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ON THE ROCKS By Sandee Barr

☞ Greetings were sent from **Hope Knott**, former columnist for The Hull Truth. She has been spending a lot of time in the Bahamas enjoying boating, fishing, and the sunshine. She has also traveled the world while appropriately wearing a mask. Hope informed me that **Ken Bakke** is planning a virtual crab feed. This may sound crazy, but think about all the positives:

1. No specific date, attend at your leisure, no excuses for not attending.
2. A new location (now that Broadmoor is closed) is not needed. Attend from anywhere!
3. Ken doesn't have to drive to Astoria to pick up the crab, or clean the crab, or listen to complaints about a smelly kitchen.
5. And best of all, it's cheaper! So, enjoy this virtual event and share your photos.

The remains of **Wendy** and **Bob Nelson's** virtual crab feed are shown at right.



☞ Apparently, Charbonneau is the place to be these days.

Steve and Marilyn Ellwood recently moved there very near other boat club members, **Bob and Cheryl Barnum** and **Bob and Linda Alton**.

Best wishes on settling into their new home and let's hope there's plenty of room to Steve to work on his boats

☞ **Scott and Ginger Foote** report that COVID, weather, and travel restrictions have kept them stuck behind their

front door, yet they are still conversing in a pleasant way. They are looking forward to a "vaccinated" spring and future boating events with friends, as we all do.

☞ Being snowed in isn't always a bad thing. **John Tyler** had planned to spend Christmas day with his son and family in Hood River, but four inches of snow and poor driving conditions turned it into an overnight adventure. John used yak tracks and two ski poles as assistance while watching the grandkids sled in the snow. A fire and enhanced apple cider added some warmth. It was a "White Christmas" for all involved.

☞ Welcome aboard, new members **Bob** and **Becky Brown**. Bob is retired from a career in finance and accounting while Becky will be retiring soon. They are looking to move to the Portland area in the near future from their current home in Corvallis. His interest in boats started when he and his dad built a Glen Wooldridge-designed sled boat in the early 1970's. He still has that boat and has always wanted to build another. A trip to the Sierra Boat Company in Lake Tahoe in 2009 got him interested in classic mahogany runabouts. He found plans at Glen-L.com and started building his own the next year (see "Projects in Progress" for details). We look forward to meeting Bob and Becky in person when we can be on the water this coming season.

☞ **Roger** and **JoAnn Rollins** have a new boat in the family. Their son, Brian (who is active in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary) acquired a 30-foot Grady White. It is one of the few boats deemed "unsinkable"! Brian has been busy transferring all the electronics from his previous boat to the Grady White.

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"Since your precious boat takes up all the room in the garage, you can shovel my car out each time I need to use it."

PORTLAND BOAT SHOW - MARCH

CWC-ACBS chapter classic boats will be on display at the Portland Boat Show at the Expo Center:

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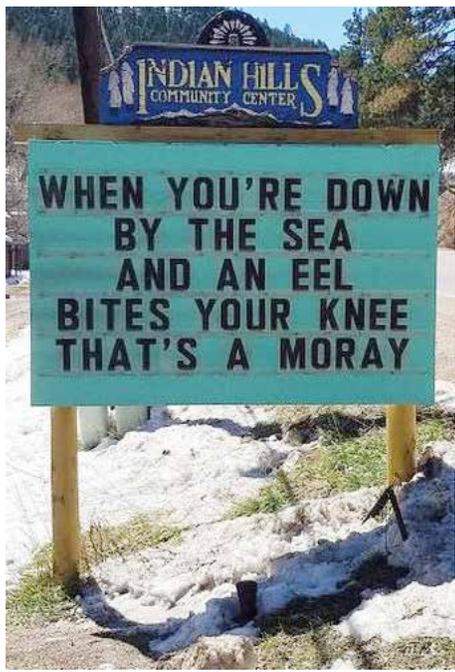
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's just talk about the "elephant in the room" – COVID-19. I hope you are all avoiding this awful virus, staying safe and healthy, and finding productive things to occupy your time. Lauree and I loosened the isolation protocol a bit and chose to see family over the holidays. We were quite strict with the members outside of our normal safety bubble and self-isolated for a week before letting them into our house. That all worked out just fine, then something happened.

The day after the last family members left, I went on a six-day fishing trip in Puget Sound with an old friend. On the way home, I found myself getting seriously ill. Could I have COVID? My four symptoms were on the COVID list of 10, so I phoned Lauree and said I needed to be in quarantine until I knew what is making me ill. I couldn't risk exposing her or anyone else.

