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Presidents Message

Greetings fellow Blackhawk members,

I hope you and your families are well.

With all of the issues that continually effect our daily lives we are still trying to get club activities closer to normal. I hope that next year everyone will feel better about gatherings so we can make it a great year with many chances to use your boat and meet with fellow members.



We tried to schedule some events during the summer that were geared towards being outside and using our boats and our first event was the Fox River cruise on the lower river. It ended up being a little too early for a lot of people as their boats were not ready yet but we had a few boats and had a nice lunch at No Wake Bar and Grill along with several members who came by car. We will try this again next year but just a little later in June (Hint – captains take note – get the boat ready earlier next summer).

In July we had the 36th annual Fox Lake boat show at Famous Freddie's. The turnout was not as good as other years but we all had a great day out on the water. A big thanks go out to Valerie Diedrich and Ted and Cindy Cartner for organizing the show.

In August, we had the Classic Boat Rendezvous along the Chicago Riverwalk. This was a chance to take some of our boats on a cruise up the Chicago River from 31st and the river all the way up to the City Winery and dock at the River Walk. There were about 12 boats ranging from 13' all the way up to a 50' Chris Craft. We stayed tied up for the day and in the afternoon we all cruised out to the locks going to Lake Michigan and back downtown where some went to Goose Island for cocktails and others made the trek back down to Richard Daily boat launch. What a great day! A huge thank you to Mike and Jen Furibondo, Capt. Toby Lindo and Capt. Al Bartkus for setting this up. We plan to do this again!

We normally would have had a Fall Dinner to elect new officers and recognize outstanding restorations by members, spectacular boating skills and other awards but due to some issues, we will be combining these functions with our Spring Dinner. Keep a lookout for more information as we hope to have the Dinner at Gordy's in Fontana WI.

Please remember that the club is your club and it requires volunteers to organize and run events. Please consider volunteering for an elected position or helping with an event as it would be great to see some new faces helping run the club and events. Terry, our newsletter editor is always looking for interesting stories to publish. I am sure there are some stories from this summer so please pass them along.

To all of our Blackhawk members and families, I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Bob O'Day

President Blackhawk Chapter ACBS

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

"WELCOME ABOARD"



Blackhawk Chapter's Newest Members

Membership Chairperson Valerie Diedrich reports Blackhawk membership has over 250 members



David & Gemma Ruhland, Chicago IL

Harry Richter & Susan Scherer, River Forest IL

Christine & Kevin Konkol, Menomonee Falls WI

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36th Annual Fox Lake Boat Show **FAMOUS** *Freddies* **ROADHOUSE**

by Charles Rasso
photos by Terry Dickson

Aloha! Skippers & First Mates.

The 36th annual Blackhawk Chapter In-Water Boat Show was a real success. Good weather, lots of people and a clear calm lake.

The love or thrill of boating on a body of water can be exciting. So many things can accrue very quickly, a change in weather, mechanical problems, change in water levels, or poor judgment of other skippers navigation. I boat mostly on the Mississippi River and enjoy the beauty and wildlife it offers -- bald eagles, pelicans, cranes, even had deer swimming pass our boat a few times.

The breeze and smell of fresh water and the sound of the waves is so relaxing. I am looking forward to future boat shows and perhaps a fall dinner. It was so nice to see the club members and some new ones too! So keep your local waters clean, pick up cans & bottles, plastic or trash when you can. Be a safe and cautious captain on the water, enjoy the boating season.

Special thanks to the volunteers who made the event happen.

Mahalo!



Best Fiberglass - Charles John Rasso
1961 Glastron *E holo kia*

★ ★ ★ 36th A N N U A L ★ ★ ★

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 10, 2021



For more information: valdiedrich@gmail.com
Valerie Diedrich 815.321.2387 Ted Cartner 847.395.8902



Valerie and Bob award Chuck Best Fiberglass



Dennis & Gail Downes, Ted Cartner with Eric Moberg and *Rebel* - 1957 Streblov - 2nd Best Utility



1947 Hacker - *Foxtrot II* - Best Utility



Arthur & Linda Fox take home Best Utility



Chris Craft - 2nd Best Runabout



2nd Best Runabout



Best Runabout - Don & Judith Chapman
2002 Hacker-Craft - *And Baby makes three*



2nd Best Outboard - Brett Kaminski
1959 Glasspar Lido Sport w/1959 50 HP Johnson



Best Outboard - Terry Dickson - *Mama Mia!*
1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan w/1961 Mercury 800



Best Cruiser - Ted Cartner
1953 Chris Craft - *Chrysalis*



Captains Choice - Bob O'Day
1949 Chris Craft Riviera - *BAMM*

★ ★ ★ 35th ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 13, 2019



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★ ★ ★ 34TH ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 14, 2018



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★ ★ ★ 33rd ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 15, 2017



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★ ★ ★ 32nd ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 16, 2016



