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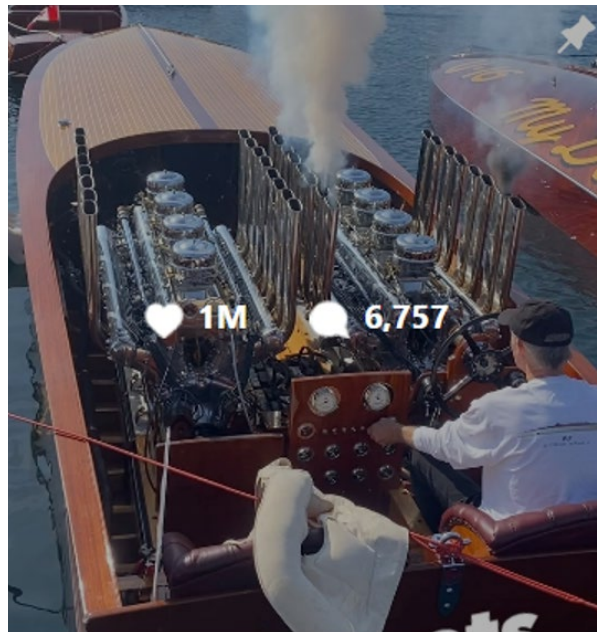
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – SETH VORE



Left: Seth Vore (right) interviewed Jack Coulter at the CWC-ACBS West Linn Boat Show in 2024. **Right:** The firing of "Miss America VIII" has now been viewed over 75 million times on social media.



If you are on Instagram or Facebook, maybe you've seen a guy wearing an @ACBSBOATS t-shirt carrying a microphone. Or seen him in real life interviewing folks in their boats or taking photos or videos for the ACBS. That's our very own CWC member, Seth Vore, who works for the ACBS international office as the Community Engagement Manager (that's a fancy title for the guy that handles social media accounts).

In 2021, Seth answered an ad in the Weekly Web Watch email. He had been doing social media for his own business (Portland Boat Tours) and thought the job they described would be a great way to use those skills to further a hobby he is passionate about with three boats of his own: a 1939 17' Chris-Craft Deluxe Utility "Rosie", a 1948 17' Century Reporter "Rhody", and 1977 36' Californian Trawler "Endeavor." The big idea is to get beautiful boats in front of as many eyes as possible. He interviewed with the ACBS Marketing Committee and the rest is history!

Seth describes one of the perks of this job getting to go places and see things that are unique to this position. Seth attended eight boat shows in 2024, like the Bay Harbor International, Sunnyland, Tahoe, and most recently the International at Gull Lake

The videos and interviews on social media appear seamless. But there are times when bloopers occur. Sometimes

the microphone doesn't cooperate, a horn or a loud motor ruins the interview, or the camera falls over. Filming on docks or in boats can be a challenge. Those bloopers are often posted and sometimes they do better online than the real content. One of Seth's posts has gone "viral." He shot [a video of "Miss America VIII" firing up in Bay Harbor](#) - it has been viewed over 75 million times! He says he most enjoys talking to folks in person that were previously only interacted with online. He like to meet the faces behind the accounts that he follows.

Seth is very thankful to be able to serve the ACBS in this unique role. The ACBS Board, the Marketing Committee, and the Executive Director have all been very supportive of his work and the new audience they are building online. Watch for him on the [ACBS Facebook page](#) and [Instagram account](#) as the boating season begins.

CWC-ACBS DINNER MEETING

March 23, Sunday

2:00 - 5:00 PM

High Rocks Restaurant & Lounge
915 Arlington St., Gladstone, OR



RSVP to marghorn@msn.com



Above: "Della" before restoration. Stay tuned for the "after" picture!.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS By Doug Shone

"Della" is our new-to-us 1960 23' Chris Craft Sea Skiff Ranger. She left the manufacturing plant in Salisbury, Maryland on July 19, 1960 as one of the last Sea Skiffs produced that year. "Della" was delivered to Ray Jones Boat Works in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We purchased this vessel in January 2023. Fortunately for us, I brought Jim West, owner of West Coast Classic Boat Restoration, along for the test cruise on the Willamette River. He pointed out the things that he would fix on her. I thought that she deserved to be saved, so the purchase was consummated. Through Jim's expert craftsmanship, and our vision, "Della" will shine again!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This winter, Sandi and I ventured to the deserts of Arizona to chase the sun. It was a much-needed getaway, giving us a chance to soak up some warmth and enjoy beautiful desert landscapes. The change of scenery was refreshing, and we came back energized and ready for what's next.

