

# THE Wet Edge

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## ACBS – OUR FIRST TWELVE YEARS

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When I accepted the responsibility of being the Guest Editor for the January edition of Wet Edge, I hadn't a

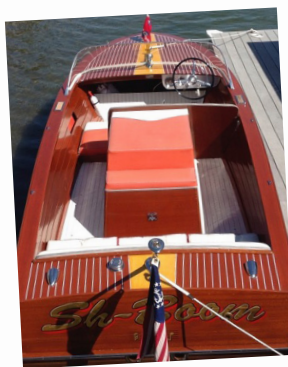
clue what the subject matter would be. Then I got to thinking how much has changed in my life as a result of joining the ACBS-Pacific Northwest Chapter. So plan to take you on a whirlwind trip down memory lane with me. My only regret is that I didn't join twenty years earlier.

To say that the ACBS has been a very big part of our lives over the last twelve years is an understatement! Like a James Michener book..."In the beginning", it all started with a weekend trip to Mahogany and Merlot to watch my brothers run their vintage Ron Jones '69 hydroplane. I fell in love with the antique and classic boats at the show and Ike Kielgass's Nameless became the screensaver on my computer for the next year, that was 2010.

The next year Patty booked a trip for my



birthday to the Concourse d' Elegance at Lake Tahoe. While wandering through the showroom of Sierra Boat works, I saw an advertisement for a 1959 Chris-Craft Ski Boat. I checked out the boat and on the drive home it was decided we should try to buy the boat. One week later I drove back to Tahoe and brought Sh-Boom home. I joined the ACBS-PNW on August 26, 2011 and attended M & M in the fall of that year where I met so many members of the Chapter that have become great friends and mentors.

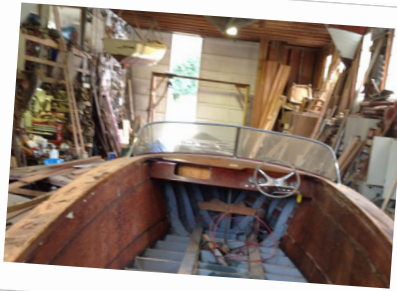


The next year at M & M, Patty and I had already decided we needed a bigger boat with more freeboard as it was impossible to enjoy a ride in 17' flat-bottomed Sh-Boom on Lake Tapps on a weekend. When I saw Tom and Janet Cathcart's

Huckleduck take the Lady of the Lake's wake at about 25mph on the way to Stehikan, I made up my mind then and there that I wanted a Shepherd. It took a year but finally found a 22 foot 1961 Shepherd with a V-drive with the original 413 cu. inch Chrysler Golden Commando engine. Craig Magnusson agreed to fly with me to Omaha, NE down and back same day to see the boat. After looking at the boat Craig said "It's not as bad as I expected, you should buy it".

**Rhubarb  
before  
restoration**

**Engine  
before  
rebuild**



### After restoration

In the fall of 2015 we attended the International Boat show at Gull Lake, Minnesota which began a tradition Patty and I never expected. We have taken Rhubarb to every International Boat Show since 2015. Each of our fall journeys has introduced us to amazing people and friends we will have forever. The shows are great. The locals always admire our boats and ask lots of questions. Ike Kielgass told me before our first trip that we would enjoy the pre-events more than the actual show. He was right, boating on beautiful and unique bodies of water alongside beautiful boats and like-minded boaters beats having our boats in "boat jail" while stuck on land.

I have written stories of some of these trips for past Wet Edge newsletters and I could tell aspects of each and everyone of the International boat Shows but instead I'm just going to give you a pictorial view of the shows we have attended. By the way, we have pulled Rhubarb 30k miles to these shows. We have never had a problem with the boat on any of these trips, however, I could write a whole another Wet Edge regarding towing issues including flat tires, failed brake calipers and blown transmission in tow rig.

