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SEE YOU AT JANUARY BOAT SHOW PLANNING BRUNCH
SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2018
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from
The Commodores



I want to thank the members of the Board for being so willing to work with me on a number of issues and those who work behind the scenes to support our Chapter in many ways.

This year our Chapter hosted the ACBS International Show which was a very enjoyable show and a financial success for our Chapter. Thanks to all of the committee chairs and chapter members that volunteered so much of their time.

One of the lessons learned in the past two years, is working as a team through committees on a project produces outstanding results. I hope this will continue into the future.

Our Chapter Board has put into place a number of committees to study adding some actual boating events and alternative venues for boat shows. If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to work on one of these committees please contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter.

One item that seemed to be omitted in the last issue of "at the Waterline" was the award that was giving to Wil Vidal for his 16 years with the ACBS in advertising. Everyone make sure to thank Wil for all he has done for the ACBS and our Chapter.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting many of you at this coming year's chapter events.

Now that I don't need to write the Helm, I should be able to get at least one of my boats ready for next winter.

Mark Willis

Mark Willis, Retiring Commodore



"OK...how do I get over there?"

I am very honored that you have elected me to be your Commodore. I have had the pleasure of working with Mark Willis, Rich Lepping, Wil Vidal, and members of the board and chapter over the years of my membership. I thank you all for the assistance you have given me in the past and hope for continued support as we continue to grow our Chapter in the coming years.

We just completed a very ambitious year with successful shows at Madison, Pewaukee and hosting the ACBS International Show in Racine. I personally want to thank all those who's efforts lead to the success of the shows. There were many who worked long hours and made great sacrifices, especially those that chaired the International event, like Mark and Mary Willis, Rich and Beth Lepping, Wil and Mary Vidal, and to those who chaired and participated in the many committees needed to make the show a success. Thank you all!!!

In the years ahead, we hope to focus on more fun, more boating, and hopefully, less work. With less on our platter (no International show to host) we want to focus on getting to know more of our chapter members in other parts of Wisconsin and getting them more involved in chapter functions. We want to make Glacier Lakes a larger presence at the many shows around the state, the region, and at International shows, when practical. We hope to accomplish this by widening our attendance at these shows and hope to encourage those in other parts of the state and region to attend our shows in Wisconsin.

We are also looking at ways to create more opportunities to use our boats in the manner they were meant to be used. By boating on our beautiful Wisconsin lakes. We are looking at impromptu boat outings to weekend paradises around the state and organizing groups of members to attend various other shows and prevents that include boating fun. As events approach, we will send out emails to alert members and try to solicit group chapter interest and participation.

On behalf of the board and members, we ask for any and all suggestions on ways to encourage more boating fun and member participation to keep our chapter alive and well into the future. This is our chapter and it is for "ALL" of us. What's your pleasure!! I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Wonderful Holiday Season,

Roberta Hegy
Roberta Hegy, Commodore



**WELCOME ABOARD
NEW MEMBERS 2017
GLACIER LAKES CHAPTER, ACBS**

**Gayle Ritter and Judy Wagner
-Membership Co-Chairs**

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2017

Scott Zimmermann.....Madison, WI
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GLACIER LAKES CHAPTER,
 of the Antique & Classic Boat Society, Inc.

OUR MISSION:

*To promote the preservation and enjoyment of antique,
 classic and special interest watercraft of all types, both
 powered and non powered by:*

- ◆ Promoting of public display and use antique/classic boats
- ◆ Acting as an information and skill source for members
- ◆ Provide social activities of interest to all members and their families
- ◆ Acting as a historical repository for boating related information
- ◆ Providing value for our members in the form of education, merchandise and service discounts technical workshops, and subject-matter experts.
- ◆ Promoting a Positive Image for the chapter and boating in general.
- ◆ Promoting boating safety in all activities.

INTRODUCING GLACIER LAKES OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2018



Commodore
Roberta Hegy



Vice Commodore
Bob Stoltz



Secretary
Sue Rechcygl



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Nancy Feichtmeier



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Gayle Ritter



Membership Co-Chair
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2nd Term Director
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Director At Large
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Wil Vidal



GLACIER LAKES ANNUAL MEETING

Delafield Brewhouse

Saturday November 25, 2017



Commodore Mark Willis presents President's Cup to Dan Holdmann



Glacier Lakes 2017 President's Cup

By Mark Willis

The President's Cup is given annually by the Commodore to recognize and honor an individual whose contributions to the chapter during the past year has been exemplary.