Now that we're back, we're both excited about the upcoming boating season. We can't wait to spend more time on the lakes and rivers, enjoying the water and all the fun that comes with it. It's always a highlight of the year, connecting with friends and getting out on the boats. The anticipation of all the adventures ahead is building up.

The recent Crab Feed was an enjoyable and delicious event. Additionally, we learned how to better navigate the ACBS website (acbs.org), and our own chapter website (cwc-acbs.org). Both are helpful for staying up to date with events and resources. Contact Bob Nelson if you need help logging into the ACBS website. It's always great to find new ways to stay connected and involved with our boating community.

- Michael Sheets, CWC-ACBS President

CWC-ACBS 2025 CALENDAR

Informal lunch every Thursday 11:00 AM at the Portland Yacht Club. Contact Jim West at 503-422-8104

MARCH

3/13: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

3/23: General Membership Dinner, High Rocks Steak and Chops, Gladstone, 2:00-5:00PM.

APRIL

4/6: General Membership Dinner Meeting, Bumpers Bar & Grill, Fairview, 2:00-5:00PM.

4/10: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

4/12: Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:00AM – 1:30PM at the home of Michael and Sandi Sheets.

4/26: CWC Symposium, 8:30AM – 2:00 PM, Schooner Creek Boat Works and PT 658 Education and Heritage Center. Lunch provided.

MAY

5/4: General Membership Dinner, Gustav's, Vancouver, 2:00-5:00 PM.

5/8: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

5/8 - 5/23: Lake Simtustus Rendezvous. For details contact Jim West 503-422-8104.

JUNE

6/7: Race Around the Island (Outrigger Canoe Event). For details, contact Bill Bowling 503-358-2828.

6/12: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

6/12: CWC Cruise from Willamette Park, Portland, to lunch at the Rivershore Bar & Grill in Oregon City.

6/21: Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:00AM – 1:30PM at the home of Michael and Sandi Sheets.

6/23: CWC Cruise from Willamette Park, Portland to 3rd Annual Rib Feed. Details TBD.

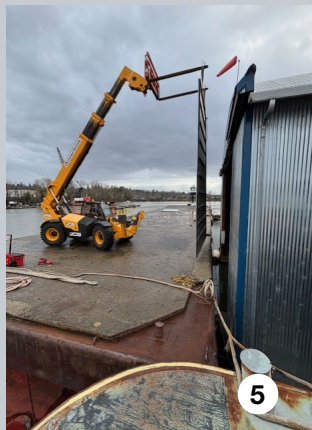
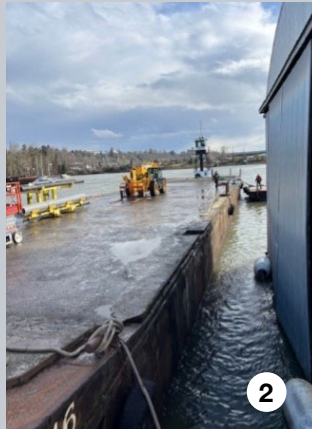


Photo 1: View from inside the boat house showing the newly installed roll-up door. **Photo 2:** The huge work barge shown here was needed to provide a stable base. **Photos 3 and 5:** A stable barge, a man lift, a fork lift, and skilled workers were all needed to remove the old sliding door. **Photo 4:** The new electric roll-up door is a much-needed upgrade.

PT BOAT NEWS By Jack Coulter

The PT 658 boat house is getting a long-needed upgrade this spring. The original manually operated sliding doors for the boat house were replaced by a state-of-the-art electric roll-up door. The approximate 21' x 20' steel roll-up door was manufactured by **RS Manufacturing, Inc.** in Portland and is being installed by **Tom Voigt** of Extreme Door, a local installer.

The work could not have been done without the generous help of **Clark Caffall** for procuring and moving the work barge and **Vigor Industries** for its work loading the 3,800 lb. door, along with the crane and man-lift needed to remove the old door and install the new one. **Don Cameron**, both a CWC-ACBS member and volunteer for the PT boat, acted as project manager leading the door replacement. PT 658 is fortunate to have a group of such willing support service providers and volunteers.

