



Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Chapter Antique & Classic Boat Society

THE WET EDGE

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NEW BOARD MEMBER - RON WILSON

By: Maria Wilson

Welcome to Ron Wilson, one of our new 2023 Board members. Ron and his wife Maria joined the ACBS PNW Chapter in September of 2021 after meeting some members at Gene Coulon Park in Renton while they were having a meetup and discussion on one of the member's boat upkeep. A chance meeting that resulted in the last two years of fun. I ran for the board to become more involved and give back. It has resulted in a lot of expert advice and helpful restoration opinions.



Ron has been involved with boating since childhood. His parents had a 1959 24' Owens which he later inherited, impressed his future wife with it and then sold it.



The 'Dolphin'

Ron has been completely rebuilding a 1936 19' Chris-Craft Runabout named 'Shore Bird'. Of course, this is a big project and there has been a lot of help from the chapter members and others with parts of the process. Ron has done a lot of the work himself including both woodwork and mechanical tasks. More on the 'Shore Bird' in a future article. Some of the progress has been captured in video and photos on our chapter Instagram page click here to follow : <https://www.instagram.com/acbspacnw/>

In 1972 he met his future wife at the Seafair Hydroplane races on a little work boat at which he was hosting a party, compliments of his then boss Tom Hurlin. Those races were annual events for Ron and Maria and others from then on. In a few years Ron began having fun with racing C Stock Hydros with his brother Kim Wilson.



Here is a photo of him racing his 41-R. During this time, they got to know current Unlimited Hydro driver Michael J. Kelly back when he was just a youngster.

Other Boats Ron has owned over the years:

- 1965 26' Century Raven, Lapstrake Hull. The 'Rio'



- 1927 42' Lake Union Dreamboat: 'Oseejo'



- 1947 50' Grande (Coast Guard Hull) Designed by Monk and named 'The Last Time'



Ron has also been involved in aviation including owning three airplanes, flying and accomplishing a dream of his building an experimental Cub.

In his career as a Journeyman Ironworker, he was instrumental in the iron structures for several buildings and high rises in Seattle, Bellevue and other locations. During his first years of marriage, he owned and operated an ornamental iron company and built a few spiral staircases. One of them, in a house just off the corner of Alki in West Seattle close to the Lighthouse there. Currently Ron is happy to say his first successful float on the 'Shore Bird' happened on May 1st. Still a few bugs to work out at the time of this writing.

Ron and Maria expect to join in on the chapter activities this year with the 'Shore Bird' when it is ready.



Maybe they will see you at a future event or member meeting as well!

A Note From the President . . .



It feels as if the run-up to summer is full of frantic activity. Somehow there are more family events, retirement parties, weddings, projects, household and work obligations, frustrating repairs, and urgent chores that pull us in every direction. It seems to be a race to keep up with it all. Opening Day of Boating has always signaled the beginning of this busy season for our family as we prepare the boats for trips, maintain equipment, book hotels, and get the yard ready to fend for itself in our absence.

A wise person once told me to take a small pause in the hectic race and enjoy the process. Life is so abundant with choices. We spend our energies feeling like we “have to” do all of the things. We forget that each project, each event, each chore is a *choice* that we actively make from our beliefs and values. We show support to our colleagues as they retire with our presence at their barbecue. We maintain our boats to keep their beauty and heritage alive. We gather together to forge new friendships and renew old ones, and because it feels good to be in the company of the people we love.

This year, take a pause from the “have to” and savor the choices that you have - to put your efforts toward the activities that you believe in most. Be grateful for the full life that you have built and are actively building. -and if you don't love it - drop it! Life is too short for messing about with things that do not add joy.

That said, here are some amazing opportunities to enjoy life with our boats and amongst the fun people who share our hobby and enthusiasm for boating in living pieces of art. I look forward to seeing you all at many of these events!

Warmly, Corrine Lucas



Penticton!