This year the award was presented to Dan Holdmann. Dan's dedication and participation in the Glacier Lakes Chapter have been instrumental in our chapter's success this year.

Dan and his family, wife Laura, sons Eli and Bennett, and daughter Adley are active participants at the chapter dinner and events. Eli is frequently Dan's co-pilot when boating. They all bring fun to the events. Adley may have the honor of being our youngest member.

At this year's Door County Classic and Wooden Boat Festival, he and Eli participated in the boat building and racing of a Sikaflex. Alas, they didn't win this race. None the less, they enjoyed themselves and are ready to try again in 2018.

Dan co-chaired the Oshkosh pre-event for the ACBS International show which went very well despite cool weather and rough water.

And besides all of the above he is a really nice guy!

Congratulations Dan! And "Thank you" for all you do for our Chapter.

Members Present: Lars & Joan Anderson, John & Pam Baas, Ken & Gerda Bourgeois, Duane Delaney & Jennifer Freckmann, Peter Dornbach, David Doyle, Perry & Jill Edwards, Peter & Nancy Feichtmeier, Tim & Judi Fredman, Rich & Roberta Hegy, Dan & Laura Holdmann, Brian Irwin & Sheila Kiener, Jane Larson & Gary Berg, Gary & Sue Rechcygl, Eddie Rennpferd, James & Betsy Richie, Rob & Gayle Ritter, Howard & Donna Schneider, Jack Schneiberg, Sue Schroeder, Jim Staib, Bob Stoltz & Judy Kearns, Wil & Mary Vidal, Mark & Mary Willis.

The meeting was held at the Delafield Brewhaus, following a social hour and dinner. Commodore Mark Willis called the meeting to order at 6:48pm. Mark stated that this has been a very busy year, and thanked everyone for all their hard work. As a reward for attending, Mark handed out playing cards to everyone for several drawings for door prizes, which included clothing and merchandise from the International Show. And as is customary, he called for everyone to introduce

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GLACIER LAKES ANNUAL MEETING. Delafield Brewhouse FROM PAGE 5



Mark and Mary Willis recognized for their Successful Co-Chairing of ACBS International Meeting and Boat Show



Tim Fredman Recognized For his Volunteer Spirit Helping to make the Pewaukee boat Show successful for 13 years



Mark Willis passes the Glacier Lakes Charter to the new Commodore, Roberta Hegy



TOP BACK: Lars and Joan Anderson, Gary Berg. SEATED: John and Pam Baas, Jane Larson, Sue Schroeder and David Doyle

themselves around the room to the group.

Treasurer's report:

Nancy Feichtmeier reported on the General checking account balance. This is before any transfers of funds from the Pewaukee, Madison, or International Boat Shows. Membership dues should start coming in from ACBS. **Jack Schneiberg** reported that the Pewaukee Boat Show profits will be transferred soon. Mark thanked Jack for all his work in filing our taxes with the IRS. **Mary Willis** reported that the International Show in Racine was very successful. We will continue to sell leftover merchandise. Madison show profits are forthcoming.

Membership Update:

Gayle Ritter reported that we have 192 members, and 26 lapsed memberships. She has called all 26, hopefully some will rejoin ACBS. After Jan. 1, 2018, ACBS dues will increase by \$5, and the large directory will be free for new members but \$10 for returning members if they want a hard copy. She introduced several new members: **Eddie Rennpferd, Pete Dornbach, Brian Irwin, James & Betsy Richie, and Duane Delaney.** **Ken Bourgeois** remarked that we have come a long way from our original 12 members.

