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Presidents Message

Greetings fellow Blackhawk members,

I realize it has been a long time since the club has had any communications or published a newsletter and I apologize. We hope to get back on track now that things are getting to be a little more normal and it's now time to get the boats ready as we have several events scheduled for this summer and they are all geared towards using your boats.



The first event of the year will be a lower Fox River (Illinois) cruise and lunch. (Fox Waterway stickers required). The date is Saturday June 5th with a rain date of Saturday June 12th. The tentative plan is to meet just south of the McHenry locks and cruise 17 miles south to Algonquin turn around and head back north to the Broken Oar Bar / Marina. They have parking off of the river in a no wake channel so the boats should be protected from the wakes. We will then have lunch (your own tab) and after that you are free to cruise the river. Additional information regarding times, launch ramps and the exact starting point will be sent out via email soon.

In mid-July, we will also be having the Fox Lake boat show at Famous Freddie's. We are waiting for approval from Freddie's but we are planning a similar format as before. Please keep a lookout for emails as soon as things are finalized.

In late August, we are also working on a Chicago Riverwalk boat show along with several larger wood boats including the Robert Allan and a 55' Chris Craft the completed the Great Loop several years ago. You will also have a chance to take a cruise on the Chicago River. The other possible option is a boat show at the 31st Street harbor as we had a show there previously. Mike Furibondo is still working out the details and as they are finalized we will let you know.

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The September Geneva Lakes show unfortunately is cancelled again this year due to many questions and commitments from property owners that could not be answered due to Covid rules in time to properly promote and plan for the show. We will be back in 2022 for sure so please remember that it takes a lot of volunteers to make the show happen and consider volunteering as a committee chair or to help out during the show.

We are also looking into a Geneva Lake cruise and outdoor lunch late in the year but no details are available yet and in October, we hope to have our Fall Dinner, awards and elections.

Remember that the club is your club and it requires volunteers to be able to organize and run the events. Please get involved even if it's for an hour or so as it would be nice to see some new faces helping with the events.

Please keep in mind that we do need stories to publish in the newsletter so please send in your pictures and article (it does not have to be long) to Terry our newsletter editor. Hopefully you took advantage last summer to use your boats with your families and have some stories to tell.

Safe boating to all and I am looking forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Bob O'Day

"WELCOME ABOARD"



Blackhawk Chapter's Newest Members

Membership Chairperson Valerie Diedrich reports Blackhawk membership has over 250 members



Steven Dahlgren, Wauconda IL

Paul Cross, Peoria IL

Malcolm & Renee Moore, Green Lake WI

Jon & Jennifer Tilp, Cambridge WI

Jack Rosen, Elmhurst IL

Patrick & Rose Gallagher, Chicago IL

Charles Marlas, Lake Geneva WI

Todd & Josie Lesperance, Skokie IL

Robert J & Gail Soucek, Downers Grove IL

David Yang, Antioch IL

Robert P & Barb Soucek, Downers Grove IL

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Eric & Kathy Moberg

2020 Photos



Eric and Kathy sailing in St. Lucia
February 2020



A windy day on Grass Lake, June 2020
Lily Horn enjoying the ride as she waves to one of the
few boats on the lake that day.



Dick Mickle and Eric, 1958 Streblov Rebel
Minocqua Lake WI August 2020



Chain o' Lakes Fall Boating September 2020
Ted and Cindy Cartner cruising in their 1951 CC
Semi-enclosed Cruiser



