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Photo 1: PT 658 was seen with a group of guests on board to meet the ships arriving for Portland's Fleet Week. **Photo 2:** New engine pre-oiler pumps were installed below-deck to each of the three Packard V12s engines. **Photo 3:** The recently installed PT 658 lubrication system pre-oiler control panel is below-deck.

PT 658 BOAT NEWS by Jack Coulter

The PT 658 all-volunteer crew, including CWC members Jack Coulter, Don Cameron, Ian Harding, and Todd Verboort, have been busy this spring completing important upgrades to the 78' Higgins Patrol Torpedo (PT) Boat and providing memorable experiences to donors and guests.

The engine room crew recently completed installation of the engine pre-oiling system to each of the three Packard 5M-2500 V12 propulsion engines. The new system included installation of small scavenging pumps to the engine lube oil system. By operating this pump, engine oil pressure builds up prior to starting.

Previously each engine needed to be cranked extensively, without ignition, to build up oil pressure before starting. The new system simplified the starting process and significantly reduced wear and tear on the engines. The oil pumps were generously donated by the manufacturer Motorque Corp. dba TurboWerx near Austin, TX.

The Portland Rose Festival and Fleet Week were June 4-9, when PT 658 completed three trips on the Willamette River. Each trip carried twelve invited guests including Ken Bakke and his daughter, Cindy Bakke, Mike Mayer, and Lea Gifford, all having the opportunity of a lifetime to be aboard the only fully restored and operational WWII PT boat underway at speed. Hearing the roar of all three 1945 Packard engines while the boat is traveling 30+ knots is impressive!

These cruises required close coordination with Homeland Security, included meeting the Navy and Coast Guard Training Tall Ship USCGC Eagle en route to Portland's waterfront. The presences of a Canadian minesweeper, two US Guided Missile Destroyers, and the USCGC Tall Ship Eagle docked in Portland was an amazing sight.

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CWC-ACBS BOAT SHOW AT THE WEST LINN OLD TIME FAIR

DATE: Sunday, July 13, 2025

TIME: 11:00AM to 4:30 PM

LOCATION: Bernert Landing, Willamette Park,
West Linn, OR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's summer and we're in the height of boating season—and this year has not disappointed. We've already enjoyed several cruises, and they've all been great! There are some fantastic events coming up, and it's not too late to get involved. Check out the calendar for events near and far.

First up is the West Linn Old Time Fair. Even if you don't have a boat in the show, come on down, walk the docks, say hello to fellow boaters, and enjoy everything the fair has to offer—there is plenty to see and do.

Next is Lakeside Weekend, which is shaping up to be a highlight of the summer. There will be a sock hop, live music, a car show, our boat show, lake cruises, and most importantly—time with friends who all share a common interest in boating.

We're excited to announce the launch of a brand-new CWC burgee! The design is complete, and one of the new burgees will be sent to the ACBS headquarters in celebration for their 50th

anniversary. We'll have additional burgees available for purchase soon—so stay tuned for more details.

With the longer, warmer days upon us, Sandi and I have been enjoying time on the water aboard Second Chance. But when we're not cruising, I've been spending my spare time (yes, I do have some spare time!) working on the 19-foot barrel back I am building. In the next issue, I'll be sharing some pictures of the progress. Right now, I'm getting ready to install the underwater hardware—rudder, prop, and other related parts. That means it's time to drill holes in a perfectly sound hull. That sounds a little scary, right? It is! More updates will come as the project moves along. In the meantime, let's all take advantage of this beautiful weather, get out on the water, and have some fun. Stay safe and enjoy the season.

-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

JULY

7/6: Cruise from Gleason Boat Ramp on the Columbia River to picnic on Government Island.

7/10: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke – 503-502-6449.

7/13: CWC-ACBS Boat Show at West Linn Old Time Fair, Willamette Park, West Linn, OR

7/21: Cruise from Ridgefield, WA to St. Helen's, OR to lunch at Plymouth Pub.

7/25-27: Lakeside Rendezvous and Boat Show at The Lakeshore Lodge in Lakeside, OR.

AUGUST

8/1 - 8/2: Coeur d'Alene Antique and Classic Boat Show.

8/1 - 8/3: Payette Lake Chapter Boat Show in McCall, ID.

8/5: CWC cruise the Columbia River from Longview, WA to Batwater Station for lunch.

8/9-8/10: Wooden and Classic Boat Festival, Elcochoma Marina, Cathlamet, WA (not an ACBS event).