Chapter Mission:

Mark read our Chapter Mission Statement as written in the by-laws:

- To bring people together with a common interest in historic, antique and classic boats, sharing fellowship, information, experience and exchange of ideas.
- To protect the heritage of boating by promoting, first the preservation and secondly, the restoration of historic antique and classic boats.
- To promote, further and encourage a love and enjoyment of all aspects of historic, antique and classic boating.
- To serve as a communication channel for our membership, the public, and any other entities regarding information relating to historic, antique and classic boating.
- This includes serving as a clearing house and referral service for all information relating to historic antique and classic boating.
- To serve as the governing body and parent organization for such chapters as shall be formed and created under our auspices; this includes providing support for and communicating with these chapters.
- To inspire and support quality boat shows and related events among our chapters.
- To establish and maintain standards for classifying boats and conducting boat shows.
- To educate our membership and the general public concerning safety and protocol as it relates to historic, antique and classic boating.

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GLACIER LAKES ANNUAL MEETING. Delafield Brewhouse FROM PAGE 6



LR: Eddie Rennpferd, Peter Dornbach, Tim and Judi Fredman, Rob and Gayle Ritter



LR: Duane Delaney and Jennifer Freckmann Perry & Jill Edwards, Sheila Kiener and Brian Irwin



LR: James and Betsy Richie, Jack Schneiberg, Dan and Laura Holdmann,
SEATED: Pete and Nancy Feichtmeier

Donations for 2017 from Glacier Lakes Chapter: The board recommends the following:

- \$2,500 to ACBS Scholarship Fund (acbs.org), this year in memory of Karl Johns.
- \$500 to All Hands Boatworks (allhandsboatworks.org)
- \$500 to Hands on Deck Green Bay (handsondeckgb.org)
- \$500 to Door County Maritime Museum (dcmm.org)

A motion was made by **Bob Stoltz** to accept the board's recommendations for donations, **Judi Fredman** seconded it, with unanimous approval.

Donations from the Madison and Pewaukee boat shows are to be determined by each respective boat show committee.

AWARDS

President's Cup:

Mark presented **Dan Holdmann** with this year's President's Cup.

Wil Vidal presented a *Cutwater Award* to **Tim Fredman** for all his volunteer contributions helping to make The Pewaukee Boat Show successful

The Cutwater Award was presented to **Mark & Mary Willis**, and **Rich Lepping** for their efforts to put on a very successful ACBS Annual Meeting at Reefpoint Marina this September 6-9, 2017.

Board Elections:

Officers:

Roberta Hegy, Commodore

Bob Stoltz, Vice Commodore

Nancy Feichtmeier, Treasurer

Sue Rechcygl, Secretary

Gayle Ritter & Judy Wagner, Membership Co-chairs

Directors:

Howard Schneider, 1st Term Director

Cliff Muehlenberg, 1st Term Director

Dan Holdmann, 2nd Term Director

Jane Larson, 2nd Term Director

Directors-At-Large, appointed by

the Commodore and approved by the board:

John Baas-Director At Large

Bill Freyman-Director At Large

Mary Willis-Director At large

John Baas moved to ratify the slate of officers and directors, with the term year 11/1/17 to 10/31/18. **Jack Schneiberg** seconded it, and all approved. With that, the gavel was turned over from outgoing Commodore **Mark Willis** to the new Commodore, **Roberta Hegy**.

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BACK STANDING : Mark and Mary Willis, Rich Hegy. SEATED LR: Bob Stoltz and Judy Kearns, Gary and Sue Rechcygl and Roberta Hegy



*BACK STANDING : Jim Staib and Ken Bourgeois
SEATED: Mary Vidal, Donna and Howard Schneider and Gerda Bourgeois*



Betsy Richie gets help from Mary Willis for some great buys on clothing from the ACBS Racine Meeting and Show.

Membership Discussion:

Mark Willis brought up the question of how to get better feedback from members. Suggestions were: sending postcards, or stand-alone emails without containing other business.

To the question of "I wish Glacier Lakes would..." **Mary Willis** suggested have a better website.