Jon & Linda Wenstrom's 1957 CC Continental Chain o' Lakes October 2020



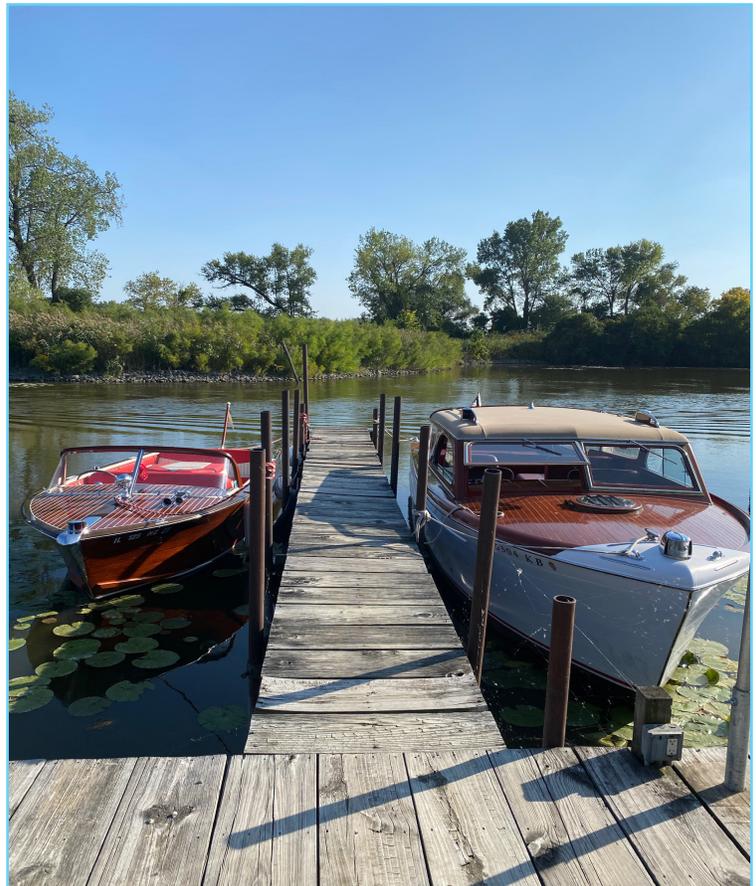
Jon and Linda strike a pose aboard Schatzi



Marc and Linda Toigo, 1955 Chris Craft



Unknown wood boater on Kawaguesaga Lake



Rebel and Chryslis, Sept 2020 on Nippersink

Emily 1951 Chris Craft U22

Photos by: Jim Miller



Brenden and Henry Miller out for a sunset spin out in Emily.



Henry sitting in the invisible seat aboard Emily after helping Dad with the fuel lines.



Another beautiful evening run on Long Lake



Emily is named after Henry's twin sister who passed away at 2-1/2 years old of a rare genetic disorder.



Brenden and Jim Miller at Geneva Lake Show



Arial veiw of Emily cruising Lake Geneva.



Brenden at the helm

BAMM!

OUR 1949 CHRIS CRAFT RIVIERA

By Bob O'Day

It all began way back in June of 1949, my Chris Craft Riviera serial # R18-015 was built and was delivered to Hewes Boat Company in Fox Lake Illinois.



Fast forward to 2006...

I didn't know my neighbor too well except for the occasional hello and conversations outside and had no idea he owned the boat. I had some cash in the house and went over to see him and it turns out he was getting ready to strip the boat of the hardware and sell on E-Bay, so, \$500 later and the boat was mine.

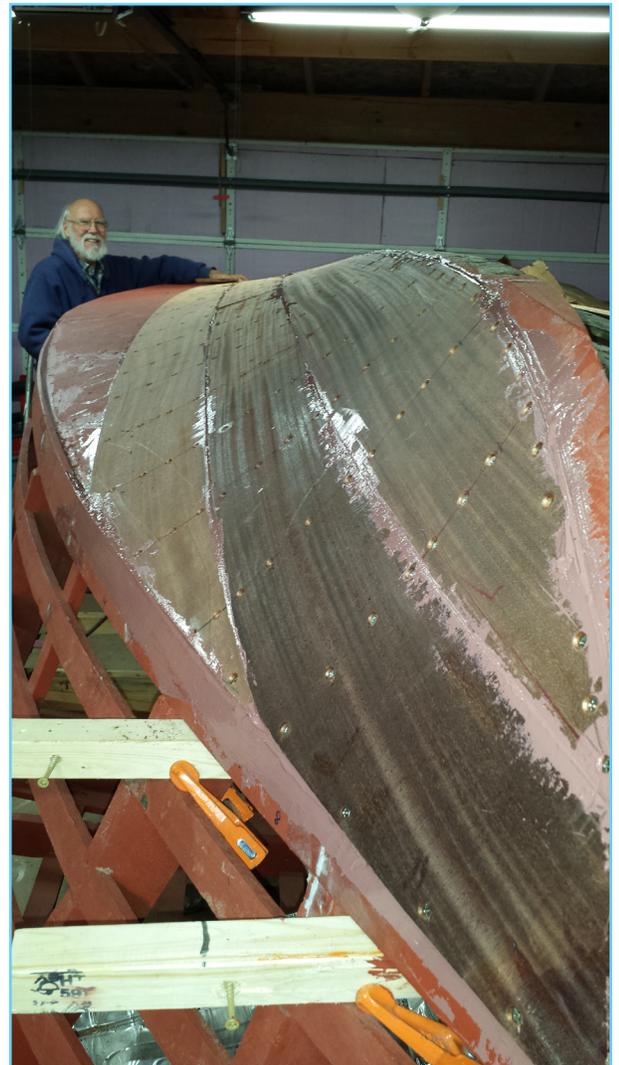
Finally, after owning the Riviera for 7 years, into the garage it went. The boat was completely stripped of all planking and the frames and chines were repaired as needed. This was not fun as some genius decided to cover the bottom of the boat with fiberglass- a huge no-no. These planks were marked and kept for use as templates for the new planking.