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★ ★ ★ 31st ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 11, 2015



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★ ★ ★ 30th ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 12, 2014



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Blackhawk Chapter ACBS 2021 Chicago Classic Boat Rendezvous

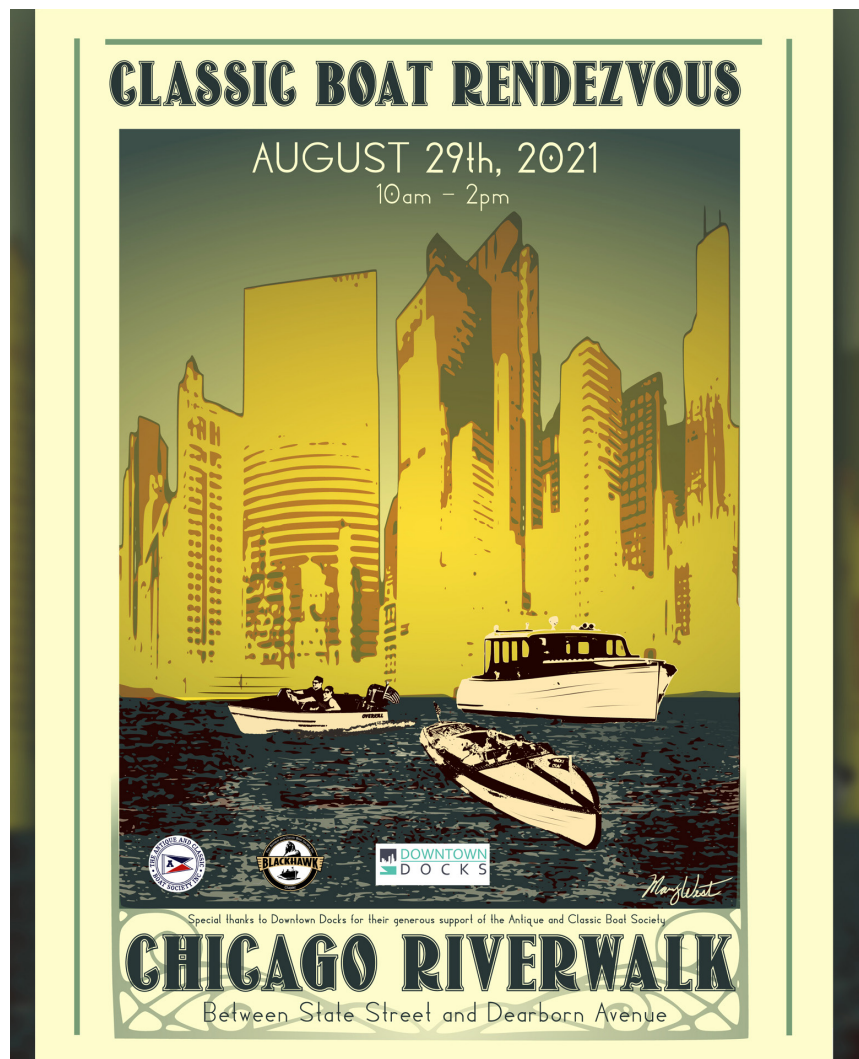
In the City

by Charles Rasso

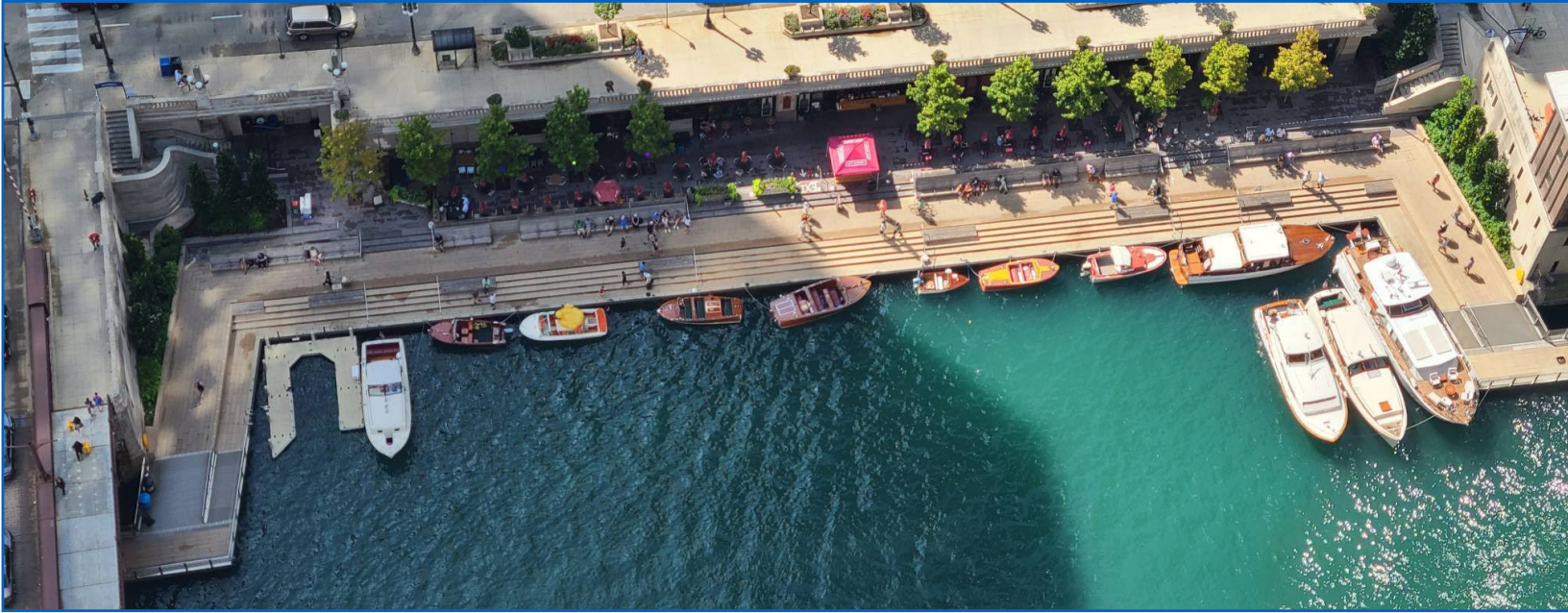
The August boat show on the Riverwalk in Chicago was an event where captains, and crewmembers had to use their navigation skills and boating wits to maneuver through breezy winds, light rain, scorching sun and boats of all sizes on the crowded Chicago River. From kayaks to commercial tour boats, it was a very busy day on the urban waterway. The Blackhawk Chapter had a wonderful day to showcase their vessels in beautiful downtown Chicago.