Lauree prepared the guest room for me, so when I got home, I immediately went into isolation. I wouldn't wish my pain on my worst enemy, and second to that was the loneliness of not being able to be with my wife. We could only communicate by phone. As I laid in bed, I had time to reflect on what I had done, and whether it was worth it. After two negative COVID tests five days apart and a positive result for a bacterial infection, I have finally fully recovered. The infection was from eating raw oysters.

I am grateful that my illness was not COVID, grateful for the distant loving care from Lauree, and grateful for the medical professionals who helped with my diagnosis. Lesson learned – don't eat raw oysters and do talk about whatever "elephant" may be hanging around.

- John F. Fischer, CWC-ACBS President



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THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME By Mike Stevens

Linda and I with two other couples planned a trip to Egypt for the fall of 2020. The itinerary was settled, all the travel arrangements were made, and down payments made in the middle of February 2020 — just before COVID-19 hit. There were minimal changes to hotels, and nobody would let us delay the trip a year, so we bit the bullet and finalized our payments in August. What a complicated trip!

With a few days to go until the November departure, the Egyptian government required a negative COVID test within 72 hours. That was nearly impossible, but then they relaxed the deadline to 96 hours. The six of us found a lab at Salem Health in Dallas, OR, to help us out with the last six tests available for folks like us who showed no symptoms.

It was a trip of a lifetime! We were nearly the only tourists for the antiquity part of our journey and the Egyptians were so happy to see us.

It was amazing to view the pyramids and Nile River temples almost by ourselves. No crowds!

Our connection to the boating world reached into Egypt's past. This oldest, largest, and best-preserved wooden boat, called the "solar barge," was discovered buried in the sand at the foot of the Great Pyramid of Giza as an offering and transportation for the pharaoh in the afterlife. Otherwise known as the Khufu Ship, it measures 143 feet long and 19.5 wide and was built mainly of Lebanon cedar planking. It dates from about 2,500 BC and is in remarkable condition. The archaeologists are in the process of dismantling the 2,400+ pieces. It will be moved to be displayed in the soon-to-be opened Grand Egyptian Museum. And that's your history lesson for today. This adventure to the other side of the world was indeed one to share and to remember.



Left: Mike Stevens and his Rudder magazine traveled to Egypt. **Center:** Hieroglyphics shows boat use in ancient times. **Bottom:** This Egyptian "solar barge" was built for use in the afterlife, buried as an offering to pharaoh Khufu.

ON THE ROCKS continued from front cover

The boat will be moored at the Waverly Country Club moorage soon. Plans are being made for trips to the Willamette and Columbia Rivers for pleasure and while on Coast Guard duty patrol. Also in the future may be a trip to the San Juan Islands for summer vacations. Enjoy!

☞ Here are three cliches that aren't heard much these days:

- "Wow! This year sure went quickly."
- "Teachers have it easy."
- "I need more 'alone time!'"



Above: Courtesy of their son, Brian, Roger and JoAnn Rolins now have a 30-foot Grady White in the family. The "oversize" sign and flags help display how really big this Grady White vessel is!





Photo 1 and 2: Tom Horn's launch and repaired prop.. **Photo 3,4 and 5:** Bob Brown's long-term project building his own classic boat. **Photo 5:** Don Purdy's project – a '58 Corona. **Photo 6, 7 and 8:** Patterson race boat pre-restoration, going all out and not at all, and during restoration.



PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

☞ Craigslist is a wonderful thing. Recently **Tom Horn** found an Elco electric motor on Craigslist that would fit his 23 ft launch. It was the correct HP and voltage but not the right price. Negotiations took place and a trip to Seattle ensued with a pile of cash. Having been half-submerged, it took a few teardowns, new bearings, a new encoder, and a few calls to the technician at Elco for assistance.

Tom had envisioned just drilling a hole in the transom and putting in a new prop shaft, but as it goes with boat projects, that did not go as planned. A large section of the transom had to be cut out to make enough room for the prop clearance without going way too far back by the rudder. What followed was lots of lovely fiber-glassing and grinding. After many other modifications and repairs, it is finished. A trial run will take place when better weather arrives.

☞ The saga of the Minnow's restoration continues, as reported by **Trux Dole**. Despite



THE TRADING DOCK

Free! Two outboard engine stands on wheels. See photos below. Contact Mike Stevens: joatenterprises@gmail.com.



For Sale - '60 Curved glass windshield to fit a 1959 Chris Craft ski boat. May fit other models or years. \$600. Contact Tom Horn: 503-522-78044.