In the meantime, I had gotten myself a copy of "How to Restore your Wooden Runabout" by Don Dannenberg (he even signed my book) and joined his online forum. In my opinion this is a must have for anyone that is going to attempt a boat restoration.



After the frames were taken care of the next part of the restoration was the bottom. A big thank you to my dad and my wife Amy (she was even helping steam bend the planks and cutting bungs) when doing the bottom. After many hours of cutting and fitting planks, drilling holes, putting in thousands of screws – oh and a lot of 3M 5200 adhesive that gets all over and doesn't come off, the bottom was done.





Then there is a ton of shaping and sanding to come. Lots of sanding finally complete and it was time for several barrier coats of primer and several coats of Copper Bronze paint.



Next came the sides of the boat. After cutting out some rough planks from the templates, I used the router method to fit the planks. This saved countless hours of fitting using a plane. Many clamps, holes, screws, 3M 5200 and many hours in the garage, the side planks were on. Finally, time to flip the boat. This was not a big deal as I had some pulleys and straps set up in the garage and I was able to flip it by myself.



Now that it's flipped, time for the fitting the covering boards to be fitted. This took a while as I was using 2-1/2" mahogany (expensive) that was eventually planed and sanded to form the smooth rounded edge around the boat. Time for the topside planks. The entire top of the boat is planked with wood from one tree and they are also book matched. Oh, forgot to mention, along with all the screws and holes, bungs had to be cut as well to fill all those holes. The bungs that were cut were cut from the same plank that they were being put in to help match grain and color. Finally, the home stretch with putting in all these screws and bungs.





Now some coats of varnish go on the bleached areas to seal the wood. Lots of coats to put on and oh, more sanding.

Now the real fun begins, sanding, sanding and more sanding and when you think you are done, more sanding. Now that all the sanding is done (hope so) it is time to bleach the wood in the areas that need to be blonde. After bleaching is done the wood is white as a ghost.



After 16 coats of varnish and sanding – I said that’s it and while all this was going on, I rebuilt the 105 hp KL engine for the boat and test ran it for about an hour.



Now time to install the engine. For the first time in 6 ½ years the boat got put on the trailer and taken out of the garage over to my dad’s house to put the engine in.





After that, many hours of putting in all the wiring, gauges and other controls, it was time to put in the interior. I purchased the kit from Jack Mayeaux out in Washington State. Jack has done numerous interiors on Concours winning boats at Lake Tahoe.



Now finally time to put the chrome on, NOW it looks like a wood boat is supposed to! By the way, the last chrome was being put on several days before the 2019 Geneva lakes Boat Show.

I did not have any time left to do ANY sea trials and was forced to splash the boat at the Abbey for the first time in 34 years, the day before the show! Luckily, there were no issues with the boat and it got used several times at the show.



Thank you to all the Captains who voted my Riviera as the best Classic Runabout and Captain's Choice awards.

