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“BOAT the BLUE”



ACBS 2018 International Boat Show

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Presidents Notes:

Hello fellow Blackhawk members.

Spring is (finally) here and I hope everyone has been getting the boats ready for the upcoming season.

Does your boat need varnish? (I'm getting pretty good at it after 13 coats and more to come!) How about all that chrome – some elbow grease and polish should do the trick! How's the engine? Nobody likes to get towed in at the boat show.

My restoration of a 1949 Chris Craft Riviera is coming along nicely. Gauges and chrome are being taken care of, interior is in the works and it is really starting to look like a boat. After 6 years of work it looks like it will hit the water this summer in time for the boats 70th birthday. For the next newsletter, I will be writing an article about the boats total restoration.

This spring's workshop will be at Jim Altounian's workshop at Altounian Builders in Lake Bluff IL. Jim is restoring several Gar Wood's, a Chris Craft model 100 and a ski boat from Cypress Gardens. He will also have other boats from his collection available for viewing. We will also get a demonstration of one of his wood cutting CNC machines. Jim has also graciously offered to provide lunch for all the attendees. Thank you Jim! Look for more information in the newsletter.

This year's Spring Dinner will be held at Gordy's Cobalt lounge on Saturday May 18th starting at 5:00pm. It will be a buffet dinner including Filet Mignon and Chicken Oscar. Look for more details in the newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Please remember that this is your club and it requires volunteers to make it work. Please consider donating some of your time and talent to help ease the burden of all of our hard working volunteers.

Let's get the boating season started and hope to see you out on the water.

Thanks,
Bob





"WELCOME ABOARD"

BLACKHAWK CHAPTER'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Membership Chairperson, Jan Vogeler
reports Blackhawk membership has
grown to over 300 members



Rob & Jen Farr, Golf IL

Dave & Donna Heinzmann, Lake Geneva WI

Guido & Debbie Marzullo, Elmhurst IL

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Ahoy Blackhawk Members! This is a shout out to any and all to lend a helping hand at some of our upcoming boat shows and events. If you are interested in volunteering your time and energy please contact Bob O'Day at boboday@warehousedirect.com or 630-936-1656



Share Our Stories

Attention Blackhawk members: The newsletter belongs to you and you can make it better. It's all about our stories. Whether hanging out at the docks during a show or dining together as a group, we all share our stories...the restoration project, bringing an engine back to life, a boating event, the maiden voyage, the mishaps as well as the glorious days when all goes well.

To keep the newsletter fresh, exciting and providing new viewpoints to the readers, we need your stories...the funny, the interesting, the informative. There are over 300 members now and I invite all of you to share your stories of a day, a boat, or a lifetime of your experience.

Please send your stories and pictures to stmfittr@aol.com Thanks, Terry Dickson, Smoke Signal Editor

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Saturday ★ July 13, 2019

Presented by

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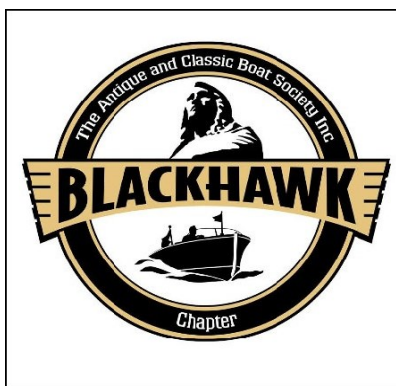
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For more information: SEDAN1@MSN.COM
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The 35th Annual Antique & Classic in-water Boat Show at FAMOUS FREDDIE'S Saturday July 13, 2019

on Pistakee Lake, 510 Park Ave, Fox Lake IL

Set up is 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Show 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Awards presented dockside at 1:30 pm

Western BBQ Buffet at 2:00 pm

Tossed garden Salad , Corn on the cob

Grilled BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw

BBQ Rib Fingers, Baked Potatoes

Cash Bar

\$20.00 Boat entry fee

(before 7/6/19, \$30 after 7/6/19)

\$17.00 per person for BBQ Buffet

There is no launch ramp at Freddie's, you could launch at any of the other Marinas around the Lake.

Ben Watts Marina ramp is 3 minutes by car or water.

NOTE: A Waterway Permit Sticker is required; it can be purchased at Watts Marina.