Downtown Docks Cruiser Corner
Marianne - 1960 Chris-Craft Constellation
Robert Allan II - 1936 Grebe Motoryacht
West Wind - 1966 Chris-Craft Constellation
Little Susie - 1936 Chris-Craft Cruiser



My favorite was a 1961 Chris-Craft 50 foot yacht called "Marianne". Then having a champagne cocktail on a vintage 1930's cabin cruiser moored right next to her. An exciting day to say the least.



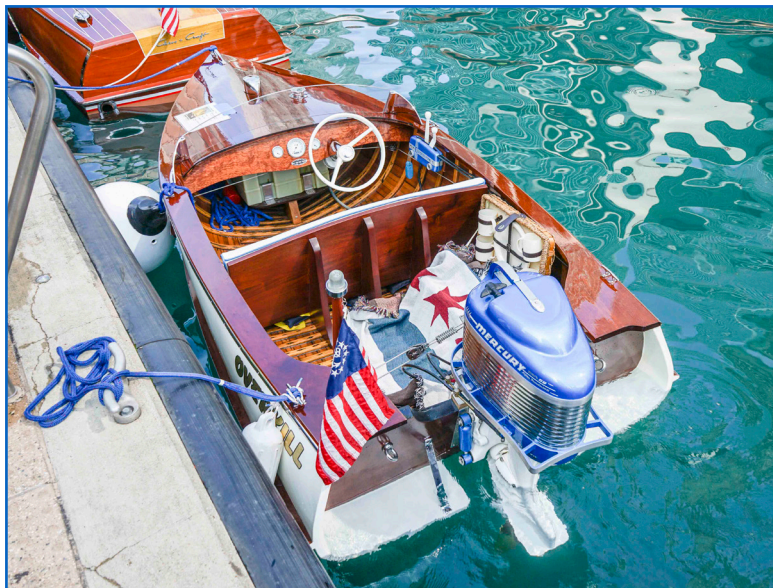
Mama Mia! - 1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan



Current Fling - 1947 Hacker-Craft



Hoisting a Birthday Toast for Captain Toby aboard the *Robert Allan II*.



Overkill - 1956 Ole Lind



Lunch was at the City Winery patio at a high table overlooking the Riverwalk. People watching and motoring boats was in full display. A sudden and brief rain shower rolled in and sent people scrambling for cover. As quickly as the rain started it stopped and the sun came back out.



