

The Shore Bird spent a lot of time in salt water. Eventually the boat became an exhibit in the Honolulu Outrigger Hotel in the Shore Bird restaurant and bar, hence the name (no information of the name before then). It was barely a hull at that time.

Then about 25 years later one of our ACBS members, Dave Lobb, had this boat shipped by container with some other boats to the mainland. It wound up in a Seattle Boat yard owned by Gordy Niemi, a friend of Ron's. We found out that Gordy needed space in his building and was willing to sell the hull as his plans to rebuild it with his brother had fallen through.

(Photo here of hull as it arrived at Gordy's)



Ron jumped at the chance for a new project, he'd never had a boat project like this. A bargain was struck, and the boat was ours...that was in the year 2020. Work on the boat began immediately. Close to 99% of the wood had to be replaced. Luckily Gordy had a lot of old mahogany that came along with the deal, along with many of the chromed accessories.



The next two years were spent on the hull and bright work preparations along with painting and getting the trailer ready! Ron and Gordy used a cold mold process with a West Systems epoxy on the hull. Planks were milled in Gordy's shop.

The Shorebird Story cont'd...

Finally the boat was turned on its keel for it to finally be brought to our home workshop in 2022 to begin the fairing, staining, and layering of many coats of varnish (currently about 30 coats). Along the way the hand-lettering was also done on the stern and the sides in beautiful gold leaf, with black and white outlines.



Another big help was randomly meeting some members of the ACBS-PNW chapter at Renton's Gene Coulon Park one afternoon. As a result, we got lots of great advice about staying true to the original design and little tips and tricks which were a big blessing! This also resulted in our joining the Chapter that year. (Ron in the shop, putting another coat on the hatch covers)



The Shorebird Story cont'd...

The banjo steering wheel was ordered through Dave Lobb and then refinished in Poulsbo by Jim Ellis (he has lots of patterns to steering wheels). It was a fun trip to Poulsbo for the completed wheel since it turned out to be Viking Weekend with vendors and entertainment.

(Jim Ellis and Steering wheel)



Guages before and after



The next big item was the engine to go with the velvet drive transmission. At first, we tried an old Chevy engine which Ron reconfigured to marine use...but unfortunately it started sputtering and missing on the celebratory ride. Luckily, we limped back to the dock just in time.



The Shorebird Story cont'd...

Then we made the decision to get an engine from Michigan motors and have it shipped: 5.7-liter GM 350HP. fuel injected with an electronic ignition. What a sight to see a semi in our cul-de-sac when it was delivered. Not long after it arrived the engine was installed and tested again. This time, successfully!



Every time you test a boat, there are many things that need fine tuning. Turns out there needed to be a different rudder. After much discussion about the size and positioning of the rudder, it was changed and again went to testing. Some tweaking was needed, and we were ready to go with a different rudder and a left turn 13 by 13 propeller.

There were other things that were of course obtained prior to finishing such as the upholstery, a windshield, dash gauges and a Johnson Bar to name a few. Of course we had to get burgees from Skipper Rudy!

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The Shorebird Story cont'd...

The finished boat was ready to attend an ACBS function! The first event was a boat show at the fisherman's terminal presented by our Pacific NW Chapter in August of 2023. The Shore Bird won two awards: Skipper's Choice and Kid's Choice. It was a fun event.



Later in August of 2023 we took a trip to Lake Coeur d'Alene and enjoyed a great time boating the Lake and the Spokane River. In October of 2023 we brought the Shore Bird to Lake Chelan for the Antique Hydros and Wooden Boat show called 'Mahogany and Merlot'. We loved it!



The Shorebird Story cont'd...

Then the Shore Bird went into storage in the specially built and enclosed carport for a while. During the late fall it was moved into the workshop to have some touch-up work done.

The most recent experience was participating in the 2024 Seattle Boat Show in February! What an amazing show it was.



It's been a lot of work and fun with the Shore Bird these last few years. Maybe the best thing about this whole project are the wonderful people we have met through the PNW ACBS. They are a great group of folks who know a lot about these old boats. They are helpful too. We are lucky to have found this club. We are looking forward to more fun in the future with ACBS. Aloha and Happy Boating!

~Maria Wilson



Message from the President

April brings unpredictable weather, hope for spring, and a flurry of activity preparing for the upcoming boating season.

We begin with reviewing the membership survey. Of 146 members, 38 took the time to participate. (that's 26%) I am very pleased with this number and have shared the results in the last meeting. They are linked here. It seems that our members are largely satisfied with our events and communications. A committee is being formed to further discuss and offer suggestions to the board. Some of the responses would suggest that people are unaware of or have not visited our website.

The best way to keep up with the flurry of goings-on, is to visit our website. This is a hub of all communications. You can ask a restoration question on our forum, post boats and parts for sale, search members, and register to participate in events.

It is such a joy to work with people who share our vision. We are indeed a vital community of boaters intent on keeping these beautiful boats running and using them together.