8/13-8/14: Pacific Northwest Chapter Mineral Schoolhouse Meet-up and day cruise on Lake Mayfield.

8/14: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke – 503-502-6449

8/16: Board Meeting hosted at Michael and Sandi Sheets' home.

8/17: Cruise from Gleason Boat Ramp on the Columbia River to Port of Camas/Washougal to lunch at The Puffin Restaurant.

8/24 : Oswego Heritage Council Collector Car Show and Classic Boat Show (not an ACBS event)

8/30-9/2: Dry Rot Boat Show, Priest Lake, ID.

SEPTEMBER

9/5-9/7: Wooden Boat Festival, Port Townsend, WA (not an ACBS event).

9/11: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke – 503-502-6449.

9/14: CWC cruise from Willamette Park, Portland to Coon Island to picnic.

9/15-9/21: ACBS International Classic Boat Show and Vintage Boat Week, Clayton, NY.

9/22-10/3: Mahogany and Merlot Boat Show, Chelan, WA sponsored by Pacific Northwest Chapter and the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum.

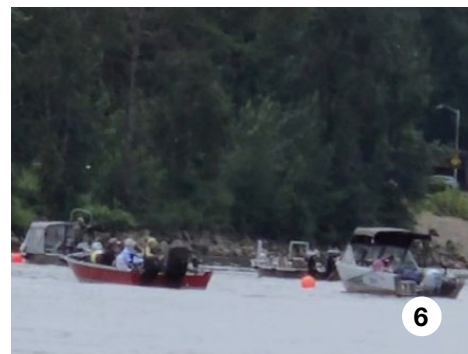
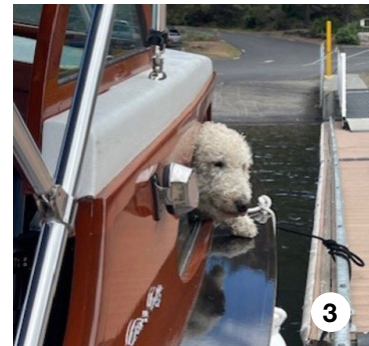


Photo 1: “Lasata” is owned by new members Bobby Brown and Dan Schupert. **Photos 2 and 3:** Blue skies and canyon views and dog-friendly accommodation at Lake Simtustus Resort. **Photos 4 through 6:** The June chapter cruise featured views of the Sellwood Bridge, dragon boats, and salmon fishing on the Willamette River. **Photo 7:** The mirror-like water at the Willamette Park in West Linn it made it difficult to see the boat ramp. **Photo 8:** The view from Mike Stevens’ and Linda Edward’s riverfront home shows seven visiting boats. **Photo 9:** Frank Robinson was towed back to the Newberg dock for a quick repair. .

ON THE ROCKS By Sandee Barr

🚣 Welcome aboard CWC Chapter members **Bobby Brown** and **Dan Shupert**, of Portland, Oregon. They are the proud owner of “Lasata”, a 1948 18’ Chris Craft. They’ve had a bunch of classic cars and always wanted to get a wooden boat. Having recently moved here from Texas, they are new to boating. We look forward to seeing you on the water and at chapter events.

🚣 In May, numerous members and their vessels spent several days of spring boating at a new rendezvous location, Lake Simtustus Resort (lakesimtustusresort.com), near Madras. Everyone enjoyed canyon views, smooth water, clear skies, and of course – food! Next year’s gathering has been already set for May

18 to 22. The resort has many amenities: tiny houses and RVs to rent, spaces for your own RV, marina, pickleball court, mini-put golf, sauna, and more. Make your reservations now and mention that you are part of the antique boat club.

🚣 New Oregon City on the Willamette River was the destination for a Chapter cruise in June. Boats launched at Portland’s Willamette Park with a closeup view of dragon boats, then traveled upstream through a slalom course of fishing boats to dock and walk to the River-shore Bar and Grill for lunch.

🚣 Another chapter cruise on the upper Willamette River saw boats launch at Rogers Land-

ing County Park in Newberg and Willamette Park in West Linn to cruise upstream to the home of **Mike Stevens** and **Linda Edwards**. During the trip upstream, Frank Robinson had to be towed back to the Newberg dock by Bob Brown after a cable malfunction. The problem was quickly found and repaired. Eagles, osprey, and blue heron were spotted along the way. A catered lunch of ribs, brisket, and more was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and conversations flowed through the afternoon. Upon departure, the boats were supposed to line for a photo, but someone was quoted as saying, “Which way do we go?”