A big thank you to Tom Wagner of Fox River Valley Boats for his guidance and support and also Don Dannerberg and his loyal followers on his website forum as without their support and knowledge the restoration would have never happened.

To my wife Amy, a huge thank you for putting up with me disappearing for hours at a time in the garage or basement and in honor of our family, the boats name is: BAMB! - Bob, Amy, Michael and Mitchel.

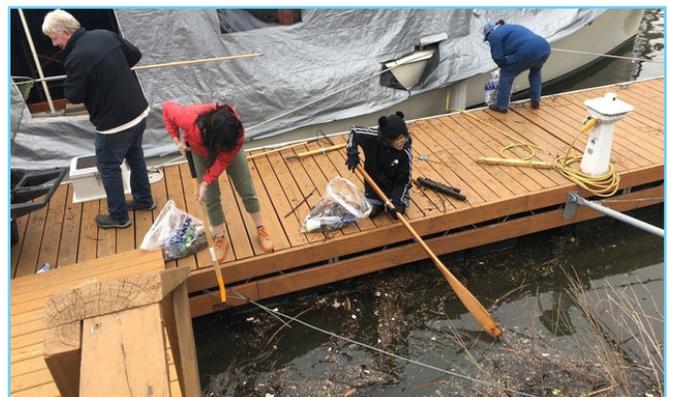


CMAC plans an extensive schedule of programs teaching boating skills and marine ecology (one week classes) and boat-building (two week classes) during the summer season. For a detailed program schedule go to www.chicagomaritime.org



CMAC is also planning an orientation meeting via ZOOM Monday night, May 3 starting at 6pm. To attend, send a note to Toby Lindo at tlindo2@gmail.com. CMAC is seeking to add instructors, mentors and paid interns to the staff for the summer season. Details will be provided at the meeting on May 3.

Be a friend of the river, help care for it at **Friend's of the River annual cleanup, Chicago River Day on Saturday, May 8, 2021.** Volunteers have two start times to choose from, 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. and receive a #ChicagoRiverDay T-shirts as a thank you gift. Masks and social distancing are required, regardless of vaccination status. The CMAC group will be cleaning at Canal Street Marina.



For more information, please contact Toby Lindo 773-771-6291
toby@chicagomaritime.org

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Swap Meet and Show
Saturday May 8, 2021



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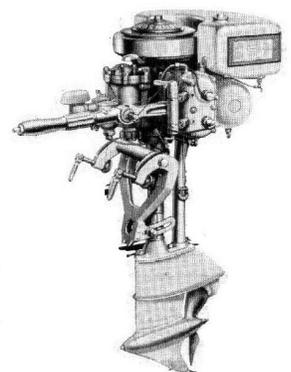


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JUNE 25-26, 2021

**LAKE MINOCQUA
AT THE
BOATHOUSE &
REDMAN REALTY
MINOCQUA, WI**

Event Director-MarcToigo/ marcto@gmail.com 715-892-4873/Facebook:@MinocquaBoatShow

Dear MACBS Participants:

Welcome to the 2021 Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show (MACBS) and to the famed Minocqua Chain of Lakes. My name is Marc Toigo and, with the help of my wife Lynn, many sponsors, and volunteers, I am the Event Director of the 2021 MACBS. After a tumultuous 2020, I'm sure everyone is ready for our boat show to be great fun and well attended.

This year we are going to hold the show over two (2) days, Friday and Saturday, June 25 & 26th 2021. This is going to be a busy weekend in the area so be sure to reserve hotel space immediately. In 2021, there is only one weekend between Fathers Day and July 4th and we are having the 2021 MACBS on that Friday and Saturday. We have decided to run the boat show later Saturday evening, until 8PM, and not to have the show on Sunday. Boats can be left at the docks on Friday and Saturday evening but should be removed when possible Sunday to allow The Boathouse patrons to use the dock space on the very busy Sunday.

Lynn and I live on Lake Minocqua, have a 1955 Chris Craft Continental, do a great deal of woodworking and love working on vintage wooden boats. Great news is this winter is that The Boathouse has work planned to fix and rebuild parts of the pier. A big thank you to Bill Fricke, the staff and ownership of The

Boathouse. They are huge sponsors of the event and contribute much of the beverages we sell that ends up supporting our charities.

