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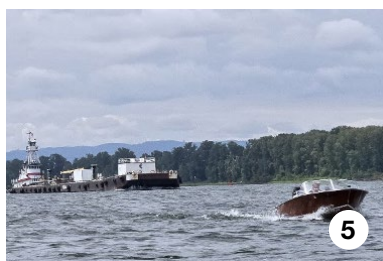
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ON THE ROCKS by Sandee Barr

☞ A new member from Canby joins our ranks, **Kelly Sampson**. Boating is in Kelly's DNA, having a boating license before a driver's license. His list of water crafts has contained hydroplanes, canoes, single shells, a pond dinghy, and power boats, including a 1954 Wagemaker Wolverine (Photo 1) and a 1958 Crestliner (Photo 2).

☞ Welcome also new member, **Steven Youkey**, the proud owner of a 1950 17' Chris Craft Runabout. Steven posted a help request on Facebook, asking about attaching a throttle to his boat. An email exchange with a CWC member included his comment: "Thanks for all the info... I really appreciate it. This is exactly the kind of help I was looking for when I joined up." We're glad you joined up, too!

☞ The West Linn's Old Time Fair at Willamette Park was the site of a CWC-ACBS boat show on the Willamette River. Ten boats were on display on July 13 for all to admire. **Michael Sheets** presented **Bob Brown** with the People's Choice award (Photo 3) for his home-built 23' Glen L Belle Isle named

"Dream." Thanks go to **Frank Robinson** for carving this year's trophy. Hot weather and beautiful boats — that's what summer is all about.

☞ A cruise from Ridgefield, WA to St. Helen's, OR, took place on July 21 with a small fleet meandering down Lake River to its confluence with the Columbia River. A brief crossing brought us to the public docks for a short walk to the Plymouth Pub for a meal. (Photo 4) It seems there's always food involved with our adventures. And you never know what we'll be sharing the mighty Columbia with—a tug and barge (Photo 5), a sailboat, or an ocean-going vessel.

☞ More cruising, food, and summer sun were enjoyed August 17 as nine boats ventured on the Columbia River again, this time upstream from the Gleason Boat Ramp in Portland to the Port of Camas / Washougal. Lunch was enjoyed by a record number of people (38!) at the floating Puffin restaurant (Photo 6). We love places where you can cruise in, dock, then walk to eat.

☞ CWC-ACBS members enjoyed four days at the Inland Empire's "Dry Rot" boat event over Labor Day weekend. Dinners, a poker run, cruises, public viewing, a "roar off," a boat parade, and more kept participants busy on Priest Lake enjoying sun and water.



LAST CRUISES OF THE SEASON

Cruise Columbia & Willamette Rivers
September 21

Bring-your-own-sack lunch to floating homes on the channel.

RSVP required to Jim 503-422-8104 by Sept. 18

Cruise the Columbia River
September 22
to Vancouver waterfront

Lunch at Waterfront Taphouse

RSVP required to Margaret 503-341-7562 by Sept. 19

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a summer it's been for our boating group! We kicked things off with the Lake Simtustus Retreat in May—sun, water, and great company made for a perfect start to the season. July brought us the West Linn Boat Show, where we showed off our boats and caught up with friends. Throughout the summer, we enjoyed countless cruises along the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, soaking in the views, the laughter, and the memories made along the way.

One of the highlights was our time at Tenmile Lake in Lakeside, where the Poker Run brought out everyone's competitive spirit (and some very creative poker hands!). Beyond the games, it was all about the hours spent floating, chatting, grilling, and enjoying

each other's company. There's nothing quite like sharing these moments with folks who love the water as much as we do.

Now, as the days grow shorter and the evenings turn cool, it's time to start thinking about winterizing the boats and wrapping up another great season. Pleasant weather persists into September in our part of the world, so another chapter cruise or two may yet occur. Watch your email for details.

This has been another boating season for the record books. Someone once told me, "Don't be sad that it will soon be over—be happy that it happened." I'll keep that in mind as I look forward to doing it all again next year.

-Michael Sheets, CWC-ACBS President

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YOUR BOATING PHOTOS!

Our chapter is very active and we take lots of photos. If you are willing to share, please email your photos in JPG format to Bill Bowling (bill.bowling@me.com) for the CWC website and to Wendy Nelson (wenn@msn.com) for the newsletter and Facebook. Photos of your boat are also needed for this year's Holiday Party. Those can be sent to Bob Brown (bob@brown-financial.com). Let's show everyone how much we love classic boats!



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PT 658 NEWS by Jack Coulter

The volunteers of PT 658 had busy summer. In July, the PT 658 crew generously provided an cruise on the Willamette River to Portland Sea Scouts to promote interest in history and boating. In August, donors were recognized with an outing and lunch at PT 658. The final outing of the season recognized the contributions of Tom Cates; a longtime volunteer associated with the boat who passed on earlier this year. His family honored him by laying a wreath in his honor. (Photo 2)

The installation of a vintage BN Radar transmitter/receiver was recently finished. The BN unit was donated by the Battleship Cove Museum in Fall River, MA. Volunteers **Jerry Gilmartin** and **Jack Coulter** installed it following Navy drawings. The work included procuring

cabling, connectors, and a few other components to restore the BN unit cosmetically. They also made the aluminum mounting brackets needed to install the unit in the correct location.