1957 Thompson Sea Lancer



Marianne - 1960 Chris-Craft Constellation



Disco Duck - 1978 Aristocraft



Lily Pad - 1959 Chris-Craft Sea Skiff



Little Susie - 1936 Chris-Craft Cruiser



BAMM - 1949 Chris Craft Riviera



No Golf Today - 1947 Greavette Custom Runabout

The scheduled boat parade started promptly at 2pm as the skippers started their engines, cast lines and I watched them navigate east from Riverwalk out to Navy Pier. Then had to hurry to catch my 2:40 west bound train and was home in plenty of time to watch the sun set over the Mississippi river from my homes upper deck. From man-made steel-glass canyons of the city to the driftless sandstone bluffs of the Mississippi River, I had traveled well. Missing now those long warm days of July. See you on the water...Charles John



The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

Poster Art and Photos 2019 through 2006



SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH, 2019

At the Abbey Resort on beautiful Lake Geneva

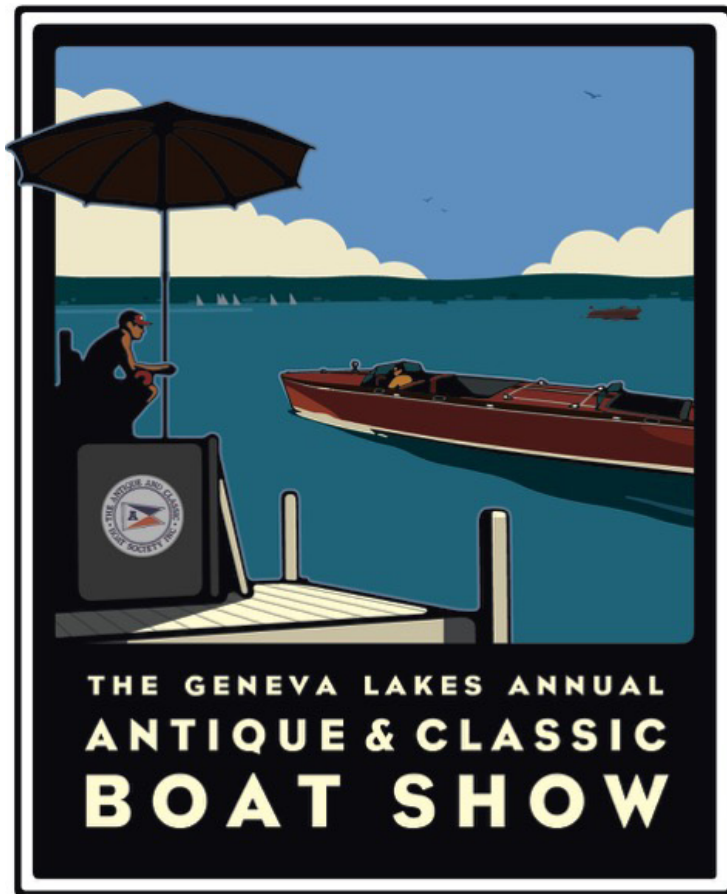
In-water boat show Saturday 10:00-5:00, Sunday 10:00-3:00 ★ Boat Parade Sat. 4:00

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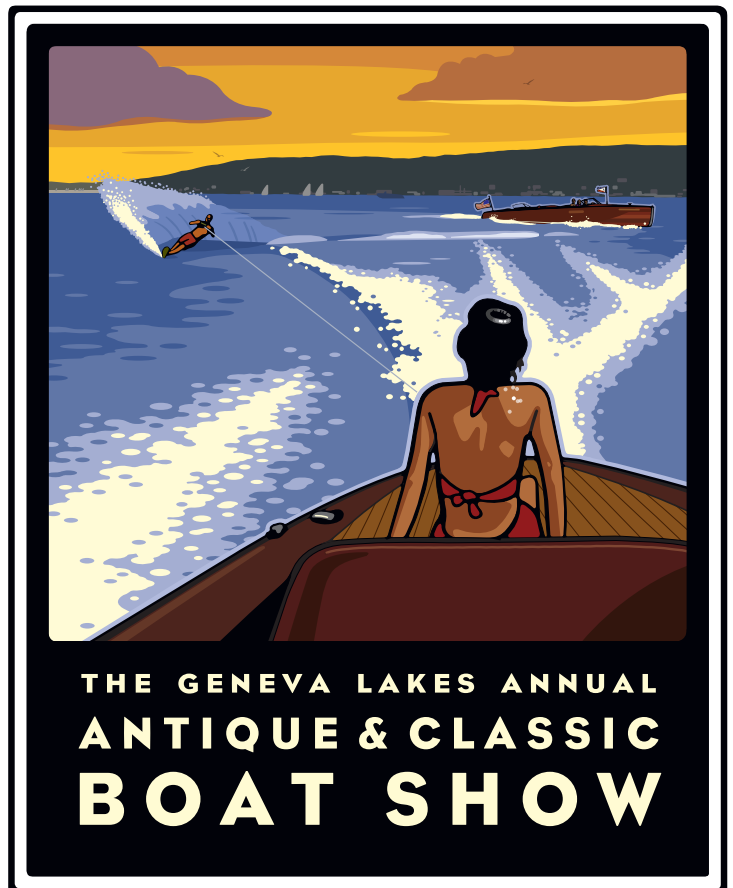


SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH, 2018





SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2017



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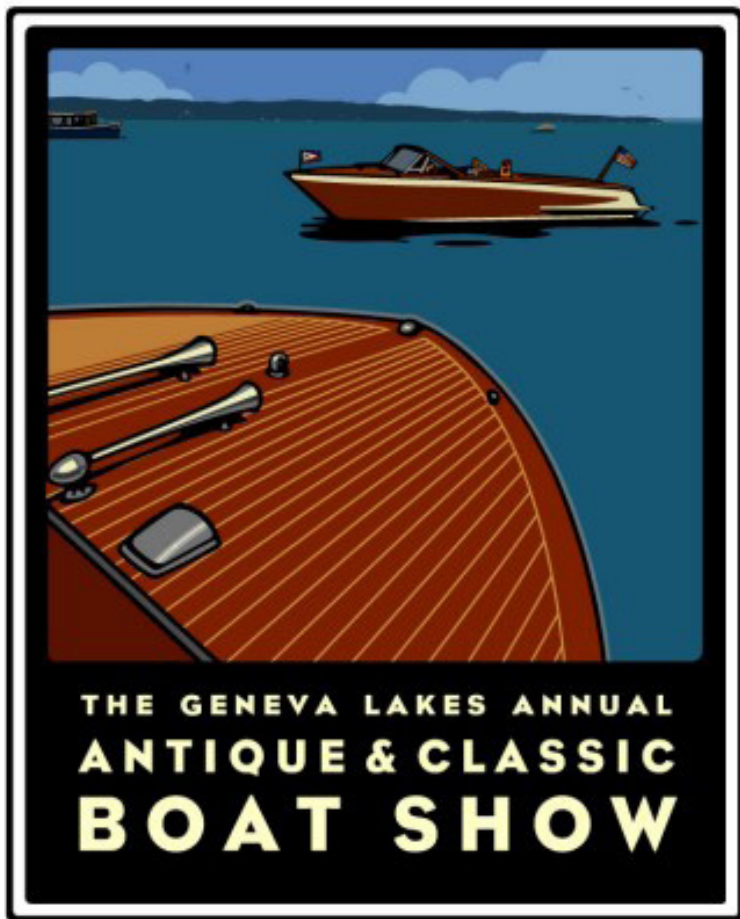


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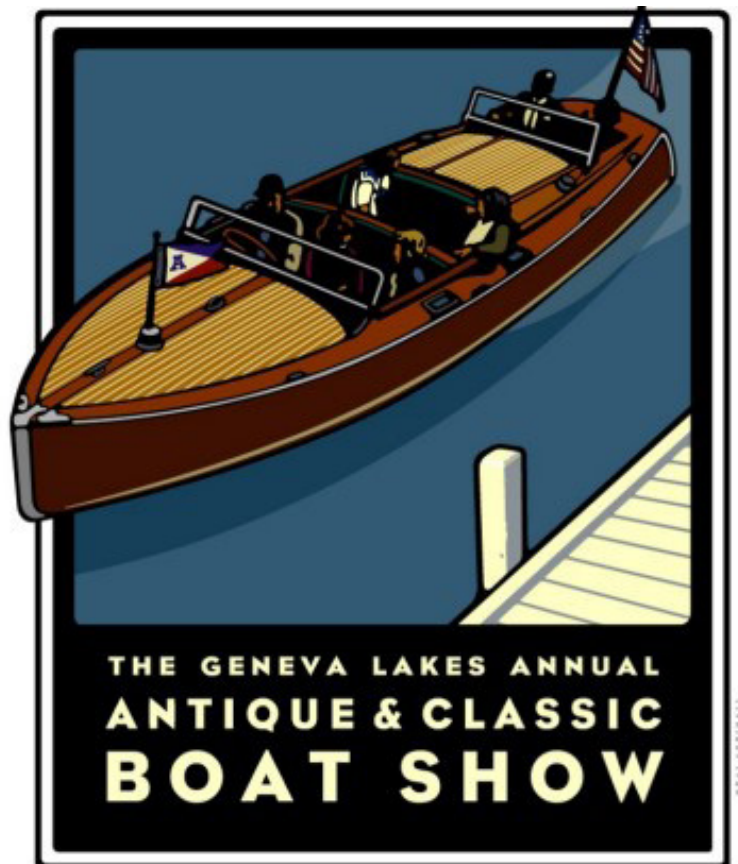


SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH, 2015



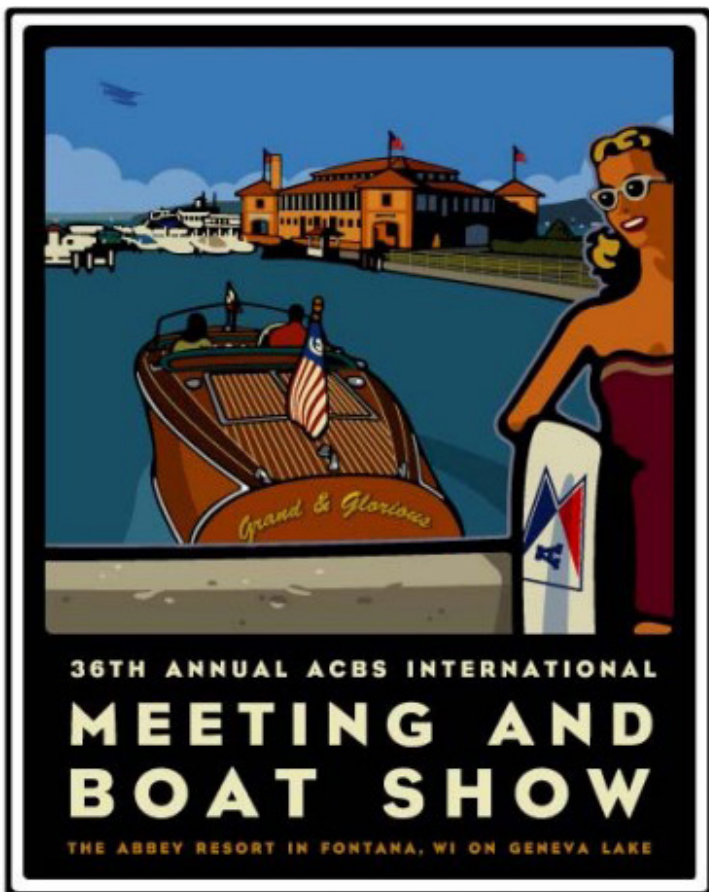


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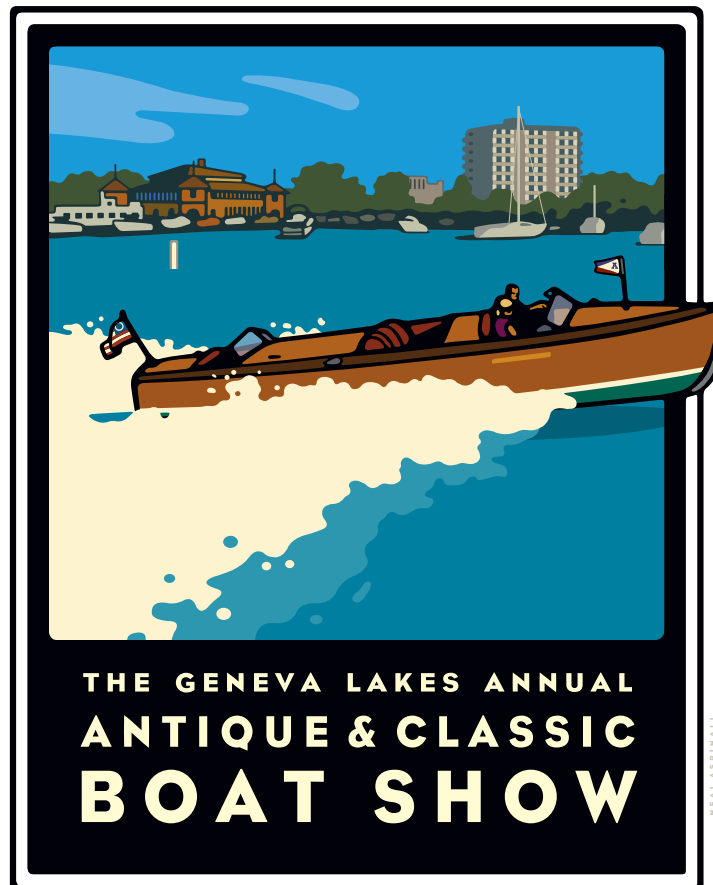


SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH, 2012





SEPTEMBER 22ND - 25TH, 2011



SEPTEMBER 25TH & 26TH, 2010

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SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH, 2009



SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2008



SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH, 2007



SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2006

How Can I Help?

In 2022 CMAC will be teaching young boys and girls from many Chicago neighborhoods and from as far beyond as Kenosha, Wisconsin to venture out on our rivers or Lake Michigan for the very first time. Your donation in any amount will be most welcome. The Lake and River are Chicago's finest civic assets. It is our privilege to help kids experience these natural wonders.

Chicago Maritime Arts Center is a 501c3 organization.



Ways to Give

Help ten students learn boating for a week on the Chicago River next summer - **\$5,000**

Help one young student experience boating for a week on the Lake next summer - **\$500**

Help ten young students learn about marine ecology of the Chicago River next Spring - **\$250**

Help one young student learn basic wood-working skills next Winter - **\$100**

Help one young student acquire a basic set of wood-working tools - **\$50**

Make a Contribution Today!



CMAC is also looking for new volunteers to help us bring kids to the water. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in 2022, click on the Volunteer button below.

To see CMAC in the news click here!