June 16-18th

Join our friendly neighbors of the Western Canadian ACBS Chapter and six of our own Chapter's boats in beautiful Lake Okanagan. Three days of activities are planned, but registration and proof of insurance are required at this venue. **REGISTER NOW**

To register or for more info contact:

Jim Cooper jimopal@shaw.ca

Steve Leslie leslieland@telus.net

Big Sky Chapter invites you: June 23-25th



[The Classic Boats of Whitefish Woody Weekend XI](#)

Enjoy the classic wood boats of Whitefish Woody Weekend XI. Whitefish Woody Weekend is the annual classic boat show presented by the Big Sky Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. [for more info click here](#)
www.youtube.com



June 27-29 Join my little family and Jitterbug! Nothin' fancy, just a MeetUP! Bring a boat, or just come for a boat ride. Eight miles of pristine water await in this gem of a lake. **Contact Jeff Lucas for details and lodging information. (253)820-1624**



July 9-14 Join our Friendly Columbia Willamette Chapter as they cruise the lake, stay at cozy cabins, and Potluck picnic. On the **12th**, an organized cruise begins at 11am, picnic lunches aboard boats, followed by an optional Potluck dinner at 4pm **Contact Margaret Horn at 503-341-7562 for information about launching and lodging.**

JULY 13-16, 2023	PORT ORCHARD MARINA PORT ORCHARD, WA
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Port Orchard is a great little town with lots to see and do! This is the largest and longest-running gathering of Chris Crafts in the world!! Register here.---><http://www.chriscraftrendezvous.com/>

(Sandpoint) Register Here: [Inland Empire ACBS](#)

July 16th (flier is wrong) Join Columbia Willamette Chapter in West Linn, Oregon for a celebration of all things Old-Timey. Parade, vendors, logging demonstrations, car show, and boats on the Willamette River docks. Call Margaret Horn for Registration details 503-431-7562.



August 11, 10:00 AM – Aug 13, 10:00 AM
Beautiful resort setting plays host to the annual
Coeur d' Alene Antique & Classic Boat Festival
Register here: [Inland Empire ACBS](#)



September 2nd, or 3rd. Mason Lake MeetUP! Details will follow...

September 13th - Business Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club



August 9th - Family Fun Day and meeting. Contact Scott Mason (253) 732-5001 for boat launching and trailer parking guidance. Wednesday's date should result in a pleasant boating experience on Tapps.



October 4-6 Stehekin pre-event A fifty-five mile run up Lake Chelan is rewarded with good company, a beautiful setting, and peaceful hikes to amazing eateries.
<https://www.acbs-pnw.org/Registration-Forms>



September 1-4 Priest Lake "Dry Rot Boat Show" [Register Here](#) The name of this show makes one cringe, but a well organized event is always enjoyed.



October 6-8 Lake Chelan Join the thunderboats on beautiful Lake Chelan. Enjoy the wineries, the shops in town, and gathering together with our own PNW ACBS beauties! We are often joined by CWC and Inland Empire folks. It's a great opportunity to wind down the season in style. [Register Here](#)

Garage Mahal Meeting



October 11th - Business Meeting Ike's Garage-Mahal Meal 6pm, Meeting begins 6:30 interesting speaker will be featured.



By: Maria Wilson

Did you know that our Pacific Northwest chapter of ACBS has an Instagram presence? There is a link at the end of this article. Instagram is a social media form of communication about interesting ACBS boats, happenings and people, mostly including photos or videos with one or two lines of commentary text.

You don't need an Instagram account to view our link but if you want to like it or comment on it you will need to have one. You can have an Instagram account without posting anything by making it private.

Currently, I am your Instagram focal. A lot of other chapters of ACBS have Instagram accounts as well. If you enjoy looking at beautiful boats or want to see what's posted at not only ours but other chapters you can click on some of the sites our Instagram follows or follows us.