For more info: Ron Van Horn 708-347-8951 or

Ted Cartner 847-395-8902

Registration form also available on line

<http://blackhawkacbs.com/Events/FoxLakeBoatShow.aspx>

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Boat Name _____

Send to: Ted Cartner PO Box 683 Antioch IL 60002

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BLACKHAWK CHAPTER



2019 ACBS Blackhawk Chapter Spring Workshop

The Blackhawk Chapter will be holding its annual spring workshop at Jim Altounians business, Altounian Builders in Lake Bluff IL, on **Saturday April 27th** and will start at 10:00 am with Coffee and Doughnuts.

Jim has several boats in the restoration process including some Gar Wood's, a model 100 Chris Craft and Ski boat from Cypress Gardens. He will also have some of his other boats in his collection that will be available for viewing. Jim will also be giving us a demonstration on one of his wood cutting CNC machines.

A big thank you goes out to Jim as he will be providing lunch to all attendees.

Members and guests of ALL ages are welcome to attend. Come with questions and talk with Jim and the members that you haven't seen since last year.

Lets get the season started so come on out and support the Blackhawk Chapter! Hope to see you there!

Saturday April 27th , 10:00 am for Coffee and Doughnuts



Altounian Builders

13110 W. Rt 176,

Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Please RSVP to:

Bob O'Day

630-936-1656

rivierabob1949@gmail.com

Please reply by Monday April 22nd as I need to let Jim know how many to expect for lunch.

Blackhawk Chapter Spring Dinner At Gordy's Cobalt Lounge Saturday May 18th, 2019 Starting at 5pm

Located on the West end of Lake Geneva. Make it a boating day!!!!
Limited Boat parking available. Show up early or raft off with friends.



Come join the Blackhawk Chapter 2019 Spring Kickoff Dinner which will be held at Gordy's in Fontana WI. Cocktails will begin at 5pm with dinner around 6:30. The Buffet Diner will include a mixed Salad, Filet Mignon and Chicken Oscar, served with Twice Baked Potatoes and Green Beans with Almonds. Coffee and a Desert Platter is included.
Price: \$45.00 for Adults \$15.00 for Children



Gordy's Cobalt Lounge
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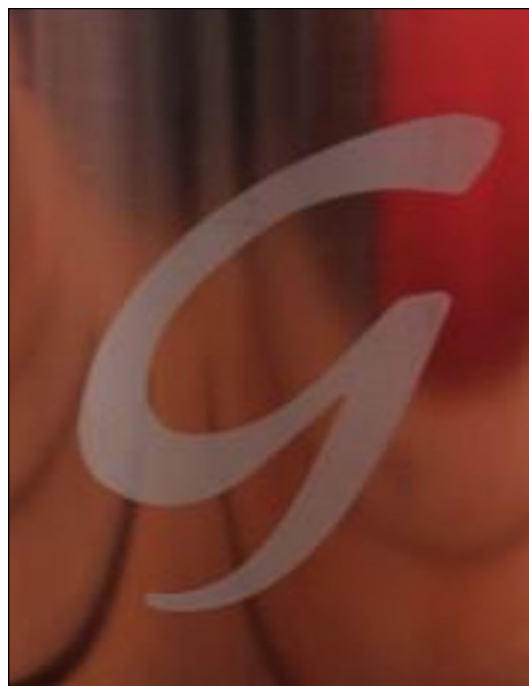
RSVP Deadline May 1st 2019
See next page for registration form

ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2019 Spring Dinner Registration

Location: Gordy's Cobalt Lounge
366 Lake Ave.
Fontana, WI 53125
Phone: 262-275-6800

Time: 5:00 PM Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
Cost: \$45.00 Adults, Children \$15.00 (5-11)
Bar: Full Service Cash,
RSVP: Deadline May 1, 2019

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PORT HURON, MICHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2018

By Terry Dickson



ACBS International Boat Show
Hosted by the Michigan Chapter
River Street Marina



We took the hike up and had some quality time boating the blue waters at Port Huron with our buddy Jag out on his very cool Chris Craft XK-22.



Classic Boats as far as the eye can see. The River Street Marina on the Black River must be a couple city blocks long and classic boats lined the seawall end to end.



The big cruisers were the draw for me and there were 40 some bigguns to see there.



Now I know I have said this before, but I'll say it again, this is one of the best shows I have ever seen.



Matt Byrne made it up there too with his awesome replica of the 1936 Chris-Craft Special Racer.



Got to hang out for a bit with Gary & Sue Rechcygl aboard 'Double Trouble' and our old buddy Jim Staib.

Thanks to all at the ACBS and the Michigan Chapter for a spectacular event on the International Blue Waters at Port Huron.