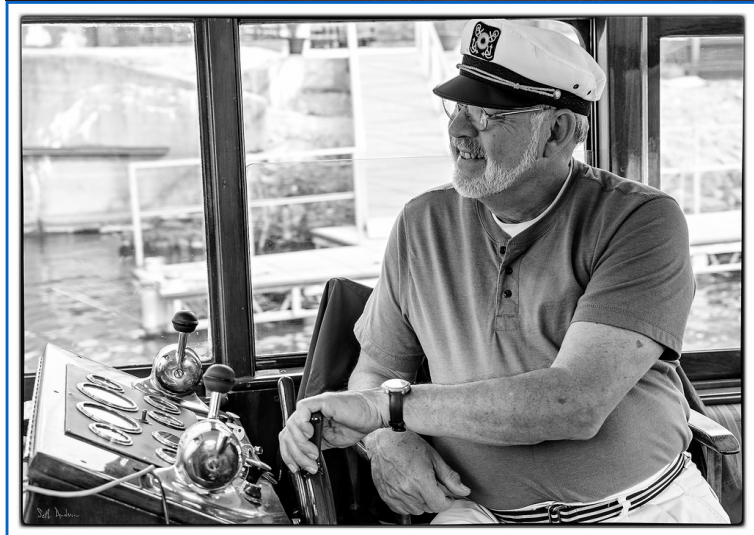
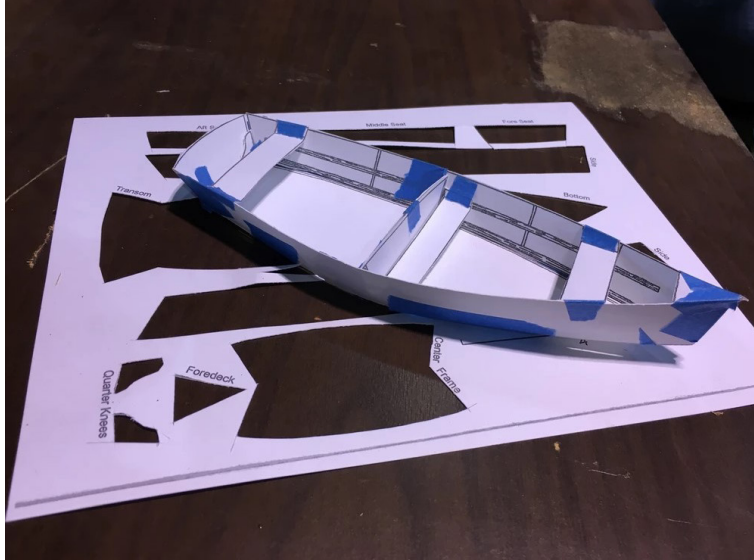
Feel free to contact Executive Director, Captain Toby Lindo, with any questions at Toby@ChicagoMaritime.org or 773-771-6291

Give

Volunteer

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From the helm of *Robert Allan II*
Captain Toby Lindo
CATCH a 22

This reporter is reliably informed that the New Year 2022 will bring:

Expanded boating and boat-building opportunities for kids in Kenosha. Chicago Maritime Arts Center plans to build on the successful boat-building classes conducted last June with the Boys & Girls Club in Kenosha. There are opportunities for Blackhawk members to participate as instructors or mentors as Ted Cartner did last year. There may also be slots available for member's kids. Stay tuned for times and locations to be announced soon on www.chicagomaritime.org.

Another Classic Boat Rendezvous next summer in Chicago. Last year's event held on the Riverwalk on August 29 had one flaw - it was too short. Busy beavers are working to correct that for next summer. More information should be available in the next newsletter.

Movie nights will be held for a select few on ROBERT ALLAN II this winter. RAll spends the winter on the Chicago River at the Canal Street Yard, covered and heated for die-hards who like to be on the water year-round. Refreshments are always available and beverage donations are also welcome. One of the first movies to be shown will be Catch 22.

Contact Toby Lindo tlindo2@gmail.com for movie listings and schedules.

CLASSIFIED ADS



1960 Chetek 18'9" lapstrake. Original Johnson 75 HP 4 cycle engine. Boat was stored inside for 27 years prior to my purchase in 2013. This boat has been shown in many Midwest Antique Wood Boat Shows and is a crowd-pleaser winning gold at the Racine International in 2017. In very good preserved condition, with new custom upholstery, top, and new trailer tires. Price: \$9800, recently lowered from \$11,000. Ron Campana, Thomson IL 815-690-9766

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If this stirs the blood for one or more Blackhawks contact Toby Lindo at 773 771-6291 tlindo2@gmail.com
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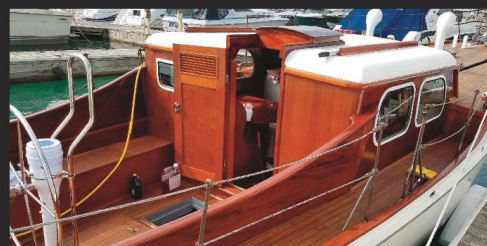
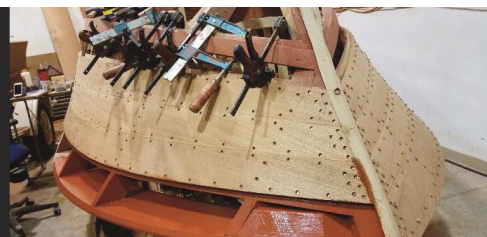