Over the next year Alan Thomle "preserved" (technical term which means 80 percent of the deck and topsides were kept as opposed to "restored" which can include replacement of decks and topsides). I cannot overemphasize how much Alan turned a lemon into lemonade replacing the vinyl ceiling boards and carpeted floors with Sapele along with a thousand other changes to turn Rhubarb into a gorgeous boat. Marty Haack of Blockhead Machine rebuilt the engine, transmission and v-drive. To this date, 8 years later the only maintenance required has been changing impellers and thermostats, amazing. I am forever indebted to both of these professionals for making Rhubarb a very special boat, I am prejudice but she is just possibly the finest Shepherd afloat.



**After restoration**



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**2015 – Gull Lake Minnesota** - One hundred forty boats at John Allen's Bar Harbor Marina. The Scholarship dinner was held at Lee Anderson's home and boathouse on Lake Nisswa. Undoubtedly the most fantastic private boat house, boat collection and museum in the US. Note: The 2024 International Show will be held at this location, If you attend just one of these shows in your lifetime....make this the one!!



**Patty and Rob DaPron**



**Lee Anderson's museum**

**2016 – North Lake**

Tahoe with pre-events on the Sacramento River. It was 100 degrees on the Sacramento River and in the 30's at the show at Sierra Boatworks a couple of days later. Rhubarb hated the altitude, could barely get on plane.



**Pre-Event Sacramento River**

**Lake Tahoe cold**

**2017 – Racine, WI.**

Pre Events started with tour and boat pictures at Lambeau field, followed by cruises on Lake Winnebago and



three lakes near Madison ending up in a rainstorm on Lake Mindota.



**2018 – Port Huron Michigan.** Very near Algonac where it all began with Chris-Craft and Gar Wood. We skipped the

pre-events and took a side trip to Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada. Muskoka is the heart of all boats built in Canada. The only place we have been where the locals knew Rhubarb wasn't a Chris-Craft. The boathouses are amazing and a worthwhile trip for any boater that wants to experience a beautiful body of water.

We were also able to stop at Niagara On The

Lake, Ontario where Shepherds were built with a picture where the factory once stood.



**2019 – Thousand Island, NY.** The home of Thousand Island dressing...but that is a whole another story. Arguably the most beautiful place to go freshwater boating in the entire country. The pre-events included a cruise to Clayton, NY the headquarters of the Antique and Classic Boat Society and home of the Antique and Classic Boat Museum. Even if



you don't pull your boat the 2,833 miles to get there every boater should plan a trip to Thousand Islands, NY.

## Bold Mansion boat house

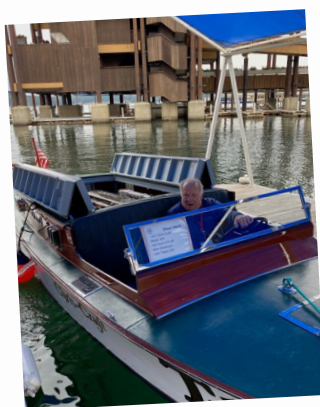
## 2020 – No Boat Show – Covid!

**2021 – Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.** Seems like just down the street compared to previous jaunts. The show was awesome after wonderful pre-events chaired by Brian and Kathy Fair on Priest Lake and Spokane River. The poker run, and lunch served from a pontoon boat was great. It was fun showing off our great northwest to out-of-towners.

**2022 – Burlington, Vermont.** Lake Champlain was the location of many battles during the American Revolution. The history was, and is, simply hard for me to comprehend. The pre-events took us to Essex, NY and Basin Harbor, VT. Speakers were fascinating at these locations talking about the battles on Lake Champlain and facts about Benedict Arnold and Benjamin Franklin. This was also a special trip as we were joined by Warren and Tracy Olson who made the journey with Blondie. This was also the site of the most unusual person I have seen at any boat show grounds.



