



The Smoke Signal



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Newsletter of the **BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS**

Make your Boating Season Plans Now!

The Blackhawk Chapter and Glacier Lakes Chapter have scheduled many wonderful events this season. Below is a listing of some of those events, please mark your calendar accordingly.

Event List:

Father's Day Cruise June 15th, 2008
ACBS Quarterly Meeting June 26 -28, 2008
McHenry Boat Show July 19th, 2008
Pewaukee Show, August 23rd, 2008
Madison Show September 12-13, 2008
Geneva Lakes Show September 26-27, 2008

Many of the registration forms are included in this issue. Others will follow. We hope you find the time to come and have fun at the shows!

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Woodies on the Web

This issue's featured web site is Woody Boater. Woody Boater is a blog dedicated to the restoration of wooden boats. For those unfamiliar with a blog, Wikipedia defines it as follows: A **blog** (an abridgment of the term **web log**) is a website, usually maintained by an individual, with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video. Entries are commonly displayed in reverse chronological order. The Woody Boater blog was started back in December of 2007 as a way to track his restoration progress. It has slowly evolved into a very interactive site for fellow enthusiasts to share stories, post pictures and feature commentary about anything related to wooden boats. Below is the first entry:

"Welcome to Woody Blog. Participate in classic wood boat conversation, share your opinion on all things relating to classic and antique boats. We are working on the web site as we blog. Much of the site will contain information gathered here. Such as . Great Woody boats we have owned. Great locations to enjoy woody boats ... Repair tips. Places to get parts and repairs when its all to much. We are also working with Wineo sign company. A unique company that uses old school lettering in a high tech way. In other words the best of both worlds. Kaptian Krunch.. Yes... has over 40 years experience in the hand letting world and has developed a way to take that letting and send it to you in gold leaf.. You apply it and Varnish it. Its great. As to me. I own 6 woody's and am always looking and selling to keep the fun alive. Its more learning and understanding than using. This is quickly becoming a lost way of life. All the orig workers and builders are retired and have moved on. There is a handful of folks still around and eager to share there wisdom. That is why we are here. To give a voice to such folks. Thanks for participating, your words and thoughts are important... Thanks.. Woody Boater"

Woody Boater now has several people contributing entries and the blog is updated daily. Check out Woody Boater at www.woodyboats.blogspot.com.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are the first week of May, we're ready to start engines and get on with the 2008 boating season, call it spring fever, some day some the weather will change and off we go. All the reason to remember those great summer days, don't waste them, get on the water and enjoy.

With that in mind, just let me bring up the events you can find your fellow Blackhawk members. First, the Father's Day cruise and brunch. Get that registration in soon. This always a superb event. Last year, I ran a ground and was accused of inadequate boating pilot abilities. Certainly, no one would accept the fact I had some mechanical problems, better to remember the president to be "ran a ground".

Next, even though it's a little on the late side, if you haven't signed up for any of the ACBS quarterly meeting events that the Blackhawk is co-hosting with Glacier Lakes in Milwaukee, come and join the fun. Catch the registration form in this issue.

I just got an e-mail from Jack Hartwig, President of the Mississippi Valley Chapter. He reminds us of their show on June 21st and 22nd in Grafton, IL. Full details are in the Rudder those that might want to attend.

Also, remember our neighboring Glacier Lakes Chapter has there Pewaukee Show August 23rd and their Madison Show September 12th and 13th. Both great shows, particularly the Madison Show where I won Best Chris Craft, albeit, there weren't too many of them there. Nevertheless, it was a first place and I'm not about to let anybody forget it!

The Joey T's Show in Mc Henry on July 19th again promises to be as good a show as it's always has been. I always amazed at the number of interesting boats that attend. Such a good summer's day, a little lunch on the docks over looking our members boats.

Moving into the fall, the Lake Geneva Show is on schedule for September 27th. That, too, promises again to be the premier Midwest show. So, check out the registration form in this Smoke Signal, fill it out, reserve your space and get it in early! As always, I need to thank those who over the years have put their "oar in the water" to make it such a good show and encourage others that haven't to get involved, it's lots of fun and well worth your time.

Finally, let's all have a good boating season and hope that we don't have any "OOPS" Award contenders.