For Sale – 1971 21' Dan Arena Custom - Rebuilt 455 Olds with new components and polished aluminum accessories. Also includes a new still-in-the-box American Turbine jet drive. This is a very cool boat in excellent condition. There's plenty of time to get this boat back together in time for the season. A trailer

his best efforts to get the Minnow in the water, even with the help of **Bob Alton**, it didn't happen last year.

What's left to do is a combination of finishing details and an essential component. This includes: buffing the last of the nickel brightwork; 17' rub rails, cut water, and chocks; adding the Dodge pinstripe to the waterline based on closer review of old photos; installing the windshield glass that Marty from Newberg Specialty Glass custom cut; adding a secondary 12-volt circuit for blower, horn, and potentially a bilge pump.

The essential component is trying to get the rebuilt engine to start. After troubleshooting, the culprit is either timing or carburetor adjustments. As Trux disappears into the shop, he is reminded of Ratty's famous quote from *The Wind in the Willow's*, "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

☞ This family treasure is a work in progress. In 1957, **Jack Stutesman's** dad bought a new Patterson race boat hull. The boat was finished in 1960. "Old Goat" was raced for many years throughout California and outlying areas. She was retired from racing in the late 70's and used for water skiing. The boat was passed on to son, Jack Stutesman, and used in high-speed skiing races.

Time was not kind to the old girl. The decks had cracked fiberglass cloth over the stained decks, as well as the cracks through the hull paint. All the fiberglass cloth has been removed from the decks, hull sides, and bottom. A new transom has been fitted along with new fiberglass on the bottom and hull sides.

Ongoing restoration includes fiberglass on the stained transom. The decks will not be fiberglassed as they were originally. The paint scheme will remain the same and the race numbers will be added. Restoration is being done by West Coast Classic Boat Restoration.

When completed, "Old Goat" will be back in the racing circuit as a display participant. It's nice to see this treasure enjoyed by the next generation.

☞ A picture is worth a thousand words. When asked about his latest project, the Hull Truth editor received Photo 5 (previous page) and the following: **Don Purdy** is working on a '58 Coronado.

☞ New member **Bob Brown** is working on a long-term project. A trip to the Sierra Boat Company in Lake Tahoe in '09 got him interested in classic boats. He found plans at Glen-L.com to build his own the next year. It's a 23' triple cockpit mahogany barrel back with a Mercruiser Scorpion V8 engine. She went in the water for the first time last October, with the help of Jim West. Bob is currently working to finish the deck and interior, hopefully in time to be able to enjoy it in the water this coming season.

may be available for it. Asking \$12,000 obo. Some assembly required. See photo below. Email Mike for more info and more pictures. Contact MikeM@loboat.com or 503-686-0599.

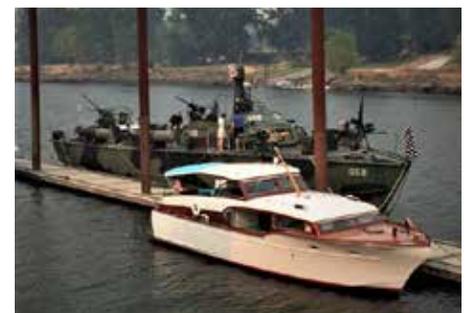


For Sale - 1966 Century 17.5-foot utility Fibersport, hull #87, needs restoration. Has been in indoor storage for about 15 years, when some work was done. Original Ford Interceptor 352 250 HP is operational. Trailer with new tires included. Highly collectable as the first year with fiberglass hull and varnished wood covering boards. Complete hardware, boarding ladder and ski tow included. See photos at right. \$2,000 OBO. Contact John: jtyler@mollala.net.



For Sale - "Cocomo" 1955 Chris Craft Commander 6S, first-place winner. Extensive restoration by an ABYC boat yard in Portland and owner, well documented over a two-year period (2013-15). Original twin ML6-145 hp gas engines with just over 2,440 original

hours and meticulously maintained. Restoration summary: new recast running gear with modernized shaft logs, complete electrical, plumbing, recently rebuilt carbs, fuel pumps, and new water pumps. Garmin navigation and genset added. The interior has original fashion but has been updated with new refer, stove/heater, upholstery, and more. New varnish during restoration, all fittings re-chromed (300+ pieces!) A real head-turner wherever she goes. \$89,500. A boat house combo on the Columbia will also be available. Contact cindy.ontkean@gmail.com or call Mike at 360-901-2865 evenings. (PT Boat not for sale)





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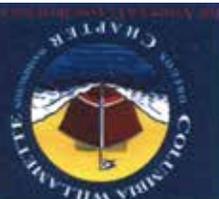


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