Pre-Event Registration Fee (Each adult must pay a pre-event registration fee \$20)	4	\$20	\$80
<b>Priest Lake September 12-14</b>			
Includes Reception (Sun), Lunch (Mon), Dinner (Mon) and Breakfast (Tues)	0	\$180	\$0
Includes Reception (Sun), Lunch (Mon), Dinner (Mon)	4	\$155	\$620
I will use my own boat			
I can take additional passengers - How Many?	2	\$0	\$0
I/we need a ride - How many in your party?	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Coeur d'Alene September 13-14</b>			
Y13 Visit Historic Wallace, Idaho & Silver Mine Tour	0	\$46	\$0
Y14 Cruise from Coeur d'Alene to Harrison, Idaho with lunch	0	\$18	\$0
will use my own boat			
I can take additional passengers - How Many?	0	\$0	\$0
I/we need a ride - How many in your party?	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Coeur d'Alene September 15-16</b>			
5 Spokane River Breakfast/Poker Run	4	\$25	\$100
will use my own boat			
I can take additional passengers - How Many?	2	\$0	\$0



While our destination and purpose while driving across country was always the ACBS International Boat Show we always looked for interesting lakes to cruise either traveling to or from the Show. We have great memories from boating on Lake Geneva, Lake Sunapee and all the Great Lakes except Lake Erie.

Switching from port to starboard, during these first twelve years I became deeply involved in ACBS governance. It was an honor to serve as your president in 2019 and 2020. I have gained so many friends from within our PNW Chapter and shared great experiences including, M & M, Opening Day celebrations and all our spring and summer meetings at various locations on Lake Washington and Lake Union. Many of you probably recall the Quarterly Board Meeting of the International Officers and Board of Directors during Opening Day in 2016. Well, that led me down a totally unexpected path regarding serving as an Officer of the International. On that glorious spring day the Vice President, Rich Lepping and the Immediate Past President, Brian Gagnon of the International were assigned to join Patty and Me aboard Rhubarb for the parade. We met our-soon-to-become-great-friends Rich and Beth Lepping that day and subsequently Rich asked if I would entertain serving on the Board of Directors of the International. I never dreamed that spring day would lead to me serving on the Board of Directors for two years and serving as Treasurer for the organization for three years. Although, I am no longer on the BOD I am a member of the Chapter Development Committee working with others to secure the future of this great organization. By the way,

ever since I started attending Board Meetings in 2018 I am reminded at every meeting that the best quarterly meetings are always those hosted by the PNW. I know it is a lot of work for our chapter but if we were to consider doing it again, I would volunteer to chair that event, don't tell Patty. One of my favorite quotes is attributed to Mick Jagger, "If something is worth doing, it's worth overdoing".



Whoosh. Hard to imagine how much our lives have changed as a result of attending Mahogany and Merlot in 2010. While the material aspect of owning Rhubarb brings me great pride, the fantastic experiences of attending the last 7 International shows have created lasting memories. Friends in the ACBS is the biggest reward of all. Can't wait to see what the next twelve years brings.



## President's Letter from Corrine Lucas

The Month of December invites us to look back. We remember family and traditions from long ago. We tell old stories and make recipes that are cherished and become heirlooms to pass on. The month of January, with its new blank calendar page, beckons us forward - a new year, a fresh start, the opportunity to move ahead with intention. I would like everyone in the club to take this energy and imagine new possibilities for the year ahead. The board is meeting together on the 11th of this month (our only closed meeting) to work out the events calendar for the year. We invite you to reach out to any of us with your suggestions for MeetUps, trips, odysseys, tours, and events. It is my intention to fill 2023 with many opportunities to get together both on the water and off. Mostly, I want to increase our engagement. How do we draw people to our hobby? How do we encourage more members and the public to our events? The answer, I believe, lies with communication. Enhancing our newsletters, more email notifications for upcoming opportunities and events, increased social media exposure (aka free advertising) to draw more attention to our events and to draw new members to our hobby. Every small effort will create momentum. If we all chip in and contribute one small thing, just imagine what our focused efforts will yield for our little

group! This is the year for boat rides, boat chats, sharing boat pics, and reaching out for new boat people - or "old boat" people as the case may be.

