram 3500 to pull it. They have installed a pair of rebuilt 327 engines and Paragon transmissions, and of course, much varnishing, painting, and filling bottom seams. Most of you should know that I love the black hull sides, obviously. P.S. I can't imagine chaining up a boat trailer to pull that big boat home through a snow storm.



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