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RED AND WHITE

OK, I have to admit I had to do a little scrambling after Scott Mason called me on Monday the 20th and informed me that I had signed up to do the newsletter for May of 2020! Yikes!

With all that is going on in the world right now, I lost track of this. So, I have to take us all on a trip back in time to when we had real lives and did real boating adventures! It also had to be a time that I had photos to talk about.

First up I want to talk about our long time member and past President (twice), Dick Dow and his love for Chris Craft Red and White boats.

His first one was Tango, which he had completely rebuilt years ago when he lived in Kirkland. He has many memories from that boat and a few years ago, he sold to someone in Idaho. He found that he missed it so he had me bid for one on Ebay for him that he knew all about. He knew where it had been rebuilt, he knew the guy that owned it and had sent the original Chrysler Royal 8 cylinder Flathead to be completely rebuilt.



Here is a picture of when Dick and I launched it into Lake Washington after he had Alan Thomle put a coat of paint on the hull.

With the winning bid, Dick and I drove out to the peninsula to retrieve it from where it was stored.

He used it for a year or so with the Chrysler motor but found that his previous boat Tango, with a 454 V8 engine performed more to his liking so he decided to sell the Chrysler and rebuild a 454 that Joe Frauenheim had offered to him.

Well, the Chrysler is departed and the 454 is in Dick's garage on a dolly and he and Craig will be doing there magic to get it ready to install this summer.



Here is a picture showing Dick with Ron Stevenson and me when we got to Queen City Yacht Club.



Here is Dick ready to go. He has everything he needs, his cell phone and a beer!

*Dick is one of the most knowledgeable people on the planet with regard to the Red and White.
"Mr. Red and White".*



UPCOMING EVENTS

The way things are working out now with the quarantine in place, we will have to wait and see if we can host a "Family Fun Day" on Lake Tapps in June. Scott Mason and I will keep an eye on things and get a report out in the coming month.

Here is a picture showing Lake Tapps at dusk with Mount Rainer in the background. It is a lovely place to be on a nice day!



Another event that we should be able to attend is in the first week of October. That is actually two events. One is a trip to Stehekin on Lake Chelan and the second is Mahogany and Merlot that the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum does such a great job with.

This photo shows a past Mahogany and Merlot event that was held at Campbell's Resort a few years ago.



The trip up to Stehekin is always a great adventure! Here are some pictures of the first time my wife Jodi could come as she had been doing hospice care for her aging father for a couple of years and I had made the trip with Craig Magnusson in the past. This time it was in our "classic" 25th anniversary edition Mastercraft Stars and Stripes which was 25 years old when we bought it, making it fit the Classic designation of our Antique and Classic Boat Society.



I think you can tell from the photo that Jodi is enjoying herself!

This next picture is showing us on the way up and running with Dick and Kathy's Red and White. When things got a little rough on the way back, we got in right behind them.



There is always a good group that makes the trip up to Stehekin. Just a few of those who came are seen below, including: Jerry and Christine Palmer, Kelly and Jenni Williamson , me and Jodi, behind us are Rob and Susan DaPron, Dick and Kathy Dow and their friends (and ours), Mike and Suzie Hargraves on the right. I don't know the couple on the left in back.



One of the literally famous places in Stehekin is the bakery which is about a two mile walk or short bike ride. They rent bicycles there and it is a great place to ride. The food at the bakery is legendary!

Here are photos of Jodi and me and also Dick and Kathy.



So, this October, plan on making the trip up to Stehekin with the gang. It is memorable to say the least! We go in a group so there is always someone around if you need any help. These last photos are just to show some of the beauty and majesty of the area. Oh... and Craig Magnusson skiing behind Brian Flaherty's 1969 Chris Craft ski boat named "Tupperware". Oh and... The landscape is the majestic part...



President's Message



This sucks, plain and simple! We hear on the news daily that one of the long-lasting results of the Covid 19 outbreak is that many will suffer from PTSD, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, resulting in the need for therapy. I would suspect that like me, most of you know what kind of therapy we need...to be on the water on our boats. Governor Inslee has announced that on May 5 the State will lift restrictions on fishing, hunting and allow previously closed boat ramps to open. I interpret that to mean he is also easing restrictions on recreational boating. Unfortunately, that comes exactly 4 days too late for Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day 2020 Boating Parade, traditionally the first on the water event for the ACBS-PNW.

Please put on your schedules to join me on June 10 at Chinooks at Salmon Bay – 1900 W Nickerson St. Seattle, WA. Hopefully by that date we can dine at the restaurant but if not, we will have "take out" and gather on our boats at the dock. Join us with or without a boat for a meal and boat ride.

I will conclude with just a couple of other items. I was disappointed that the really good article in the spring edition of the ACBS Rudder publication featuring Yandt Boats did not include any reference to the recent history of Greyhound. The article in the Rudder seems to highlight Greyhound as the finest and most historic boat built ever built by Yandt, but fail to advise of its present status. Perhaps in the future the Rudder will include an article on Alan Thomle's rescuing the boat from the bottom of Lake Coeur d'Alene and restoration of my favorite PNW boat. Finally, on the personal front I had informed the nominating committee of the National ACBS that I would not be serving another two-year term on the Board of Directors. That has changed as of the 25th of April as I am now the Treasurer of the ACBS International and will be on the ballot to be the Treasurer for next year.

Scott

Let's go boating – online! acbs-pnw.org

We'd like you to take a look at your new Pacific Northwest chapter website at acbs-pnw.org. You'll see a list of upcoming events with a link to more details, how to join, and photo albums of some event highlights.

There are a few steps to take to create a log in and password in order to see the Members section. On the home page, click on the little person login icon in the top right corner. Enter your email address then click on **Forgot Password**. An email will be sent to you with log in instructions. Follow those prompts and set up your password.

Under the Members menu, there are dropdown choices for the Directory, an archive of Newsletters, the PNW board members and Meeting minutes. Only members when logged in can see this area.

You can update your own information displayed in the Directory. You'll want to add your boat name(s). Under the same little person log in/out icon, choose View Profile. You can add a small head shot to your profile, In order to add some boat pictures, click on Member Photo Album and Create and name your album. Follow the online instructions to create your album and upload pictures.

Kirk Knapp will keep the members directory up to date. Ron Stevenson has volunteered to keep the events area current and add photos to the events photo albums that are visible to the public.

We're still working on adding content. I'd be happy to hear any and all feedback – any glitches you find, what's there and what's missing – and any other suggestions you may have. And thanks for giving me a project to help pass Covid time!

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