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Left: Jack Coulter's "Wood Duck," a 1962 17' Tollycraft "Roustabout" with a full crew at the 2021 ACBS International Boat Show. Jack is seen in the middle of the front seat, with his wife Cheryl Wyborny at the helm.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JACK COULTER

Jack Coulter continues his lifelong connection to boating by agreeing to be CWC's Weekday Cruise Director for 2026. Jack has been involved in boating as long as he can remember, from boating with his family growing up in Michigan, building a popular mechanics 8' hydro as an early teenager, racing APBA outboards, working as a Mercury outboard mechanic, and joining the U.S. Navy. His time in the Navy led to an interest in sailing as he assisted in the completion of a 45' ferrocement ketch that eventually sailed to Tahiti.

After earning a degree in mechanical engineering, he worked for the U.S. Navy as a civilian engineer in Ship

Building, Conversion & Repair in San Francisco. He also worked in oil and gas pipeline valve design and manufacturing, where he met a fellow sailor. This led to crewing on race boats in the Bay Area and which also led to purchasing a 38' Stephens Farallone Clipper wooden sloop (pictured on Page 5) that he owned for many years.

After moving to Oregon, one more sailboat that he restored and raced (a 32' Ericson), was in his future. That boat has since been passed on to another captain.

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The annual CWC-ACBS Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 5:00-8:30 PM at the Portland Yacht Club.

The elegant holiday setting and a tasty buffet will certainly be enjoyed by all, along with a few games and door prizes. The annual Silent Auction is a highlight of the evening. Not only is it our biggest fundraiser of the year, it is also a

perfect opportunity to snag a unique gift for the holidays, rehome treasures you no longer need, regift those items that aren't quite your style (we won't tell!), or treat yourself to something special. Items do not need to be boating-related, either. If you have items to donate, please contact Margaret Horn at marghorn@msn.com or text 503-341-7562.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2025 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible year it's been for our boating community. From sunny cruises to memorable dockside gatherings, this year has been filled with great times and even greater company. None of it would have been possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our members who continue to make this chapter such a welcoming and active group.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our Board members for their tireless support and teamwork throughout the year. Your efforts behind the scenes make all our events run smoothly and ensure that every outing is a success. I'd also like to extend special thanks

to Doug Shone, who stepped in as our new Social Director, and to Jack Coulter, who took on the role of Weekday Cruise Director. Your willingness to jump in and contribute is truly appreciated by all of us.

As we look ahead to 2026, I encourage every member to consider getting more involved with the chapter. Serving on the Board is a rewarding way to share your ideas, build friendships, and help shape the future of our chapter. Fresh perspectives and new energy keep our group vibrant—so if you've ever thought about volunteering, now's the perfect time to step aboard!

-Michael Sheets, CWC-ACBS President



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CWC-ACBS 2025-2026 CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 2025

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

DECEMBER 2025

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

12/6: CWC-ACBS Board Meeting 11:00 AM, Bob and Wendy Nelson's home.

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

JANUARY 2026

1/7 – 1/11: Portland Boat Show at the Portland Expo Center. Contact Don Purdy, 503-310-9451.

1/8: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

FEBRUARY 2026

2/12: Pearl Girls Lunch, 11:00 AM, Portland Yacht Club. RSVP to Sandra Bakke, 503-502-6449.

2/12: Crab Feed, Butteville General Store. Details TBD.



Above: CWC-ACBS members enjoy dinner at the Butteville General Store at the general membership elections in November.

ON THE ROCKS by Sandee Barr

✍ The Oregon State Marine Board will be emailing motorboat registration renewal notices to boaters who have email addresses on file whose registration expires on December 31, 2025. Each renewal notice is unique to the owner and their boat.

Owners are encouraged to take advantage of the online renewal option, and the email has detailed instructions for using the Boat Oregon Store. For boaters who do not have an email address on file with the agency, renewal notices will be sent via U.S. Mail and should arrive by mid-November.

✍ The CWC-ACBS general membership elections were held on Sunday, November 2 at the Butteville General Store. **President Michael Sheets, Vice President Frank Robinson, Treasurer Bob Nelson, and Secretary Wendy Nelson** all remain in office for another year.

Jack Coulter is welcomed at the 2026 Weekday Cruise Director and **Doug Shone** is the new Social Director for 2026. We thank the previous Weekend Cruise Director, **Tom Horn**, and the previous Social Director, **Margaret Horn**, for their time and effort to keep our activities rolling along.

✍ The ACBS website (acbs.org) contains a wealth of information for members. One resource that may interest you is a list of Marque Clubs found under the "Resource" tab along the top of the ACBS website. Marque Clubs are groups of people interested in a particular brand or manufacturer of boats of style of boats. These clubs offer more specific historical information and possibly a way to exchange parts and knowledge. There is a long list of boat-related Marque Clubs to ACBS. Websites, when available, are linked to the name of the club. Check out one that matches your boat.

NEW CWC-ACBS SOCIAL DIRECTOR – DOUG SHONE

Hello to members of the Columbia Willamette Chapter of the ACBS. My name is **Doug Shone**. My wife **Rainee** and I have been members of ACBS since September 2016. The picture below was taken in 2016 at our very first ACBS event at the Northern California/Tahoe Chapter's Delta Weekend in Isleton, California. We enjoy meeting ACBS members and have attended many events throughout Northern California, New York, Idaho, and Oregon.