Our participants and guests share a passion for vintage boats of all types and manufacturers. I am sure you will agree that the reward comes through the smiling faces of our guests as they enjoy each of the boats displayed. We have room for about 40 boats in the water but will expand our on-land exhibits with boats in The Boathouse parking lot and additional displays across the street in the Redman Realty parking lot. On-land participants can take time to put their boats in the water anytime throughout the show.

We appreciate all our sponsors and volunteers. Without their help this would not be possible. Proceeds from 2019 went to Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and the Minocqua-Kawaguasaga Lakes Protection Association. Proceeds this year will also be going to benefit several local organizations to be decided upon with help from organizers and sponsors. The Pointe Hotel & Suites is our preferred lodging for this event. In addition to registrations, clothing, and food and beverage sales, we will also have raffles. See you in June 2021. Contact me with any questions and/or comments.

Marc and Lynn Toigo, Event Directors

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, June 25, 2021

- Noon- 5PM Participant registration**
- Noon-8PM Boat Show**
- Noon-8PM Food, beverages, clothing & raffle sales**
- 5:30 PM Participant Captain's Meeting near registration desk**
- 7:00 PM Boat Parade line-up**
- 7:45 PM Boat Parade during Min-Aqua-Bat Water Ski Show intermission**
- Intermission**

Saturday, June 26, 2021

- 8 AM-Noon Registration**
- 10AM-8 PM Boat Show**
- 8AM-8PM Food, beverages, clothing, and raffle sales Live music**
- 1PM -8PM Live Music**
- 5:00PM Captain & Show Attendee balloting ends**
- 7:30 PM Awards Presentations**

****Times and Schedule are subject to change**



LAKE MINOCQUA AT THE BOATHOUSE & REDMAN REALTY, MINOCQUA, WI

June 25-26, 2021

Benefiting Local Organizations

BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

Boat Registration Fee: \$20.00

Make checks payable to Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show (MACBS)

Name: _____ Year: _____ Boat Nickname: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Length: _____ Engine/Power: _____

Manufacturer & Model: _____

City: _____ State: _____ In Water: _____ On Land: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ For Sale? Yes _____ No _____

E-mail (**Required**) _____

QUESTION: Will you participate in the Friday Night Boat Parade prior to the Min-Aqua-Bats Water Ski Show? Yes: _____ No: _____ (Captain's Meeting at 5:30 PM, Parade at 7:00 PM)

For myself and any member of my family, including all minors who accompany me or who are otherwise participating in the Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show at my invitation, I hereby waive any claim for injury to my person, or personal property, for damage which might occur due to my participation or through the use of my boat, personal property, or equipment in the function known as the Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show.

I agree to hold harmless all of the sponsors and volunteers in any way associated with the Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show, for any injury or loss suffered by me, my family, or my invites during or in any connection with the boat show even whether such injury or loss resulted directly or indirectly for negligent acts or omissions of said sponsors, employees, volunteers, assistants, or others connected with and part of the boat show event.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mail form and check to: Marc Toigo, 9672 Manitou Court, Minocqua, WI 54548



30th Annual DOOR COUNTY Classic & Wooden Boat Festival



**You are invited to the 30th annual
Door County Classic & Wooden Boat Festival, August 13-15, 2021!**

Bring your crew, friends and family for boating and fun on Sturgeon Bay's historic working waterfront. On display at the Festival are beautiful boats to admire, some professionally built and maintained, others the work of talented amateurs. Vessels range from canoes to kayaks, sailboats, fiberglass classics, and glorious mahogany runabouts.

What's on deck at the 30th Door County Classic & Wooden Boat Festival:

Friday 8/13

Registered Boaters ONLY:

- **Bay-to-Lake Cruise**
Registrants cruise ten miles on a Bay-to-Lake Lighthouse Cruise, cruising by two lighthouses, past one of the largest working shipyards on the Great Lakes, and through the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal;
- **Docktails & Delights** –
Cocktail Party after the cruise, enjoy a reception on the Festival/Maritime Museum grounds.