These days everyone has a camera in their hands daily and the means to share their unique perspective. Many of the older generation (myself included) are hesitant to dive in. It takes a little bravery and sometimes assistance from a teenager to figure things out, but Instagram and Facebook are key platforms to share our boating experience with others. The links are now on our website (Thanks to Liz) and listed below. Please consider following and contributing your voice to these platforms. Capture the throaty rumble of your newly rebuilt V8, the glimmer of varnish and chrome, the grimy garage find that thrills the imagination and motivates a plan, the bright smiles and wind in the hair feeling of boating in the unique way we are privileged to enjoy. Let's create a stir of renewed enthusiasm on the web. Our style is perhaps not cutesy dances or pets in costumes - there is plenty of that on the web already - Our style is sleek lines, classic finishes, detail, quality, hard work, resilience, affable conversations and connection. Our style should be shared in this new way, with new people for our hobby to truly thrive. I hope that your December was



sweetly nostalgic and that you will join my efforts in January and the coming year to communicate your love for this hobby.

Sincerely,  
Corrine Lucas



As a very special note: The calendar is available on Amazon for folks that want to buy a paper calendar.

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January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## SPOKANE BOAT SHOW JANUARY 26,27,28,29.

Inland Empire ACBS event

Contact Bob Henshaw (509) 954-7032 cellspokane@yahoo.com

If you want to display a boat or volunteer to "Man" the booth.

## FEBRUARY

3rd - 11th - The Big Seattle Boat Show - Lumen Field Event Center - Seattle, WA

8th - Meeting Location TBD Zoom?

## MARCH

8th - Meeting at 6 pm

Ike's Garage-Mahal, Renton and Engines presentation by Craig Magnussen

## APRIL

12th - Meeting Location TBD

## MAY

6th - Opening Day of Boating "Game On" theme

10th - Meeting Location TBD

## SEPTEMBER

1st - 4th - Dry Rot Boat Show - Priest Lake, ID - Inland Empire

14th - 16th - ACBS International Boat Show - Petoskey, MI

## OCTOBER

5th - 8th - Stehekin, Mahogany and Merlot - Chelan, WA

Visit the ACBS website for Up Dates to the Events Calendar.

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# Seattle Boat Show 2023

## Volunteers Needed Friday Feb. 3rd – Saturday Feb. 11th

Again, good fortune shines on our chapter as we have been given two display areas in the Seattle Boat Show 2023, starting Friday February 3rd through Saturday Feb 11th. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our hobby!

Our larger booth is 30 feet long and 24 feet deep, a perfect size for two boats. Across the aisle, we have another space, 18 feet by 11 feet. This is a good size for our display table and “Bobber”, the kids’ boat ride. Please let me know if you have any ideas for two boats to display to represent our chapter at the show or new display ideas for the smaller space.

I would like your ideas for the final layout by January 15th. And...yes we need volunteers for the booth! Volunteers receive a free ticket for your volunteer day(s), paid by our chapter. If you want to attend the Friday night Sails & Ales events (wine and beer tasting), I believe the cost of those tickets is \$10, which includes admission. Unfortunately the chapter isn’t going to give you a free ticket to drink!

If you’re planning on attending the show for several days, for the seminars or the boats afloat show at Pier 61, etc. Please let me know so we can arrange to get you a badge for the whole show for \$10.

This year our displays are located in the back northeast corner of the East Hall (see diagram). Our space is in front of the northeast loading door so we will be last in, either Thursday night or early Friday morning before the show starts at 10 am.

There are a few changes for this year’s show. Volunteers will not be given lanyards by the boat show so please bring along a past boat show lanyard if you have one. If you buy a badge, it will be electronic on your phone, no lanyards or name tags as in past years.

Mark your calendars, send me your display ideas, and I’ll be sending out the volunteer sign up info in the coming weeks.

See you at the **BIG SEATTLE BOAT SHOW!**

**Ron Stevenson, Boat Show Chair**