Mark asked for members' thoughts on 2018 Glacier Lakes boat shows. **Mary Willis** suggested we go North, have a regional show. Mark stated that dock space is key. A committee is being formed to look into different venues. Shows might be rotated between **Madison, Pewaukee** and other places. Jane Larson said the idea is to get more involvement from out-state members. **Roberta** said Green Bay is interested. Sturgeon Bay has a week-long show. **Mark** stated we are looking to procure a 10'x10' popup tent with our Glacier Lakes logo, to give us a greater presence at shows. **Duane Delaney** suggested the old Pioneer site in Oshkosh has a large marina that is not full, and he will talk to the marina manager. **Roberta** stated that we want venues that offer more boating opportunities. **Mark** stated that the problem with most marinas is that they want to keep all their slips rented in the summer, which is why Lake Geneva has their show in late Sept. Other non-boating outing ideas included the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, and **Dave Doyle** said Timmers Resort is receptive to having us there. **Bob Stoltz** pointed out that we do own a portable pier.

Chapter Committees that have been established:

Budget Committee: Mark Willis, Roberta Hegy, Jack Schneiberg, Nancy Feichtmeier

Storage/Chapter Inventory Committee:

Cliff Muehlenberg, John Baas

Pop-up Tent for Glacier Lakes: Roberta Hegy, Bill Freyman
Boating events other than shows and Milwaukee River Cruise: Dan Holdmann and Bob Stoltz

If you have any ideas or would like to participate in any of these committees, contact them.

Upcoming event: Milwaukee Marine Dealers Boat Show at State Fair Park: John Bauman and Charlie Shong are co-chairs of our part of this show, to be held in January. Boats are needed to display. **Contact Charlie or John** if your boat is available. We will discuss this at the Jan.7th brunch meeting at the Delafield Brewhaus, and further details will be in the next newsletter.

Rob Ritter encouraged everyone to give Mark & Mary Willis a round of applause for all their outstanding work on the International Boat Show in Racine in September. A standing ovation was the response.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm, following a motion by **Ken Bourgeois**, seconded by **John Baas**, and approved by all.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Chapter Secretary
Sue Rechcygl*

ACBS SCHOLARSHIP NAMED IN MEMORY OF KARL JOHNS

By Rob Ritter



It gives me great pleasure to inform the club with some news about one of our past members, Karl R. Johns. Karl was unanimously chosen at our fall membership meeting as the person that our new ACBS \$2,500.00 scholarship will be named after and honored in his name. The funds were raised for this scholarship through all the hard work from all our members who helped at the recent Pewaukee Lake Annual Show and the ACBS International Show in Racine. One of the main themes in our charter as an organization is to foster wood boat craftsmanship and the ongoing need for younger people to acquire these sought after life skills.

A very deserving person with a motivated desire and aptitude for building and servicing wood runabouts will be chosen by International. This person will be given a chance to go to school to receive the didactic knowledge along with the hands-on skills. This strategy should help forge a nice and lasting conduit to the next generation of boat builders. I personally believe Karl would be thrilled with this honor. Of course, if he was still alive he would have some self-deprecating comment about it that would have filled the room with laughter, as was Karl's way! Karl always had a love for antiques and especially antique watercraft. HE was fortunate to have retired early from Falk Manufacturing Company. At this point of his life he became a semi-professional boat restorer and took on many projects in his cool man cave behind his Okauchee Lake home. Karl was a fountain of information and was always very generous in sharing his knowledge. He knew the

answers to most boat questions and if he didn't it probably wasn't worth asking! He was a very gifted and talented craftsman. It was always a fun site to see him roar by our shore with his latest gas guzzling filly. Besides being a prodigious worker-bee for our organization, I always thought of him as a great unifying presence for our Glacier Lakes Chapter. Who can forget Karl and Sue's many wonderful all day and night boat and car parties they threw a bunch of times for our club. Always the highlight of the summer boating season for sure! Lots of nefarious behavior of coarse emanated from these picnics but also some wonderful and warm memories come flooding back too, as I think about them. Karl's upbeat attitude about boats and for that matter life really help set the tone for our club which in turn makes it such a fun experience for so many of us today. I'm sure most of us have our favorite Karl story.

The Ritters, Allens, Sellhausens, John Baumann, Tice, Nichols, Zeas, Rosenheimers and others have always considered ourselves lucky to have been living on Okauchee Lake and Karl was a big part of that special feeling. What a tribute to our club first of all to be able to sponsor this fine and timely scholarship. But even more important, to be able to name this prodigious award after such a great guy whom embodies so much for what our Glacial Lakes Chapter is about and stands for. Karl you will be missed sorely but we know you our in motorboat heaven and fixing things up there.
Hurray for Karl R. Johns!!!