See:
Moment in History Extra: The International Blue Water Bridge
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpqgWMU7MLko>



Another incredible Classic from the YNOT YACHTS team is 'EULIPION' - 1947 Chris Craft Express Cruiser.



This Century is for You! Docked here on the river walk she was on course to near-by the bars and restaurants.



A tricked-out classic example of mid-century ostentatious consumption and she could not be missed.



Jack's 1947 U-22



An incredible Black Beauty



Dave Bortner showed a really nice 53 Chris Craft 26' 'Express Cruiser



'Andrew J' 1948 Higgins Deluxe Sedan
2017 ACBS Boat of the Year Best Preserved



Dave Nau showed a sweet little 66 MFG Niagara with a really clean 35 HP Merc.



Its always a treat to see the lovely *LILY* in the water.



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CHICAGO MARITIME Arts Center

By Captain Toby Lindo

Our Mission

To bring people back to the Lake and River that created Chicago, to teach marine ecology and the maritime arts, and to help kids find themselves and new pathways by learning to build boats.

Blackhawk members will recall that Toby Lindo established Chicago Maritime Arts Center in 2017 to bring Chicago kids to the water and to boating. Programs last year included boat-building classes in partnership with the Chicago Park District, the Jackson Park Yacht Clubs and the Carpenters Union. The highlight for each class was launch day. For many kids this was their first time on the water. Thirty-five boys and girls participated in classes last year and as you can see there were many happy campers.



Happy boat-builders on launch day at Canal Street Marina August 25, 2018. Captain Toby Lindo is proud of the kids and ROBERT ALLAN II.



Boat-builders get to row the boats they built at the Canal Street Yard on the Chicago River.

Chicago Maritime Arts Center

CMAC celebrated its first full year of operation at the Lagunitas Brewery on November 27, with over 150 attending including Blackhawk members Ted Cartner, Terry Dickson and Glen Steinberg. CMAC secured over \$12,000 in donations that evening to support boat-building programs for 2019.



CMAC President Joe Rickard and Keith Ogulnick, Director of the Chicago Boat, RV and Sail Show enjoying the Lagunitas.



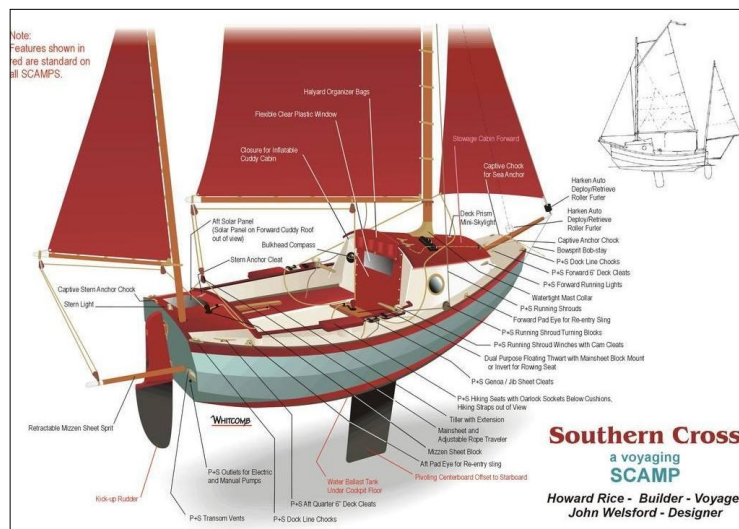
Graham Saucer of Chicago Sailing and David Rearick, who completed a single-handed circumnavigation in 2014 on his sloop *BODACIOUS DREAM*.

The Blackhawk Chapter has made a contribution to the CMAC for tuition to make it possible for two Chicago kids to attend boat-building classes this summer.



Blackhawk members are also invited to join CMAC and Howard Rice on the evening of Thursday, May 16 at the Chicago Yacht Club. Howard will be the featured speaker and will share his experience of more than two decades in Micronesia with descendants of the people who discovered and settled many of the Pacific Ocean islands more than a thousand years ago.

Howard began his journey in 2017 sailing into the Straits of Magellan (and back out again thankfully). He will continue his journey this summer cruising from Portsmouth, England through the North Sea. Howard is live-streaming his journey to classrooms around the world at no charge as a way to share his adventures with kids and to show them they don't need to spend a fortune to have a boat of their own.



The evening will be a kick-off dinner for the boating season in Chicago and will be a chance to enjoy a night at the Chicago Yacht Club's Monroe Harbor Station.

For details and how to purchase tickets, visit:

www.chicagomaritime.org.