Best Regards to all Captains and Crew,

George Plamondon



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

David & Susan Diggle, Bartonville, IL

David DeHorn, Glenview, IL

Robert Lanphier, Springfield, IL

Tom & Robin Olson, Bettendorf, IA

Sunnyland Boat Festival, Tavares, FL. on Lake Dora

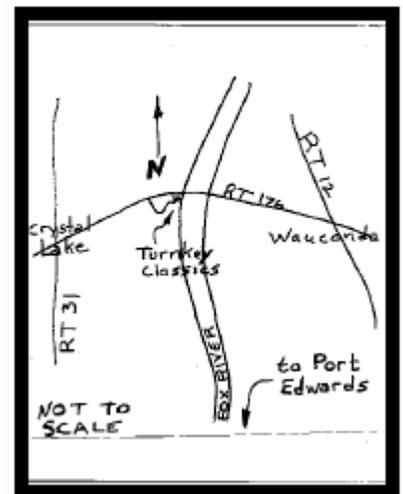


Annual Father's Day Port Edwards Champagne Brunch & Fox River Cruise Sunday June 22

The Blackhawk Chapter is pleased to announce the annual Father's Day Cruise to Port Edwards Restaurant in Algonquin for the sumptuous Sunday champagne brunch. For those of you not familiar with this cruise, it's not one to miss. The lower Fox River is always calm, the brunch at Port Edwards is extraordinary and the atmosphere is very nautical. This is also a good early season shakedown in the company of helpful companions.

The cruise will start with a free launch at Turnkey Classics in Burtons Bridge, Highway 176 and the Fox River, courtesy of member Chuck Kelley.

Plan to be launched and ready to run by 9:30, at which time we will head south to Algonquin. We will be seated for brunch around 11:00. After gorging ourselves, we have the whole day for the leisurely trip back north. Brunch, includes coffee, brunch, champagne...the works! Look for a registration form and pricing info in the next issue of the Smoke Signal.



Name _____ Number Attending _____

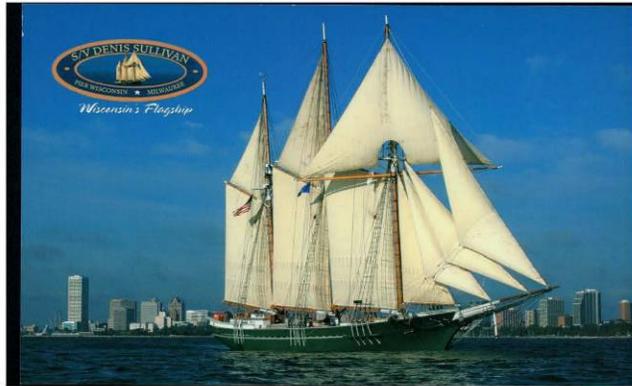
Name of boat _____

Total enclosed (\$37.00 x number=) _____

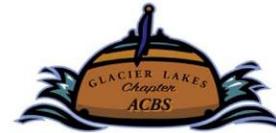
MAIL TO: Ron Van Horn
4232 Riverside Dr.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Phone 815-459-TREE

PS: DON'T FORGET TO GET A ONE DAY WATERWAYSTICKER!

If you would like a ride by boat, call Ron Van Horn or Ted Cartner.
If you have additional room aboard for our boat-less guests, let us know how many you can accommodate_____.



The S/V Denis Sullivan cruises against the Milwaukee skyline.



The Blackhawk Chapter and The Glacier Lakes Chapter invites you to the June 2008 Summer Quarterly meeting in Milwaukee, WI... the City of Gemütlichkeit

The following is a tentative schedule. Mark your calendar. This will be a great time.

WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2008-Out of towners, call The Astor Hotel, ask for ACBS block: Toll Free 800-558-0200

THURSDAY morning June 26th-There will be a launching of boats at South Shore Yacht Club. We will cruise the inner harbor and the Milwaukee River. You will enjoy lunch at one of the river front micro-brew restaurants. Ken Bourgeois is coordinating this part of the event. Boat mooring Thursday night will be available at Discovery World for Friday boating.

THURSDAY afternoon June 26th-

THIS MARKS THE OFFICIAL START OF THE ACBS QUARTERLY MEETING AND AGENDA

Depart for The Wisconsin Club for a magnificent dinner. This was the home of Billy Mitchell's Grandfather, a prominent banker. Billy Mitchell is considered the Father of Air Power. The evening will include a tour of this beautiful turn of the century mansion and a talk by John Eastberg, a noted historian about Milwaukee, the famous Milwaukee Beer Barons and Billy Mitchell. A sport coat is appropriate attire. You are in for a treat.