MADISON 2017 BOAT SHOW

the WINNERS CIRCLE

Madison's Premier
Antique & Classic Boat Show



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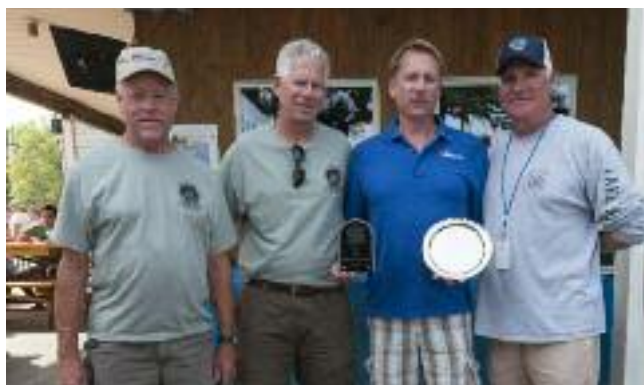
SHOW PRESENTERS-Jim Ruwaldt, Mark Walters and Rich Lepping



BEST CHRIS CRAFT
Scott Hangartner and Marianne Welsh
1942 17ft Barrel-Back "Barrel of Fun"



BEST CENTURY
Pat and Christina Wichman
1961 Century 17ft Jet Drive "Wicked Wood"



BEST ORIGINAL BEST PRESERVED
Andreas Jordahl Rhude
1953 Thompson 12ft Cartopper



BEST OUTBOARD
Perry and Jill Edwards
1963 T&T Boats White Cap 16ft "Old School"



**Best Classic Fiberglass
Todd and Ellen Utter
1974 Correct Craft 17ft Mustang**



**Best Inboard
Ray and Linda Romblom
2017 Glen L 19ft Tom Holdorf Tahoe
"Edward R"**



**Plastic Award Non Wood
Rich & Beth Lepping
1956 Larson 16ft Falls Flyer**



**People's Choice
Rich & Beth Lepping
1956 Larson 16ft Falls Flyer**



**Bent Prop
Rich Roberta & Rich Hegy
2015 Glen L 19.5ft "The Glen L"**



**Best non motorized
Teri and George Keeler
1974 South Coast Sailboat 22ft Sonadora**



**Best of Show
Fred & Peter Bartizal
1928 Chris Craft 24ft Triple
"Sequel"**



**Best Thompson Award
Bill and Mary Hermanson
1951 Thompson TVT Super Deluxe
"Ole Lake Special"**



All Hands Boatworks exists to build youth in the greater metro-Milwaukee area through wooden boatbuilding, work experiences, and on-water activities that results in good character, academic confidence, and workforce preparation.

***The Glacier Lakes Chapter supports "All Hands Boatworks" as part of their mission statement
STORY FROM THE ALL HANDS BOATWORKS FALL 2017 WEBSITE
Other donations are being made. See annual meeting membership minutes.***

Students launch five new boats

Working in conjunction with the Building2Learn Consortium, AHB took learning well beyond the classroom for the third year in a row with 40 Milwaukee-area students in late July. The students built five 12-foot boats in this well-rounded program using problem solving and project management that provides a blueprint for planning future career possibilities.



"Doing this math, it wasn't just here's a worksheet, here's a problem get it done. Instead -- Here's the problem, here's the trick you use to solve it, and here's how you can apply it in real life," said Aidan Kuss, who helped build a boat at the camp located at the Southeast Wisconsin Carpentry Training Center in Pewaukee.

The boat building camp culminated with the blessing and launching of the boats on October 3rd, and provided these young boat builders the opportunity to row their boats on the Menomonee River. More than seventy-five people attended the event.



YouthBuilders rock the shop

One of October's highlights was the boatbuilding program at the shop with 15-18 YouthBuild members from the Milwaukee Christian Center. YouthBuild is a national, Americorps-funded program. YouthBuild provides young adults ages 18-25 with education and hands-on construction training while building homes for low/moderate income families. YouthBuild members pursue their GED, receive hard and soft skills training, earn an hourly stipend and qualify for post-secondary education grants while giving back to their community.