Don Cameron (seen in Photo 1 with **Fred Juras**, Secretary, Save the PT Boat, Inc.) led a project to provide an enclosed office space in the boat house, including paneled walls, a sliding window, upgraded power and lighting to provide a new space for administrative work.

Plans are underway to dry dock the boat in October to complete hull repairs along with routine hull maintenance. For more information about the history and activities of PT 658, visit www.savetheptboatinc.com.

CWC-ACBS 2025 CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

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

9/21: Cruise (weather permitting) from Gleason Boat Ramp on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, to a BYO-sack lunch at floating homes on the channel.

9/22: Cruise (weather permitting) from Gleason Boat Ramp to Vancouver waterfront docks, to lunch at the Waterfront Taphouse.

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

9/30-10/5: Mahogany and Merlot Boat Show, Chelan, WA sponsored by Pacific Northwest Chapter and the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum.

OCTOBER

10/9: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke – 503-502-6449.

10/13: General Membership dinner at Gustav's in Vancouver, 3:00-6:00 PM.

10/18: Board Meeting hosted at Michael and Sandi Sheet's home, 11:00 AM.

NOVEMBER

11/2: Annual General Membership meeting and elections at the Butteville General Store.

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

DECEMBER

12/1: Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction at the Portland Yacht Club.



Top: Batwater Station's floating home was a perfect setting for the mid-day meal. **Bottom:** Smooth waters along the channel adjacent to the Columbia River made for calm docking and dining.

A DAY IN PARADISE AT BATWATER STATION

by Margaret Horn

A heartfelt thank-you goes to **Mike Tilson** and **Karin Hunt** for graciously hosting the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of ACBS at their stunning retreat, Batwater Station. This little slice of paradise is nestled along a stretch of the Columbia River near Clatskanie, OR, and offers an unforgettable escape.

Captain Tom led six boats and 26 guests to the floating home on the riverfront dock. As we motored in, we were welcomed—not just by Mike and Karin, but by their spirited dog, Molly Brown, pelicans, ospreys, and purple martins. We enjoyed with sunshine and perfect temperature. The charming birdhouse complexes scattered around the property added a whimsical touch to the landscape.

From the delicious food to the generous tours of their two incredible boats, every detail was thoughtfully curated. Mike even gave us a peek into his impressive collection of vintage cars and motorcycles.

It was one of those rare days when everything aligned perfectly: great company, stunning scenery, and calm water on the Columbia River. If you are looking for a peaceful getaway, Batwater Station is listed on Airbnb with a floating home, yurts, RV spots, and more. Whether you are seeking tranquility, adventure, or just a place to unwind, this hidden gem on the Columbia River delivers it all!



THE TRADING DOCK

For Sale: F1986 Century Coronado Cardel, 21', original 454 c.i. engine with 2023 TBI fuel injection system (photos above). Comes with a matching 1986 Trail Rite bunk trailer with 4,800-lb capacity and custom snap-on boat cover. Stringers and floor replaced. Original upholstery, hardware, paint, electric fridge, stereo, sink with electric pump, and very cool sliding top. \$17,900 OBO. Contact Jeff 253-820-1624.

For Sale: Props to replace what you have or carry as a spare:

- 12x15 LH Nibral 3 blade prop, 1" bore. \$125
- 12x15 RH Equipoise 3 blade prop, 1" bore. \$75
- 12x12 RH 3 blade prop, 1" bore. \$50

Contact Jim 360-735-5680.



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2ND ANNUAL LAKESIDE VINTAGE FAIR by Margaret Horn

In July, the Columbia Willamette Chapter traveled to the Southern Oregon Coast for the 2nd Annual Lakeside Boat and Car Show. Held on the stunning Tenmile Lake, the event combined natural beauty, vintage charm, and unforgettable hospitality.

With over 2,000 acres of freshwater surrounded by forested mountains, Tenmile Lake is a hidden Oregon gem. Visitors enjoy boating, swimming, water skiing, and fishing on the lake. For those seeking more adventure, the nearby Oregon Dunes offered dune buggy rentals and thrilling rides.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to **Dave Grover**, owner of the Lakeshore Inn, along with his family and staff, for going above and beyond to make this event truly special. Their attention to detail and warm welcome made all the difference.

Highlights included:

- **Friday Night**- Live music and a "Sock Hop" with attendees in vintage attire to dance the night away (Photo 1).
- **Saturday**: A vintage fair with local vendors, a spectacular car show, and a Poker Run organized by Don Cameron as a fun and scenic way to explore the lake.
- **Sunday**: Our boat show on the docks featuring 14 beautiful vessels (Photo 2), with Marilyn Monroe and Dean Martin impersonators entertaining the crowd (Photo 3).

From classic cars and boats to live entertainment and delicious local food, the event was a celebration of craftsmanship and community. We are already looking forward to next year!



BROTHERS CAR COLLECTION TOUR

Our chapter is hoping to book a tour of the Brothers Car Collection (thebrotherscollection.com) in Salem next spring if there is enough interest. Private tours are \$1,000 for groups of up to 50 people, and a list of attendees is required in advance. The CWC Board of Directors approved a fee of \$35 per person (20 or more required) and will cover the

remaining cost. This event would include carpooling to Salem, lunch at local establishments, and the tour. Invite your friends and let's get a group together for this once-in-a-lifetime event. RSVP by November 10 to Jim West at wccb@comcast.net.

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