Saturday 8/14

- **Boat Show Hours:** 10am-5pm;
- **Maritime Week Parade**, 10am
NEW for 2021! Sturgeon Bay is one of 28 U.S. Coast Guard Cities, and we're celebrating our retired and active USCG. All participants welcome!
Hosted by *Destination Sturgeon Bay*;
- **Sikaflex Boatbuilding Contest**
Construction & Decoration day. Teams of amateurs construct and decorate plywood boats;
- **Enjoy** food and drinks, maritime crafts for kids of all ages, Boathouse Sale, Museum tours, education with members of the USCG, and more!
- **Take a ride** on a classic boat;
- **Sunset Cruise & Parade**, Dusk.
Decorate your boat and your crew with costumes and lights for a new take on a Sturgeon Bay tradition;
(Registered Boaters only)
- **Night Market on the Promenade:**
Stroll the West Waterfront's newest addition, browsing local vendors' wares, food and drinks! 5-9 p.m.
Hosted by *Destination Sturgeon Bay*

Sunday 8/15

- **Boat Show Hours:** 10am-4pm;
- **S.S. Bloody Mary Sunday Social** at Sonny's Pizzeria, 10am-1pm.
Start the day with Bloody Mary samples, food & live music. More information and tickets available at: SturgeonBay.net; OR \$35 with boat registration;
- **Sikaflex Boatbuilding Race**
Teams finish their plywood boats and compete in a hilarious race on the water! Cheer them on!
Race @ 1pm;
- **Cast your vote** for your favorite Sikaflex boat;
- **Awards ceremony**, 3pm.

Cast your VOTE...

On Saturday, registered skippers vote to choose *Boats of the Year* in these categories:

- Classic Inboard
 - Classic Outboard
 - Sailboat
 - Classic Fiberglass
 - Non-powered
 - Model Boat
 - Unique Craft
 - Skipper's Best of Show
- All Festival attendees may vote for the coveted
People's Choice Boat of the Year

Register Online!

Fill out your info & pay by credit card. Scan the code below with camera on your phone, or go to: <https://app.donorview.com/5yGW4>



**Festival grounds are
open to the public with
FREE entry!**

Special for 2021:
Commemorative Pennant
\$35 w/ Boat Registration
\$40 @ Festival

For more detailed Festival information: DoorCountyClassicBoatFestival.com

**Please Note:* if we are unable to host DCCWBF in August due to pandemic concerns, restrictions or other reasons deemed necessary by Door County Maritime Museum, DCCWBF will either refund your registration fees or contact you about transferring fees to 2022.

Register your vessels today! (over for form)



2021 Vessel Registration Form

Ahoy! You are invited to join our fleet of classic and wooden boat lovers at the 30th annual Door County Classic & Wooden Boat Festival, August 13-15, 2021. Please **choose a registration option below** and fill out your information. Choose if you want to order a commemorative pennant, and if you'll be joining the rest of the crews for the Bay-to-Lake Cruise, and "Docktails & Delights" party. Be sure to make your lodging reservations early! For lodging needs, visit SturgeonBay.net or DoorCounty.com.

Email/Mail

Photo of your vessel & information about her special features, story, acquisition, restoration/build, to Bill Freyman: dcclassicboatfestival@gmail.com

How to Register:

- Send filled out form (*below*), with check payable to "DCMM" for your selected registration amount. Mail to address on form. Or Register Online – scan code at right, or: <https://app.donorview.com/5yGW4>
- Dock space is limited, **register early!** Come prepared with fenders and extra line.
- Skippers and boats must be present **both Saturday *and* Sunday** to be eligible for awards.
- Owners **MUST** be present at the show if displaying "For Sale" signs on vessel.
- *Fees are non-refundable, pending emergency situation, as determined by Door County Maritime Museum.*
- Questions? (920) 868-1749; dcclassicboatfestival@gmail.com; or: pfunkhouser@dcm.org.