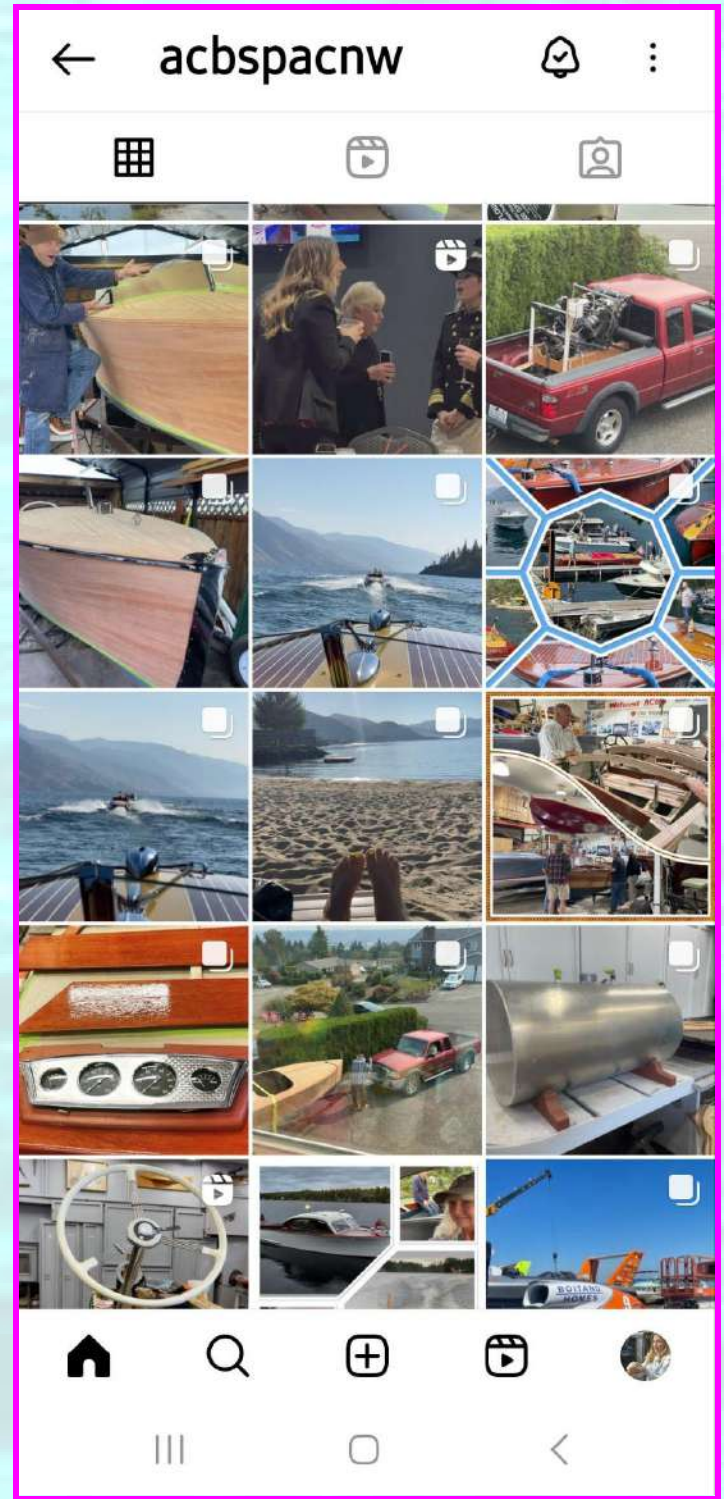
As time goes on I'm happy to post interviews with club members, boat photos, ACBS events and boat projects. Some members have projects that may be posted in the near future.

Our Instagram also serves as an information source for people looking to contact our chapter for membership or other reasons. We also have other social media presences for the same reasons since some people choose different media to monitor or search for ACBS information.