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YouthBuilders rock the shop-CONTINUED Over the course of just four days, the participants built three 16-foot canoes. Since the YouthBuild members are just starting their year-long program, the goal of the activity was team-building. The Youthbuilders even had a chance to launch their boats in the river. They will continue to work on finishing (painting) their boats in the weeks and months ahead. This is a partnership with MCC that AHB would like to grow!



Geometry of the Boat

All Hands Boatworks is excited to be partnering with Marquette University High School on a year-long academic program called “Geometry of the Boat.” Each week, 22 sophomores are coming to class at AHB’s shop inside WRTP/BIG STEP on Wisconsin Ave. The aim of the extended class is to learn first-hand how geometry concepts and principles are applied in the construction of two 11 ½ foot wooden boats.



The students are building a rowing and sailing version of the Arch Davis designed SAND DOLLAR. From this collaboration with MUHS, AHB plans to be able to offer this high-school math class to other Milwaukee-area schools. You can follow the progress of each week’s class by following AHB on Instagram #allhandsboatworks. Or, contact AHB for additional information about its Geometry of the Boat class. Call 262-290-0228.

Veterans celebrate HarborFest with AHB

While AHB’s primary goal is to work with urban youth, we are proud to be participating with the community integration portion of the Milwaukee VA HUD VASH program. Meeting with Erika Napoli, OT and Courtney Zeller, RT from the Milwaukee VA, the veterans visit AHB on a regular basis to work as a team to expand their skills while also working together to assist in class preparation for the youth programs. According to Ericka and Courtney, this experience has resulted in a sense of camaraderie and accomplishment for the veterans.



HUD VASH stands for VA Supported Housing program, which is part of the VA’s program to assist homeless veterans. The mission of this Veteran’s program is to ensure that Veterans receive the support and resources needed to prevent loss of housing, become rapidly re-housed, and to remain stably housed and integrated in their communities.

The Veterans team repaired a boat of their own named “Victory,” which was featured as part of the HarborFest boat parade on October 7, where the veterans, along with Ericka, enjoyed the windy parade in their boat as well as other skiffs made by area youth. At HarborFest, AHB also had a small boat decorating program for children that was a huge success, as well as a mast building demonstration that drew a crowd. The Milwaukee Harbor District organized the festival; Milwaukee Riverkeeper provided parade support. AHB was grateful to be a part of the first HarborFest along with our Vets. A special thanks to all who participated, and we look forward to participating again next year.

And don't forget to visit All Hands Boat Works website!
www.allhandsboatworks.org

- ~ Learn about AHB programming ~ Track upcoming events on our calendar
- ~ Request information about program offerings ~ Get involved as a volunteer
- ~ Sign-up to receive AHB e-newsletter ~ Make secure donations to support our youth mission

THE GLACIER LAKES CHAPTER IS A SUPPORTER OF ALL HANDS BOAT WORKS

The Value of Classic Wooden Boats

Why antique Chris-Craft, Riva and other barn find boats to continue roar across the water.

By Charles Plueddeman November 20, 2017

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Starting A Vintage Boat Affair

By Charles Plueddeman

A classic boat is a keen seductress. Try to resist the lean lines of her mahogany flanks, the soft rumble of her motor, the flair of her prow or the enticing curves of her barrel-back haunches. Beware that seduction, my friend, for she will draw you in, ruin your marriage and drain your bank account.

Especially if she's a fixer-upper you find in a barn.

I got my fill of floating eye-candy this summer at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS), held at Reefpoint Marina in Racine, Wis., where there were about 120 boats in the water. The ACBS has about 7,000 members in 54 chapters, most scattered across the USA and Canada, "dedicated to the preservation and restoration of historic, antique and classic boats."

My guide for the weekend was Dave Bortner, founder of Freedom Boat Service in Mound, Minn., a far-western suburb of Minneapolis on Lake Minnetonka, one of the classic-boat epicenters of the Midwest. Freedom Boat Service specializes in the restoration, maintenance and sale of Chris-Craft, Century, Gar Wood, Riva, Hacker and Lyman wood boats – how's that for a chorus line of varnished beauty. Dave explained the vintage-boat hobby – for example, if it was built in 1942 or earlier it's an antique; post-war is a classic – and dispelled a few myths about owning a vintage boat.