CMAC Plans for 2019

This year, we started our first class Tuesday, March 26 at Eleanor Street Boathouse on the Chicago River (Park District location).

We will begin our first in-school class with 25 kids at the Urban Prairie Waldorf School in May, followed by summer boat-building classes in Jackson Park and at the Carpenters Union Training Center.

And we host our first North side class in July at the Chicago Sailing Center on Elston Avenue. We are also adding a one-week boating skills and marine ecology program at Jackson Park for 16 kids.

CMAC is also participating for the first time with Friends of the River in its annual River Clean-up day on Saturday, May 11 at the Canal Street Yard from 9-12. CMAC will launch its fleet of skiffs to pick up debris along the banks of the South Branch of the river adjacent to the Canal Street yard and the Chinatown Park.

Our group will also host 100 Chicago kids at the Columbia Yacht Club on May 15 where they will learn about sail training programs, see a demonstration of boat-building and hear from Howard Rice who is making his way around the watery parts of the world in his 12' yawl *SOUTHERN CROSS*.

For more information on this event, visit us at www.chicagomaritime.org or call Captain Toby Lindo at 773 771-6291.

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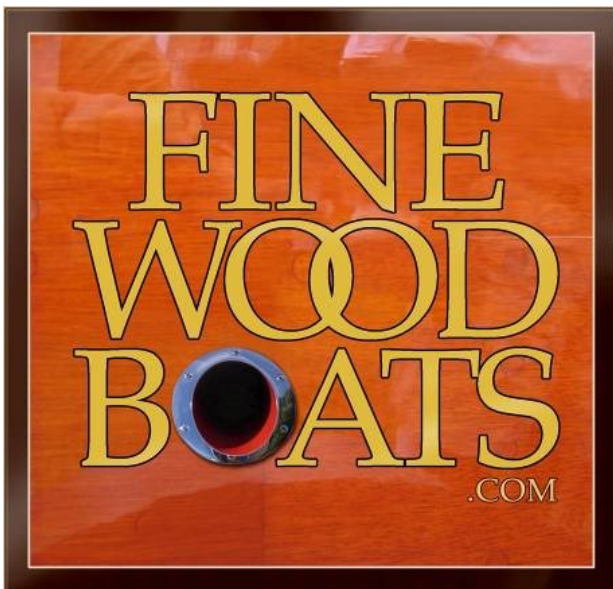
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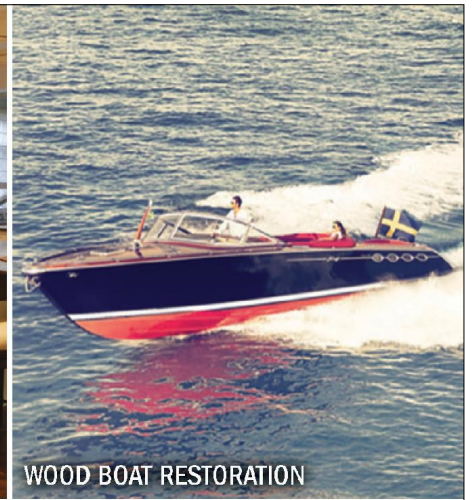


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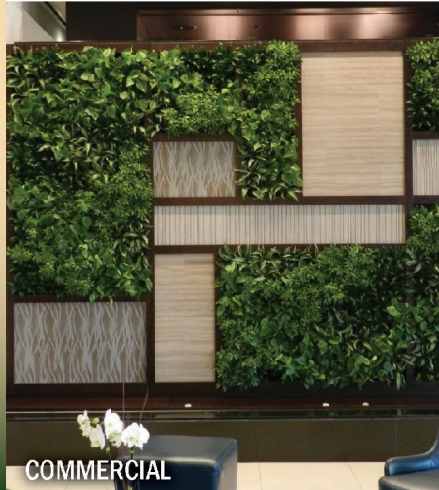
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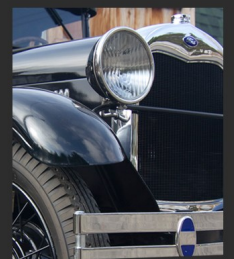


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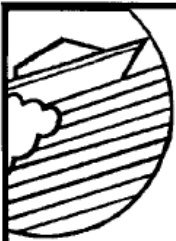
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2019 Event Calendar

Sat April 27, 2019	Spring Workshop
Sat May 18, 2019	Spring Dinner
Sat July 13, 2019	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
TBA	Lower Fox River Cruise
Fri-Sun Sept 27-29, 2019	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
TBA	Fall Dinner