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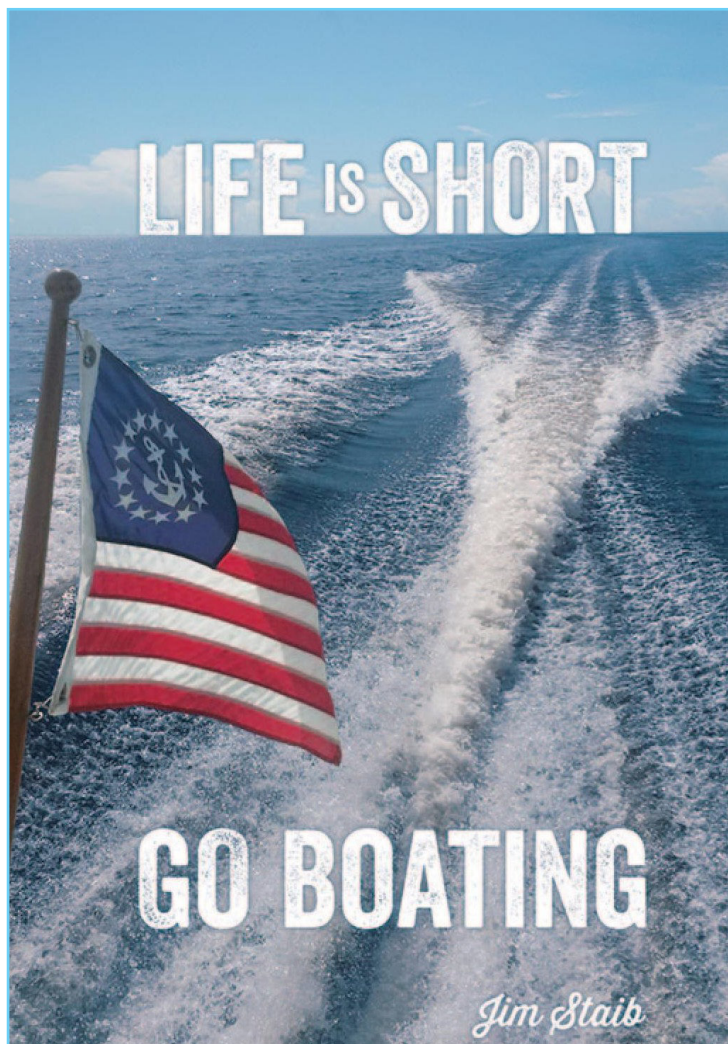
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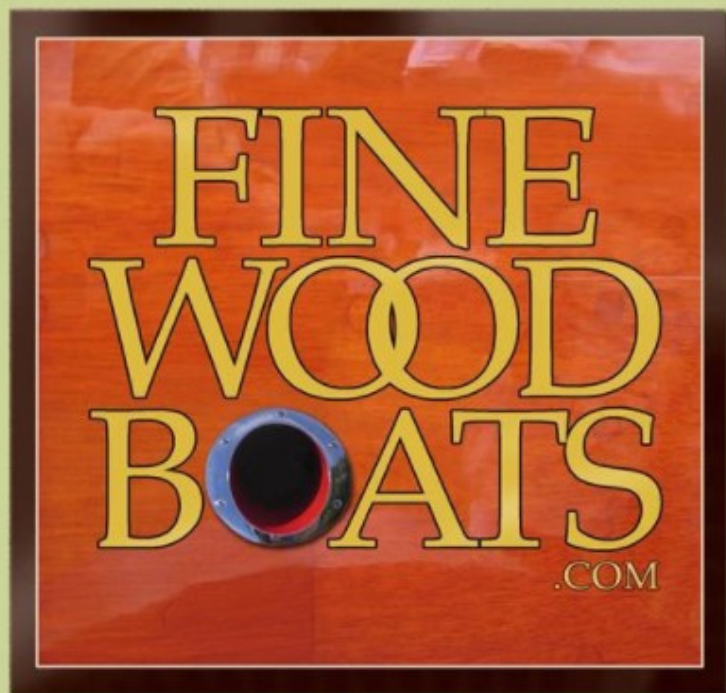


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2022 EVENT CALENDAR

tba	Spring Dinner
Sun Jun 19	Fathers Day Cruise
Sat Jul 16	Fox Lake Show
tba	Lower Fox River Cruise
tba	Chicago River Rendezvous
tba	Geneva Lakes
tba	Fall Dinner

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