A barrelback transom, like the one this Chris-Craft sports, are treasured by collectors and aficionados



A Chris-Craft and a Riva looking good at the dock. Running them is a superb--some would say, sublime--boating experience

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“It’s easy to get into a vintage boat at a reasonable price if you pick the right boat,” said Bortner, gesturing to an 18-foot 1940 Chris-Craft Sportsman he has brought down for the show. “It’s a pretty boat that went into production in 1937. Chris-Craft built hundreds of them in 1940 and brought the model back after the war. It was intended to be a family fun boat, and it’s still a boat you can do a lot with because it has a big, open cockpit.”

The owner was hoping to sell this example for \$40,000. How much pontoon boat can you buy for that price? And Bortner says a serviceable example of the Sportsman (sea-worthy but not meticulously restored) can be had for about \$20,000. The Sportsman is pretty enough to attract attention at the gas dock, with caulked mahogany on the aft and fore decks, a polished windshield frame and spotlight, and polished wood inwales. It seats three-across forward with a bench seat aft. The motorbox covers a reliable a 95-hp, Chris-Craft Marine Model K six-cylinder engine. This is a vintage runabout the entire family could enjoy every day.

But here’s the rub. Bortner says it cost \$100,000 to restore this \$40,000 boat.

“When a potential client comes to us with a restorable boat I always remind them there are no free puppies,” said Bortner. As a rule of thumb, an average vintage boat restoration will cost twice the ultimate value of the boat, which is why Bortner has his three-point “sales prevention talk” with those who bring him a real project.

1. Do you have an emotional attachment to the boat? If this was this your grandfather’s boat; if you learned to ski behind this boat; if your father courted your mother in this boat, that emotional value will make the investment in restoration worthwhile. If not, Bortner advises selling the boat as-is and using that cash as a down payment on a boat that has already been restored. You will be time and money ahead.



Dave Bortner of Freedom Boat Works, at the helm of a rare Chris-Craft Deluxe Runabout Barrelback; “There are no free puppies.”



A family-friendly boat like this 1940 Chris-Craft Sportsman 18 is a good entry point to antique boat ownership.

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2. You love this boat and it is so rare that it will be very hard to find a restored example.

“For example, a Chris-Craft Deluxe Runabout Barrelback is a boat that gets many people excited. Chris built many hundreds of the 17-foot model, several hundred of the 19-foot model, but only 31 examples of the triple-cockpit 23-footer,” said Bortner, “and of those perhaps 20 are in service today. So if you found a 23 in a barn its rarity makes it a desirable candidate for restoration. The restored example we have at the show is priced at \$225,000.”

3. You are a person who simply loves a project.

“Some of our clients just enjoy the restoration process,” said Bortner. “We send updates with digital photos every two weeks. Some clients want to get involved in the project, hunting down parts, for example. Others just watch. And when it’s done so is the fun for them. They don’t care so much about the finished boat. They need another project.”

ACBS members I spoke to at the show offered this additional advice for those curious about owning a vintage boat:

Attend a regional ACBS show to meet collectors from your area and to gauge the scope of the hobby. Each of the 57 regions tries to have an annual event. Wander the docks and do not hesitate to engage an owner with questions about their boat. There is a story behind every boat and I found that the owners love to share that information. It’s as easy as asking, “Tell me about your boat.” Then be ready to chat for 30 minutes. Local ACBS members will be the foundation of your vintage-boat network.

If you don’t live near an ACBS event, check out the society website, which has links to local

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The rarity of this 23-foot Chris-Craft Deluxe Runabout Barrelback makes it a desirable restoration candidate.



This glamorous Riva Aquarama represents the apogee of classic boat style.



A lapstrake runabout like this handsome 1963 T&T Whitecap 16, powered by a period-correct Evinrude outboard, is easy to own and tow.

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chapters and related organizations, reports on shows and events ... and a section with boats for sale!

Consider starting with an outboard-powered boat. Lap-strake and fiberglass runabouts from the boom-years of the mid-1950s often have some attractive brightwork and are fun to own. Solid examples go for less than \$5,000. You can pick up a fettled period-correct Mercury or OMC outboard for less than \$1,500, and perhaps spend another \$1,000 on a new interior. This boat will be easy to trailer and to store.