Instagram: [@acbspacnw](https://www.instagram.com/acbspacnw)

Facebook: [Antique & Classic Boat Society PNW Chapter](https://www.facebook.com/Antique&ClassicBoatSocietyPNWChapter)

Website: [acbs-pnw.org](https://www.acbs-pnw.org)



There are so many great photos and videos to be found there, please take the time to give it a visit!



By: Corrine Lucas

Is your Trailer Ready for the Road?

Nobody wants to assume this position on the side of the road coming to or from a pleasant day on the water.



With a little knowledge and preventative maintenance you can completely avoid the situation depicted above. (I know this looks an awful lot like my husband, Jeff, but I assure you it is not) Following are links to some excellent articles from reputable sources with TONS of information to help keep you from this poor gentleman's predicament.

[The 12 Best Boat Trailer Tires Reviewed in 2023](#)

[\\$60,000 boat on a \\$200 Trailer – Part I \(3parts\)](#)

[Boat Trailer Brakes & Repairs](#) (Other related articles on this site)

[Trailer-towing-tips-problem-solution](#) (tow ratings and weights)

Please take the time to check over and maintain your equipment properly so that we all can have a safe and enjoyable summer of boating free from @%&**@!!

Opening Day Recap

By: Rich Halbert

Don't know if you've ever seen Opening Day but it consists of a "log line" in Lake Washington where hundreds of spectator boats are tied together with their sterns along a line of logs. (note the pin flag and the ball on the green) There are 2 lines opposite each other that form sort of a channel at the Lake Washington end of the Montlake Cut.



The participants rendezvous in Lake Union near the beginning of the Montlake Cut. The Seattle Yacht Club organizes all this and sends boats through the Cut by order of their assigned numbers.

This year's theme was "Game On" where boats were encouraged to decorate following some game theme. I chose golf as my game. I made a "Tee Box" on the back of the boat and a green on the front. (note the pyramid of balls just behind my head and a tee'd up ball in front of the motor) Also had a classic golf bag and a ball picker (photo 1 behind my head) to retrieve balls which we threw into the water and retrieved.



Our boat club ended up at the UW shell house for lunch where a couple of guys were admiring my boat. (photo 3)

We ended up having 9 boats in the parade. Three failed to show due to mechanical problems.



Jim visited our booth at the Seattle Boat Show in February and decided to join up. He currently owns five fiberglass Chris-craft boats all qualifying as Classics.

Jim hails from Dallas, Texas, but moved to the PNW in 1996 and has lived in Issaquah, Washington for the past 23 years. A previous Microsoft IT employee, he's loving it here, relaxing on his deck and watching the paragliders. He used to paraglide until Kimberly made him give up "death defying sports" and motorcycles.

He has a CNC machine which he uses to make boat custom step pads and custom EVA flooring and other boating related items including key chains and hats with his laser machine. He does home remodeling, restores classic cars and plays guitar and bass. Kimberly is a native of West Seattle and works for the King County Sheriff's Office and enjoys gardening, baking and their 2 dogs Ciara and Blue Bell.

Jim's favorite boat is a 1969 Chris Craft Commander Super Sport he found in Egg Harbor, NJ that was basically yard art for the prior 20 years. He performed a full restoration at his home in Issaquah and named the boat "Kimmy Kay" after his wife Kimberly. After researching the vessel through the Mariner's Museum archive he found the Super Sport was serial #001 of the "high performance" version and was actually the display boat at the 1969 National Boat Show in New York City. He performed a complete restoration including popping the top deck, paint, drivetrain, floors and interior.

When he received it from New Jersey



HELLO!

New Members!

New Member Jim Peters

By: Maria Wilson

Welcome Jim Peters and his wife Kimberly, new members who joined PNW ACBS earlier this year.



Popping the deck to do proper repairs and reinforcement



Glossy new Paint



Dash, and interior



He had to rebuild the transom due to rot...



Fresh motor



Kimmy Kay all done and ready for the season!



