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Above left: CWC-ACBS members modeling "No Boat Show 2020" shirts at Priest Lake, ID, in September. **Top right:** Frank Robinson, Louise Werner, and Barbara Robinson bundled up for a cool Idaho evening. **Bottom right:** Passengers in "Sunken Treasure" from left to right - Jeff Cadell, Libby Dindia, and Mike Brown on a birthday cruise arranged by Rodger and Colleen Wright. See "On the Rocks" on Page 3 for more chapter event news.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's autumn and we have tucked our boats into bed. Our cruising plans are a future dream. So, what's there to look forward to now? Projects... so many projects. In case you don't have a to-do list, here are some suggestions.

That boat trailer may need some TLC and fall is a great time to work on that. How's the wiring? Need a fresh coat of paint? Are the tires in good shape? Do the brakes work well? Let's check the boat itself. It's winterized, of course, but are there things that could be fixed or improved? Those fender rashes could be buffed out. That "ding" from a helpful docking assistant can be filled and painted. The motor

you always wanted to paint / polish / chrome / refresh that not-so-shiny engine whangdoodle. Surely something is calling for attention. Now that you've used all those tools, organize your tools and put them away where they can easily be found.

Other projects may have been thrust upon you from outside sources, too, but if you don't have ANY projects to work on (you lucky duck!), please tell me. I know someone who has too many projects to finish and could use your help.

- John F. Fischer, CWC-ACBS President

BOARD NEWS

The CWC-ACBS Board of Directors met in September, voting that the Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs remain the same for 2021 rather than holding regular elections. The Club's budget is in limbo, since there may not be the usual fundraisers and silent auction held at a Holiday Party. Participation in the January Portland Boat Show (another fundraiser) is also up in the air, due to changes at the venue from pandemic restrictions. We will keep you informed of further changes.

REMEMBERING A FRIEND

Scott D. Miller Sr., a founding member of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the ACBS, died on September 28, 2020, at the age of 76. Scott was born in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Wilson High School. His favorite pastime involved restoring classic boats, including a 24' diesel fiberglass tug boat with a center console and walk-around deck. He also worked on restoring a 36' cruiser and a launch. Scott was also a car guy, working years ago at Kaddy Car Wash and restoring a Porsche Speedster. Those who knew him called Scott a great guy. He will be missed. Memories can be posted to his guest book at legacy.com/obituaries/name/scott-miller.



THE TRADING DOCK

Price reduced! '50 Chris Craft Riviera 18', \$36,950 (from \$39K). Contact West Coast Classic Boats for details and pictures. 503-422-8104.

Price reduced! '60 Chris Craft Sportsman, re-stained sides, rebuild 350 engine, new bottom. Trailer needs TLC. \$7,500. Contact Jim for details and pictures. 503-422-8104.

For Sale – Early model Mercruiser 6.2 liter engine, closed cooling, velvet drive transmission, complete engine. \$7,500. Contact Jim West for details and pictures. 503-422-8104.

For Sale - 14' Chris Craft kit boat with 35 hp Johnson. Unsure of year. Complete with trailer, lights, and fuel tank. \$3,500. Call 503-522-7804 for details and pictures.



Top: Bob Nelson's U-22 leaves West Coast Classic Boat Restoration's shop. **Bottom:** Mike Stevens' project, a Captain's Launch, is coming along nicely and looking to be water-ready in 2021.



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PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

After a bottom-to-top restoration, **Bob Nelson's** 1953 Chris Craft U-22 is out of the shop and back home. It's a tight fit, with 2 inches from the garage door in front and 2 inches from the back of the garage. Her younger sister, a 1958 17' Chris Craft Cavalier, looks positively tiny sitting beside her in the garage. The expert restoration was done by Jim West at West Coast Classic Boat Restoration. Finishing touches, like a name painted on the stern, the installation of matching blue upholstered seating and engine cover, flooring, and interior boards will be completed through the next few months. She will be launched with enthusiasm next spring. She's a beauty!

Mike Stevens has a new project: a Captain's Launch built at Monson Boat Yard on Lake Union, WA, sometime last century. He ran into dead ends while researching, so the exact age will be forever unknown. During COVID-19 it was a pleasant discovery to learn that there was nothing on Mike's calendar starting in April. So, his new project began. The floor was removed to gain access to the ribs and about a dozen need splicing. After that Mike finished the splines in the planks, he worked on patching, filling, and fairing the outside. He gave her the same colors she came with – appropriately red, white, and blue. The Captain's Launch was flipped right side up and fitted to the trailer. The next step was to finish the steam bending of the rub rail at the gunnels. Now the end of carpentry is in sight and she might be ready for a 2021 christening and launching.

ON THE ROCKS By Sandee Barr

☞ Priest Lake was the location of choice for several boat club members in September. **Bob and Wendy Nelson, Frank and Barbara Robinson, Tom and Margaret Horn, Louise Werner, John and Laure Fischer, and Dick and Kristen Winn** were scattered along the lake with various accommodations and boats. Social distancing was the norm for most gatherings, and especially popular were the “No Boat Show” T-shirts provided by Frank, since the Dry Rot Boat Show was officially canceled.

Frank and Margaret and Tom (in their boat, “Blackthorn”) helped when the Bob Nelson’s boat, “It’s Only Money,” had to be towed to the ramp. The exhaust “doohickey” developed a hole and broke. Then a wind-fallen tree jumped out to puncture a tire on the Nelson’s truck. There were chainsaws running by day and grazing deer by night. Even a beaver and a marmot made an appearance. This trip will certainly be the topic of many a “remember when” storytelling session.

☞ **John Tyler** had his own adventure. He had spent an uneventful summer hiding from COVID-19. Now for a vacation, with camping reservations confirmed at Priest Lake. While packing his travel trailer, Level 3 fire evacuations were announced for his neighborhood near Molalla... leave now! He put a 5-gallon can of gasoline next to the Fibersport project boat and left for Hood River to stay with family, leaving his Air-stream behind. When it seemed that his house would remain safe, he called to make sure his ‘56 Coronado, “8’s enuf,” was ready in storage in Coeur D’Alene, then headed to Idaho. After establishing camp at Reeder Bay, he drove off to get his boat, thinking that he had salvaged a small vacation. Upon arriving at the boat storage location, they had no idea where the boat was or if it had been tested. It was eventually found in a storage building, put in a soak tank, and started. Then off to Elkins Resort and an uneventful launch. John did reclaim the remainder of his vacation, but it seems nothing is easy these days.

☞ **Rodger and Colleen Wright** organized a cruise to celebrate Colleen’s son Jeff’s birthday in their ‘66 Century Resorter, “Sunken Treasure,” including son Jeff, daughter Libby, and friend Mike Brown. Launching from Willamette Park, Mark’s on the Channel was the lunch destination. Smooth water and no boat traffic made this mid-week trip even better. The “kids” got to see Portland from a different view. A quick swim during the return trip provided a nice way to cool off on a warm summer day.



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Top: John Tyler’s ‘56 Coronado was soaked, started, and sent off to Priest Lake after being lost, then found. Yep, it’s running like it should. Center: Frank Robinson (on the dock) and Margaret and Tom Hon in their boat, “Blackthorn,” help Bob Nelson with a tow at Priest Lake. Bottom: Rodger and Colleen Wright arranged a summer birthday cruise for Colleen’s son, including lunch at Mark’s on the Channel.



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