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Opening Day of Boating! May 4th



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Join us in the briny deeps of the Montlake

Cut. We set sail through the Cut on or abouts noon depending on our position in the

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Our membership committee reports six new memberships in the last 30 days!

Donald and Karin Root
Dan and Sue Hoffman
Laura Dangel
Bruce Huskinson
Joe Laber
and
Dave Cook

Have all joined our club in February and March.

ACBS SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Brought to you by the PNW & Columbia Willamette Chapters

April 6, 2024

9:00 am to 2:30 pm

at the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum

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SPEAKERS

- Don Cameron from the Columbia Willamette Chapter & The Former PT-658's MKXIII Torpedo
- A Representative from Carlo Ferreira's New Boat Foundation
- Dave Lobb & His History With Pocock BoatBuilding
- Don Meth & Chrome Plating

DISPLAYS

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2024 Calendar of Events

April*

6th- 9:30am refreshments served 9am- 2pm presentations during Spring Symposium at Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum
chairperson - Ike Kielgass

10 - 6pm Membership Meeting @Foss Waterway Seaport Museum with Pizza

May*

4 - Opening Day of Boating theme
"Pirates and Pursuers"

8- @6pm Meeting Location Lynwood, Petroliana
"Man Cave"

June*

12 - Meeting @6pm Fisherman's Terminal

23-29 Lake Roosevelt House Boat Trip

28 Whitefish Woody Weekend

July*

10 -Times TBD Membership meeting/ Family Fun Day on Lake Tapps

12-14 - Sand Point Boat Show

27 - Renton River Days? Fisherman's Terminal . Show? Either? Or Both?

August*

2-4 - Coeur d' Alene ACBS Boat Festival

14 - 6pm Membership Meeting @ Fisherman's Terminal

30-31 Priest Lake Dry Rot

September*

1-4 Dry Rot Inland Empire Boat Show

8-15 ACBS Intr'l Gull Lake, Minnesota

11- 6pm Membership meeting at Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum

October*

2-4 Stehekin pre-event

4-6 Mahogany and Merlot

9- 6pm Meeting at Puget Sound Yacht Club

November

16- Time TBD at The Tacoma Yacht Club- Annual Dinner Meeting, induction of Officers, Awards Banquet

December

11- Time TBD Board Member

party/appreciation dinner Don Palmer's Home

TBA -QCYC lighted boat parade

*Months requiring MeetUP's! -

Anyone can take the lead and suggest one for us. All you have to do is choose a date and place, show up and hang out with our club members. We'll announce the opportunity, and you enjoy the company!

These can look like boats gathering on the water, or if weather doesn't permit it can be people in garages, or restaurants over a meal or a drink. The idea is to get together and share our enthusiasm for classic boating. Please throw out a date and get one started! (Contact corrinelucas02@gmail.com)

*Take the lead
and make a
MeetUP!*



Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Membership Meeting

In attendance were officers Corrine Lucas, Greg Batie, Jeff Lucas and Kirk Knapp. Board members Rich Halbert, Maria Wilson, Ken Waldal, Ron Wilson, Fred Hall, Scott Mason. Advisors Warren Olson, Ron Stevenson, Ike Kielgass, Dave Lobb and Don Palmer. Members Karl Hoffman, George Corley, Rob DaPron, Brenda Chrystie, Dave Weiseth, Andy Mueller, Al McEwan, Joe Frauenheim, Carl Knox, Jeff Lind and Don Drews.

Dinner commenced at 1800, thank you Ike and Brenda for providing a fabulous lasagna dinner as well as the Garage Mahal for tonight's meeting.

Meeting called to order at 1836.

New members Don Drews, Carl Knox and Paul Koskovich were recognized by President Lucas.

Motion to approve February minutes as presented moved by Greg Batie, second by Scott Mason, motion carries.

Treasurer Kirk Knapp reported we have received the Grow Boating Grant from the NMTA for \$1000. Our expenses YTD are \$1775.72, income of \$2540 with a balance of \$10474.40. We have current membership of 146.

President Lucas gave a presentation of the member survey results. 38 members replied and were overwhelmingly positive. There were many meaningful comments submitted as well sparking several new ideas about outreach to attract new members. Scott Mason suggested searching the international member database to learn about the types of boats our members have for possible positive use.

Upcoming events include the Spring Symposium next month. Ike Kielgass gave a short update and recognized Dave Lobb for purchasing the first 50 lunches for the event.

Advertising in the Wet Edge was discussed culminating in a motion to charge \$50/ year for a business card size ad and \$100/ year for a ¼ page ad. Moved by Greg Batie, second by Maria Wilson, motion carried.

Dave Lobb gave a presentation on he and Ike's efforts to build a replica of the 1926 Stanley racer Comet from original plans. The hull was in attendance for members to see. They are making great progress and are on track to have it in the water for next season.

The meeting was adjourned at 2050.



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