The budget for maintenance is not as steep as I imagined. Bortner tells clients to figure spending 10 percent of the boat's purchase price on maintenance annually. If the boat is stored on a covered lift, he says the varnished finish will last indefinitely.

A vintage boat is only as good as its bottom, and the bottom is frequently not good even when the boat looks great above the waterline. Before buying a wood classic or antique boat have the bottom inspected by an expert. Repairs are often extensive and expensive.

The future is fiberglass. The ACBS only started judging fiberglass boats a few years ago, but the organization realizes that the next generation of members may be too far removed from the era of vintage wooden boats to find much attraction there. Many of the early fiberglass boats from the late 1950s had bright wood on the gunwales and transom and will still draw a crowd at the gas station. There's also growing interest in 1970s speedboats like the Chris-Craft XK19, Century runabouts, the Glastron GT 150 (the "Live and Let Die" jump boat) and any Glastron Carlson, metal-flake HydraStream speedsters and the early Donzi 16 and 18 runabouts.

Finally, I got this unsolicited feedback from more than one boat owner at the ACBS show: Before you let a vintage boat become your new obsession, make sure your spouse is on board with the time and money commitment. An old boat can be a compelling mistress.



Owner John Janssen says his 15-foot 1957 Delta was purchased when new at a Chicago boat show but never used, or even rigged. He spotted it in a storage building in 1999 when he went to look at an old car. He cleaned it up, replaced the interior and hung a 35-hp Evinrude on the transom. He's having as much fun as the owner of a mahogany antique.



This 1959 Glasspar Seafarer Sedan was restored by owner Terry Dickson, who was given the boat. He replaced the wood deck and some aft stringers, and then ground off the worn gel coat on the foredeck and gunwales and sprayed on new gel coat in the original color – a messy and challenging task. The boat will cruise at 35 mph with its 80-hp Mercury.

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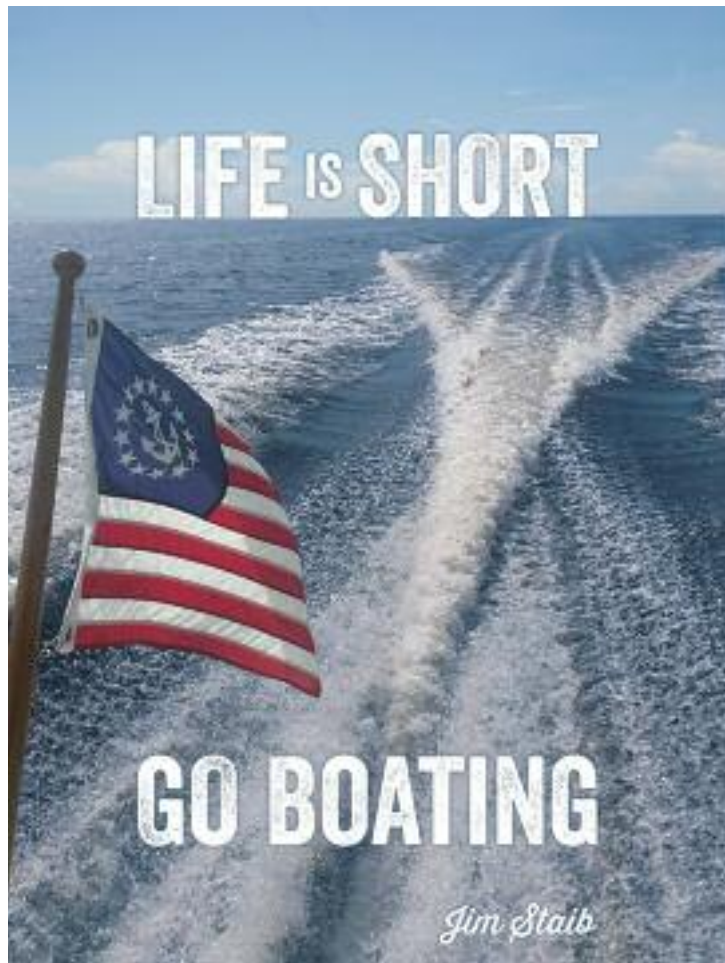
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