THE TRADING DOCK

For Sale – Project boat to finish - 1959 14' Dorsett with 1963 Mercury 65 outboard engine. Transom is repaired; hull needs new gel coat. All aluminum and chrome present, lights work, flooring has been replaced. Trailer in great shape. Located in North Bend, OR. Asking \$1,500. Contact Bill: 541-294-0127 or johnwayneposer@gmail.com. (Photo 1 and 2)

For Sale, REDUCED PRICE – 1948 Chris Craft Deluxe Utility U-18. Older restoration, nice upholstery, banjo steering wheel, Crusader V-6 165 hp with Velvet drive transmission. 2003 EZ-Loader tandem axle trailer with electric brakes, swing tongue, and prop guard. \$15,999. Contact Doug, 707-483-3311. (Photo 3)

Help needed – Is there anyone traveling from the Portland Metro area to Spokane and back in the near future? One of our CWC-ACBS members has a batch of chrome for a boat package to pick up in Spokane and return to the Portland metro area. Contact Mike at mikem@loboat.com or 503-686-0599.



MAHOGANY IS MAGIC (PART 1) By Mike Stevens

Here is a brief overview of mahogany wood used in boat building. Mahogany trees can grow up to 200 feet tall with trunks that are



Mahogany trees. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

branchless for up to 60 feet and are often several feet in diameter. This wood is used to make furniture, musical instruments, and ship parts. Though solid, it is buoyant, and resistant to rot. The wood has a straight, even grain, and is relatively free of interior voids. It has a reddish/brown hue that darkens over time. It is durable and takes beautifully to carving. The value of a mahogany tree depends on its size, grade, and accessibility.

A 60-foot-tall mahogany tree with a 40-inch circumference could be worth around \$36,384. People also use mahogany bark extract and gum for medicinal purposes.

These trees are native to the Bahamas, Caribbean, and south Florida. They are also found in Central and South America. Mahogany is considered near threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Convention of Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Peruvian mahogany is cut in violation of CITES and is illegal to possess. Mahogany trees support a diverse ecosystem of butterflies, moths, ants, beetles, flies, wasps, and bees.

While humans have built many beautiful things with mahogany lumber, including boats, the current situation of availability is a complicated global market. Please don't dispose of old mahogany boats! Enjoy your wood boat, take care of it, and prepare to let another caretaker do the same for many years to come.

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ON THE ROCKS By Sandee Barr



Photo 1 and 2: 1966 Glaspar Seafaire belonging to new chapter members Pat and Sally Hearle. **Photo 3:** Pat and Sally Hearle enjoyed crab with Trudy and Bill Bowling at the chapter's 9th Annual Crab Feed on February 23. **Photo 4:** Crab-master Ken Bakke. **Photo 5:** That's one way to wear a bib!

🦀 Welcome new members, **Pat and Sally Hearle**. Connections were made at the Portland Boat Show, as they recently relocated from Southern California to a floating home about a mile west of I-5. They have a 1966 17'6" Glaspar Seafaire sedan with a Mercruiser 3.0 inboard/outboard. Their vessel will have a place of honor alongside their dock and home on the water. Pat and Sally were members of both Northern and Southern California chapters of ACBS and look forward to boating in the Pacific Northwest with our chapter.

🦀 On February 23, 2025, members gathered at The Historic Butteville Store for the 9th Annual Crab Feed. Every year, our **Ken Bakke** undertakes a pilgrimage to the coast to bring back the freshest Dungeness crab. Attendees didn't just indulge in fine food; they also had the chance to win prizes through lively drawings. Webmaster **Bill Bowling** gave an insightful presentation on our Chapter website as well as how to use Chat GPT. **Bob Nelson** shared the ACBS website, highlighting how to log in and the wealth of resources

available—news, calendars, workshop videos, and a trove of boating wisdom. If you have not already, you are encouraged to create an account on the ACBS website. Visit the [CWC website](#) and consider adding a picture or article regarding a boating project or adventure. Send submissions to Bill Bowling at bill.bowling@me.com. The Crab Feed serves as a reminder of a chapter that thrives on the joy of coming together. Here's to many more years of shared meals, stories, and adventures on and off the water.



CWC-ACBS SPRING SYMPOSIUM



Join us Saturday, April 26, 8:30AM – 2:00PM

Schooner Creek Boat Works and PT 658 Heritage Center

Guest speakers, lunch, tours. Watch email for more details.

RSVP to sheridon74@comcast.net

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