Above : Dan and Lora Hecht (top left) share a passion for boating. Over the course of their almost 60 years of marriage, this has manifested as an overarching theme in their lives, from the small details, like a patio bench reflecting their love o boating (top right) ... to their home port on the Willamette River (bottom right).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – DAN and LORA HECHT: A Lifetime on the Water

Dan and Lora Hecht are charter members of the CWC chapter of ACBS. This December, they will celebrate 60 years of marriage. They met while attending summer classes at Portland State University—not because they were behind, but because they wanted to graduate early. Dan launched an insurance business, Hecht & Hecht, with his brother, specializing in health and life insurance, while Lora devoted herself to raising their five children. Though they struggled financially, they never lost sight of their dream: living on the river and owning a boat. Managing a group of apartments provided a steppingstone—free rent and a salary. Eventually, they purchased a home with a place for a boat. One fateful day, Dan spotted a rough black painted wooden boat perched on 50-gallon drums. The owner wanted \$600, but Dan negotiated to \$300 and borrowed a trailer to bring it home. This was the start of a major restoration and the first step toward their boating dreams.

By 1972, the Hechts set their sights on a larger home, ideally on the river. Dan found a house inland, ready to seal the deal—until Lora discovered the perfect home on the Willamette River. The house had been vacant for two years and needed serious work. Lora took down the “For Sale” sign, and Dan drove straight to the bank. They secured the home for \$48,000, later transforming it into their beautiful riverside dream. Owning a home on the river provided lovely views and direct access to Portland’s waterways but also came with risks. Most notable was the

great flood of 1996, which left 4 feet of water inside their home. True to form, they took it in stride and repaired the damage without hesitation.

As Dan’s insurance business thrived, Lora immersed herself in volunteer work, leading urban walking tours for young students and out-of-town visitors. She also became a Mahjong expert, founding three Portland Mahjong clubs.

Dan and Lora’s love for boating shaped cherished memories, from fishing and skiing to camping trips with their kids. Dan believes nothing feels better than a wooden boat on the water, and Lora recalls people lining up just to ski behind their boat, drawn to the wake it produced. Their passion for mahogany was contagious, leading to a growing fleet that included both wooden and plastic boats. For years, they braved deep waters on their 44’ Tiara, reveling in offshore fishing adventures. Their prized collection includes: 1956 Chris-Craft Continental 23’ – Splish Splash (Hercules 6 158), 1959 Chris-Craft Continental 18’ – Hex-a-Float (Crusader 8 350), 1943 Chris-Craft Continental 18’ – Splash (Chris-Craft 6 104).

Their love for boating has been passed on to their children and grandchildren. Their grandson, Jackson, is now the chapter’s youngest member, working with Mike Mayer to continue the Hecht family legacy. As Dan says, “Wooden boats are just classy. People love to see them on the water.”



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The Brothers' Car Collection (thebrotherscollection.com) in Salem is a private assortment of more than 600 cars, with over 300 vehicles on display in a closely-held secret location not open to the public. There are muscle cars, exotic sports cars, and more. Private tours can be arranged for groups up to 50 people for \$1000. Every dollar generated through ticket and tour sales is donated to an Oregon non-profit. It's important to The Brothers that the money raised here goes back to the community they love. Our chapter is looking into a tour in October if there are enough people interested to defray the costs. If you are interested in joining our tour, contact Jim West.





Photo 1: Two Arleigh Burk-class (Flight III) Aegis guided-missile destroyers (DDG), USS Jack H. Lucas, DDG 125 and USS Mustin, DDG 88, were docked in Portland during Portland's Fleet Week. **Photo 2:** USCGC Eagle (WIX-327) is a 295-foot U.S. Coast Guard training ship, three-masted barque, known as America's Tall Ship, seen passing under the St John's bridge en route to Portland's waterfront. **Photo 3:** USS Mustin DDG88, on the Willamette River near downtown Portland. **Photo 4:** The USCG Homeland Security team was with volunteer Walt Haynes during the inspection to allow PT 658 permission to enter the security zone around the Naval ships docked along the Portland waterfront.

PT 658 BOAT NEWS, continued from front cover

The PT 658, a shining example of naval history brought vividly to life, has continued to be a source of pride and fascination for its dedicated crew and visitors alike. With every passing season, the passionate all-volunteer team works tirelessly to preserve and enhance this iconic

vessel, ensuring it remains seaworthy and true to its World War II legacy. For more information about the history and restoration of PT 658 visit: www.savetheptboatinc.com.



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