Choose your Registration option:

<p>Basic Registration (\$30), includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display space and/or dock space for vessel(s) (<i>assigned by registration date; multiple vessels encouraged</i>); • Overnight security Friday & Saturday nights; • Entry to the Door County Maritime Museum and the Tug <i>John Purves</i>; • Sunset Cruise on Saturday evening; 	<p>Prime Registration (\$40), includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the features of Basic Registration, PLUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entry in Friday's Bay-to-Lake Cruise; ○ "Docktails & Delights" Cocktail Party Friday after the Cruise. • Fees are non-refundable. • To receive Prime, please register by August 1!
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Registration Release: By registering for the festival, the registrant verifies the registrant has read and understands all the foregoing important risks and warnings. Registration voluntarily assumes the risk of damage to persons or property arising from participation in the boat show after disclosure of risks and warnings. The registrant further waives, releases and discharges the Door County Maritime Museum, all program directors and volunteers from any, and all claims for damages to persons or property arising from participation in the boat festival. Finally, the registrant warrants and represents to the show sponsor that the registrant's boat is covered under a policy of casualty and liability insurance.

MAIL IN Registration Information (*Tear off at dotted line, fill out for EACH VESSEL, send form with \$30 Basic or \$40 Prime registration fee. Fee covers multiple boats.*):

Skipper's Name: _____ Crew Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Mobile # (*for Day-of-Festival*): _____

Vessel Name: _____ Length (*include trailer*): _____

Engine Type: _____ HP: _____ Year: _____ Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____

Choose Registration Options:

_____ BASIC (\$30) or _____ PRIME (\$40)

_____ 30th anniversary pennant (\$35)

_____ S.S. Bloody Mary Social (\$35)

\$ _____ **TOTAL DUE with form**

Mail: Check payable to DCMM & Form, to:

Boat Registration Coordinator
Bill Freyman
7031 Division Road,
Egg Harbor, WI 54209

How will you display your vessel(s)?
(Check Box(es)):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vessel in Water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vessel on Trailer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shore Display
<input type="checkbox"/>	Model Boat

CLASSIFIED ADS



1954, 24 foot Shepherd hardtop, with original 331 cu inch Hemi. In excellent condition, and has received many awards including the Best Classic Cruiser at the 2016 ACBS Lake Geneva boat show. Believed to be the only 24 foot Shepherd hardtop in active use. A wonderful boat for multi-day cruises. Details available at <http://www.rareshpherd.com/index.html> The boat can be viewed by appointment in SE Wisconsin. Contact: G. Petersen 262-742-2367

1924 Consolidated Speedway 'CHEROKEE'
Looking for partners to keep this historic yacht on Geneva Lake. Fractional owner ships available.
See; <http://maheratimecharters.com/>
Captain Patrick, maheratimecharters@gmail.com
Slip 1138 in the Abbey Harbor, Fontana, WI
Patrick Maher 262-903-6577



1963 19 1/2' Streblov "Rebel" This beautiful Streblov has been meticulously maintained by award winning boat restorer Jim Murdock of Vintage Boat Restorations, Bristol, CT. Five years out of college, the original owner purchased the craft from Larry and Randy Streblov at their site in Kenosha, WI. The boat spent it's early years on Geneva Lake as a family ski boat. The owner moved to Sparta, NJ where he kept it over the summers. The craft is powered by a Chris-Craft Chevy Corvette engine. New 5200 bottom and new upholstery. Trailer included. The "REBEL" received a Gold Award at the 2017 ACBS International Boat Show at Racine WI. Please call Don Taylor at 630-632-9797. REDUCED \$37,900