The Wisconsin Club, formerly the Mitchell Mansion



FRIDAY morning June 27th-Today will start Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin. Learn about "The Ghost Ships of the Great Lakes". Speakers will include Steve Daniel, President of The Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society, Kimm Stabelfeldt of The Great Lakes Shipwreck Foundation and Keith Meverdon of The Wisconsin Historical Society. Learn first hand from the divers who search for the missing ships. You've heard the famous Gordon Lightfoot song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald". Ask the divers that have been there. After lunch, find out about the building of the S/V Denis Sullivan. You will also want to check out the aquarium and the various exhibits at Discovery World. A tour of the Pabst Mansion will be offered. Those wanting to take their boats out for a cruise will have that option in the afternoon after the speakers.

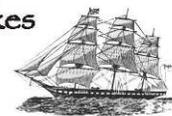


FRIDAY afternoon June 27th- After dinner you will return to Discovery World and embark on The S/V Denis Sullivan, a replica 19th Century 137-foot Great Lakes Schooner for a late afternoon cruise. It accommodates 50 people. Reserve early! Arrangements will be made for another wooden cruiser to make the trip onto Lake Michigan, accommodating any overflow.

Saturday morning June 28th-You'll start the morning with a "Newsletter Workshop". Find out how the various chapters put together their newsletters, magazines and special boat show promotion sections. Find out what it takes to get community and advertiser support. Also find out what it costs to put out a chapter publication. There will be lots of samples and "How To" information sheets. "How To Take Good Pictures" will follow. Jim Wangard of *Classic Boating* magazine will conduct this session. These workshops replace the President's Round Table. The Directors meeting will follow. Participation is welcome. There will be sightseeing for those not attending the sessions.

Saturday afternoon June 28th- About 3pm, transportation will be arranged to travel out to Pewaukee Lake for cocktails, boat rides and a cookout.

Ghost Ships of The Great Lakes



RESERVE THE DATE

More information will be in The January/February Glacier Lakes "at the Waterline" and The Blackhawk Chapter's "The Smoke Signal"

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**24rd ANNUAL ANTIQUE
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- BEST UTILITY
- BEST OUTBOARD
- BEST CENTURY
- SKIPPERS CUP
- SPECTATORS CHOICE

FOOD, DRINK & MUSIC WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Schedule of Events:

LAUNCH / SET UP- TIME 7:00A.M -9.30 A.M

VIEWING 10:00A.M -2:00 P.M

TROPHIES 2:00 P.M

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY; _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (eve) _____ fax _____

MFG OF BOAT _____ MFG OF ENGINE _____

HP _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ LENGTH _____ BEAM _____

Yes, I wish to register my in water _____ Boat/Boats **Before July 4 @ \$15.00 = \$ _____.**

On land space for sell, swap and trade after July 4 Boat or Booth @ \$20.00 = \$ _____.

Yes, I wish on land space for sell, swap, or boat (don't float ETC.) **BEFORE July 4 @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____.**

To register my in water _____ Boat/Boats **AFTER July 4 @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____.**

On land space for sell, swap and trade **AFTER July 4** Boat or Booth @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____.

I will need a Waterway Sticker In advance only \$10.00= \$ _____

CHECK AMOUNT ENCLOSED COME JOIN THE FUN RAIN OR SHINE NON REFUNDABLE

Mail to :

Tom Wagner

C/O Fox River Valley Boat Company

1312 Riverside Drive McHenry, IL 60050

Phone 815-385-0454

4th Annual Glacier Lakes Chapter of ACBS ANTIQUE & CLASSIC Boat Show
Saturday, August 23, 2008 at Pewaukee Lakefront Park

Boat Show REGISTRATION FORM (COMPLETE by July 31)



Registration Fees: ACBS or Pewaukee Yacht Club (PYC) members \$35.00 by July 31st. After August 1st. \$45.00

Non ACBS/PYC member Registration Fee: by 7/31/08 ☆ \$85.00;
 After 8/1/08 \$95.00 (☆ includes ACBS membership)

On land display \$25.00 *Limited mooring space. First come first served.* Glacier Lake members will also provide overnight mooring if needed. Phone numbers of close proximity motels will be supplied to those wishing overnight accommodations.

★ Launching 7am-9:00am

★ Show Hrs Sat. Aug. 25 9am-4pm

★ Judging 10am to 2:00pm

★ Boat winners Announced 2:30pm

★ Start engines & tour of lake 3:00pm

Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____ ACBS# _____

PHONE: home _____ work _____ cell _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Boat Name _____ Builder _____

Length _____ Model _____ Yr built _____ Engine _____

No. Cylinders _____ Horsepower _____

BE IN THE PROGRAM BOOK

Submit a picture (non returnable) of your boat and a story with your name for inclusion in the program book. The booklet will be distributed to spectators at the show. Include this information with your registration fee. Information should be type written. Material needs to be submitted by July 31, 2008

-RELEASE OF LIABILITY-

Please read and sign the following agreement, which is required of all participants:

I hereby release, discharge, protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Glacier Lakes Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boating Society, Inc., The Village of Pewaukee, The Park and Recreation Department, Positively Pewaukee, organizers, committee chairpersons, volunteers, vendors directors and officers, administrators, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, liability demands and causes of action of all kinds, including without limitations property damage, injury, illness or death, including costs and attorney fees incurred in connection with the undersigned's use of all facilities during this event. Further,

I certify that I currently have effective insurance to cover any damage to my boat, and to cover my liability from any damages to others and their property arising from the use of my boat during this event.