I have served on the Board of the Nor Cal/Tahoe Chapter and I am currently on the CWC Board. I look forward to serving you as your new Social Director for 2026. If I don't already know you, I hope to meet you soon at one of our many events. If you haven't been to one of our events lately, I hope that you will consider attending one in 2026!



FROM BLUE WATER TO BROWN: A Captain's Tale

At the recent Butteville General Store event, a fantastic presentation was made by **Jesse Haas** (photo at right), someone who truly embodies the meaning of hard work, perseverance, and dedication to his craft. He entertained the crowd with stories of adventures on the water, both near and far.

Jesse is a professional boat captain whose maritime journey began at age 19, when he took a summer job as a cook on a tugboat from Seattle to Alaska. He hated that first trip and swore he'd never step on a tugboat again — but fate had other plans.

The following summer, out of money and opportunity, Jesse reluctantly took the same job again. This time, he fell in love with life at sea and decided to pursue a career as a merchant marine.

By age 24, Jesse earned his first captain's license and began towing boats to the boatyard



Above: Jesse Haas piloting the PT 658 on the Willamette River with Bob Nelson.

in San Diego. After three years of hands-on experience, he qualified as mate on a large ocean-going tug and joined Sause Brothers, running 130-foot tugs from the West Coast to the East Coast via the Panama Canal — even weathering four named hurricanes, including Katrina.

In 2006, Jesse joined Bernert Barge Lines, mastering the challenging Columbia River route from Astoria to Lewiston.

Today, he serves as a Senior Captain, Board Member, and Coast Guard Examiner, continuing to mentor the next generation of mariners.

What connection does Jesse have with CWC-ACBS? In his spare time, Jesse captains the largest boat in the Chapter's fleet — PT 658. Many of our members have had the pleasure of joining him as he handles this historic boat on the Willamette and Columbia rivers. If you happen to meet Captain Jesse on the water (or any other tug with a barge), please pass behind the tug and barge rather than in front and give them plenty of room.



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Left: Jack Coulter's Farallone Clipper, "Echo," is shown sailing under spinnaker during a race in San Francisco Bay in the early 2000s. **Right:** Echo sailing upwind with the crew "on the rail" during a one design race.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JACK COULTER, continued from front cover

Jack currently owns a 17' wood Tollycraft runabout that can be trailered to many places and is kept in the garage. That boat will do for life right now. His experience and knowledge include sailing, racing, navigation, understanding and mitigating risks. This experience along

with about 10 years boating in Washington and Oregon will help plan and complete some fun chapter outings on area rivers and lakes as the Weekday Cruise Director.

TWO FAQS ANSWERED by the ACBS Website

Just how old does a boat need to be to be considered a classic boat?

- **Historic:** A boat built up to and including 1918.
- **Antique:** A boat built between 1919 and 1942.
- **Classic:** A boat built between 1943 and 1975.
- **Late Classic:** A boat built 1976 to the year 25 prior to the current year.
- **Contemporary:** A wooden boat built within the last 25 years.

My boat is old enough to be a classic, but it is fiberglass or aluminum. Is that a problem?

No — as long as your boat is over 25 years old it qualifies as a classic boat. Actually, fiberglass and aluminum boats are a rapidly growing source of members in the ACBS community. Both are relatively inexpensive and offer both challenges and benefits to their owners. No matter what your boat, you will always find members that share your particular interest.

SAVE THE DATE



Portland Boat Show

January 7 – 11, 2026

Portland Expo Center

CWC-ACBS boats on display

Items from historic PT 658

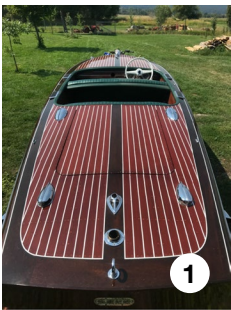
THE TRADING DOCK

For Sale: 1949 Chris Craft 17' Deluxe - Owner restored under the guidance of Dave Jerome, this Deluxe has been completely refastened, stripped, stained and varnished. Bottom was refastened while undergoing Dave's "Sika 1A" process. New upholstery and the original K motor runs great. Boat is in Enterprise, OR and is ready to roar. Asking \$25,000 OBO. Contact Randy 541-263-1008. (See Photo 1.)

For Sale: 1973 Dan Arena Custom Model 21XL. \$20,000 Fresh rebuild on the original 455 Oldsmobile motor, by PER. New American Turbine jet pump. Re-assembly professionally done by Motion Marine in 2024. Great running and super fun boat. Includes trailer with brand new tires and bearings. Turn key and ready to go! Contact Mike 503-686-0599 or mikem@loboat.com. (See Photo 2.)

For Sale: 1961 Thompson I/O - \$45,000. No-expense-spared restoration completed in 2019. New bottom, decks, inside seats, two sets of upholstery, full canvas, custom Ryan Trailer. Volvo Penta I/O rebuilt by Metro Marine. Runs great but hasn't gotten very much use since completion. This boat was purchased brand new at Meier and Frank in Portland in 1961. Turn key and ready to cruise! Contact Mike 503-686-0599 or mikem@loboat.com. (See Photo 3.)

For Sale: 1983 Mercedes SL380 Hard top convertible - \$15,000. Has been in storage for many years. Sent to Hartman Motors over the summer and made to run. It has received light but regular use this summer. Very clean but not perfect. This is a great car for your desert house or beautiful summer days! Turn key and ready to roll! Contact Mike 503-686-0599 or mikem@loboat.com. (See Photo 4.)



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