Jim and Kimberly have several other boats, all Chris Crafts including a '73 XK19, '75 Lancer 19', '75 Lancer 23' and a '74 Commander 36' Tournament Fisherman



I have made the gut-wrenching decision to sell this beauty. 17' 1964 OMC Deluxe She's been in my family for nearly 60 years and is a hit at any lake she visits. In need of hull repaint and engine is due for service. Garage kept most of her life. Really just want to see her back in service and I don't have the time.



You can find a video interview of Jim Peters from the boat show on our Instagram site: link: [@acbspacnw](https://www.instagram.com/acbspacnw)

Looking forward to seeing Jim and Kimberly at this year's member gatherings!

I have a lot of extras that go with her, my family has hoarded parts over the years. Have the matching trailer, tires are due to be replaced (due to sitting) but they inflated the last time I moved it. Let me know if you have questions, I will add some pictures and a little about her story as I dig it all out and get it together for her new family. Located in Tacoma, asking \$6,000 Kristy Fry (found on our Facebook page)

For Sale:

This is Jerry Campbell's 1941 17' Barrel Back. Asking \$55,000. A pristine restoration infused with love for a dear lady. Stem to stern you can trust the workmanship and attention to detail that went into Coleen.



Minutes of the PNW ACBS May Membership Meeting

(unofficial, pending approval at the June 14th meeting)

The May 10 meeting was held at the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum in Tacoma, thank you to Scott Mason and his longshore affiliation for allowing us to use their facilities at a great discount! There was not a quorum of the board in attendance so there were no officer reports and no action was taken. In attendance were President Corrine Lucas, Vice-President Greg Batie. Board members Ron Wilson, Fred Hall, Jeff Lucas and Scott Mason. Advisors Ron Stevenson and Warren Olson. Members Ron Tracy, Maria Wilson, Erik Larsen and Andy Mueller. Minutes of the agenda discussion follow.

Opening Day enjoyed a beautiful break in the weather for the parade and lunch after. Turnout was disappointing, 13 boats signed up with 9 making it to the parade. All went well and everyone there had a great time on the water and at our cobbled together banquet table on the veranda at the Husky Conibear Shellhouse. The Western Canada Chapter is hosting the return of the Western Canadian ACBS Boat Show on June 16-18 at the Penticton Yacht Club, in Penticton BC on Lake Okanagan. We have several of our members registered already. The Western Canada would love to see as many of us as possible, if you're free Fathers Day weekend head north with us!

A MeetUp at Lake Tapps is planned for August 9 hosted by Scott Mason. Launch and parking are available at his neighbors'. More to come.

Mahogany and Merlot is moving full speed ahead. Registration is open through our events portal on the website. Stehekin Odyssey is in the works, make reservations soon. Call Charlene Green directly at the lodge for reservations, especially for a cabin with a kitchen, at 509-449-5224. Tell her you're with ACBS.

There was also discussion about the club purchasing poster boards for each boat in the show at Chelan like the boards made for the Seattle Boat Show. Consensus at the meeting was in favor of it.

The possibility of some kind of contribution to the Husky rowing program for allowing us to use their facility each opening day. Possibly taking a week to sand and varnish Husky II? - the sister launch to Conny. Corrine will follow up with Kirk Knapp about his thoughts on it.

A possible boat show at Fisherman's Terminal was brought up with the absence of Renton River Days this year. Ron Stevenson will meet with the director there. Ron Wilson is in talks with the Bellevue Hiatt on the possibility of a show there.

LaConner Days also came up as a possible venue. More to come on each.

The next meeting will be on June 14 at the Puget Sound Yacht Club.

After the meeting, member Erik Larsen gave us a presentation on a SkipperCraft in the museum built by his family on Vashon Island. Very cool story and an ingenious build method. Finally Scott Mason took a stroll down longshoremen history lane and introduced us to the stevedore bench on display in the museum and its role in his early career. Quite a group of seafaring people we are part of!

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