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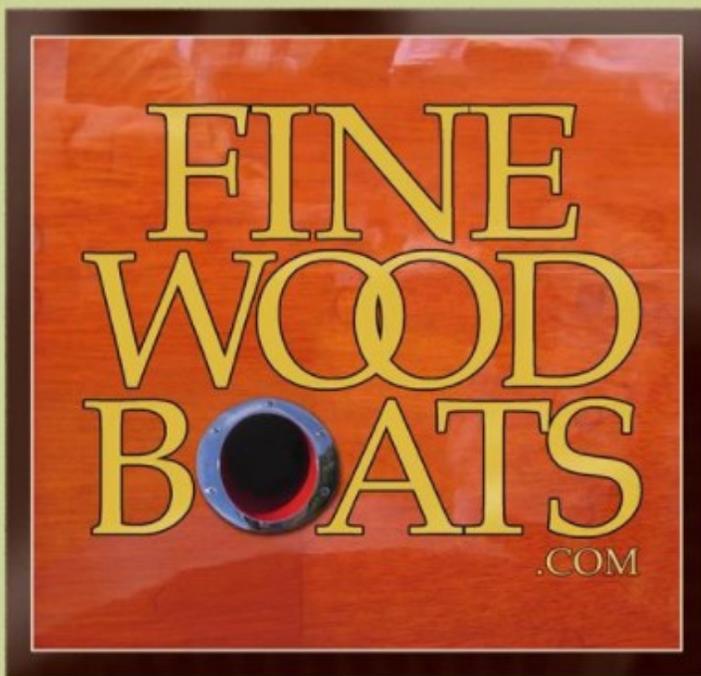
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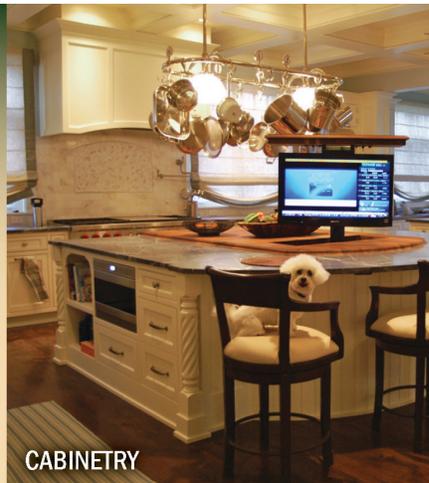
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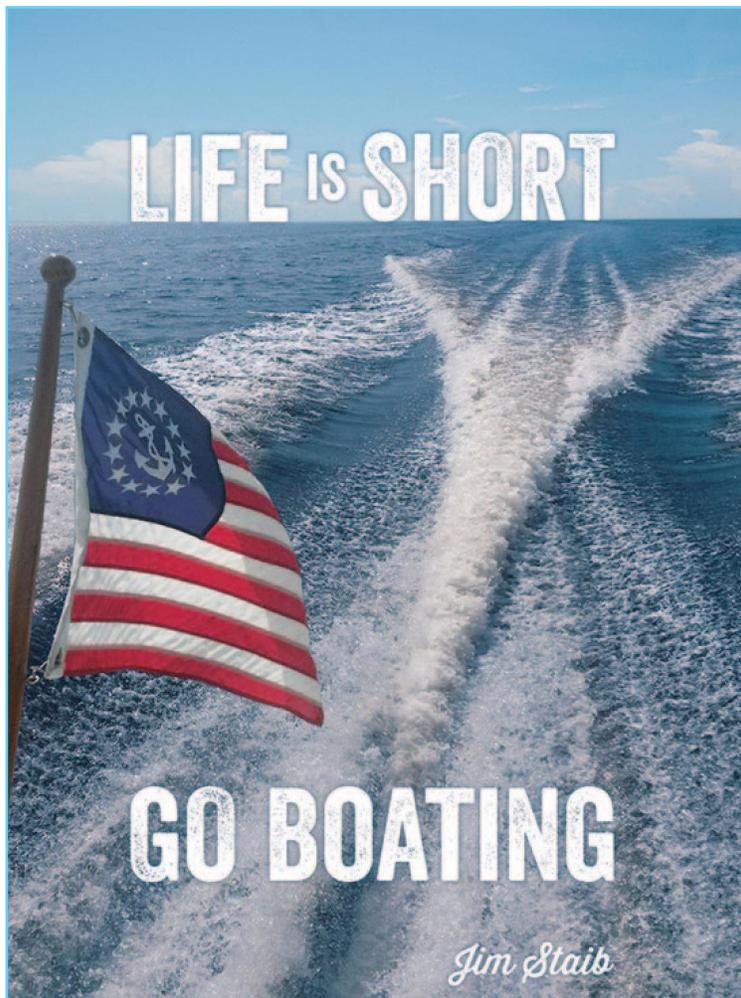
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