Signed _____ Date _____

Questions? Contact Frank Petran at 262-695-2994; e-mail: mrwoodboat@wi.rr.com
 Wil Vidal at 262-695-2994 or e-mail: wvidaljr@wi.rr.com

I need overnight mooring (circle) Fri. night (YES) (NO) Sat. Night (YES) (NO)

Make check payable to: Glacier Lakes Chapter, ACBS
c/o Frank Petran, 533 W. Grand Ave. Port Washington, WI 53074-2102
 Check # _____ Amt \$ _____

Registration Fees: ACBS or Pewaukee Yacht Club (PYC) members \$35.00 by July 31st. After August 1st. \$45.00 Non ACBS/PYC member Registration Fee: by 7/31/08 ☆ \$85.00; After 8/1/08 \$95.00 (☆ includes ACBS membership) On land display \$25.00 *Limited mooring space. First come first served.*

Judging Criteria: This will not be an official ACBS judged event. Judging will be done by the registered captains and the "People's Choice" by popular vote. Awards will be provided by the chapter and marquee clubs: Century Club-"Best Century"; Chris-Craft Club-"Best Chris Craft". No boat will receive more than one award. Judges reserve right to adjust categories to reflect registrations.

- ☆ Skipper's choice
- ☆ Best Century
- ☆ Best Chris Craft
- ☆ Antique 3 Cockpit

- ☆ Antique (Non 3 Cockpit)
- ☆ Classic Utility Under 20'
- ☆ Classic Utility 20-22'
- ☆ Classic Utility Over-22'

- ☆ Classic Runabout
- ☆ Racer
- ☆ Classic Fiberglass
- ☆ Outboard Boat

- ☆ Contemporary
- ☆ Sailboat
- ☆ Peoples Choice
- ☆ Best Preserved, Most Original Boat

GENEVA LAKES 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DESCRIPTION

-FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Friday launching is available all day from 9:00AM to 9:00PM. If you could come early this would be a good day to enjoy Geneva Lake on your own. For those wishing to visit the 75 foot "**HATHOR**" currently being restored at the **Walter Larkin Boat Houses**, the Boat Houses will be open from Noon to 2PM. You can arrive by either your boat or auto. Land and water directions will be available for those interested.

Friday evening Larry and Sue Larkin will be hosting Cocktails and Dinner at their home on Geneva Lake, starting at 6:00PM. You can arrive by your Boat or auto, docking space will be provided. Boat rides will also be available before dinner from the Larkin pier. Various boats will be taking people out including the 81 foot "**SEA LARK**", a re-creation of an 1890's steam yacht.

-SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Show Registration Packet & Docking Assignments will be available 7-9:30 Saturday at the Abbey Harbor House near the ramp. **Launching** is at the same time. Come in and pick-up your dock assignment **before** driving up to the ramp. A **complimentary continental breakfast for boat registrants** is available here until 10am.

Boat Show from 10 AM to 4 PM, free to spectators.

The **4pm Boat Parade** allows another opportunity to get out onto one of Wisconsin's largest and deepest lakes, enjoying the fall scenery. If taking your boat on the parade, be sure to attend the Skip-pers meeting @ 3:30 in the Show Tent.

Saturday's Cocktail Party and Dinner will be held at the Abbey Resort in the Sand Bar Room. Cocktails at 6:00PM., Dinner at 7:00 Awards will be presented at dinner.

-SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Sunday morning have a leisurely breakfast or go boating for the day, but be sure to have your boat out of the Harbor by the end of the day. There is no boat show on Sunday this year.

We look forward to having you join us for any of the activities. It's always been a fun weekend and we hope you'll leave with fond memories. See you in September!

For additional information: www.genevalakesboatshow.com
Chrysalis40@att.net
847-395-8902



The Blackhawk Chapter ACBS invites you to participate in

The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

At the Abbey Harbor, Fontana, WI Sept 27, 2008

NAMES(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____ FAX _____

	Number of Boats		Total Per Event
Saturday, September 27 Boat Registration			
"IN WATER" Boat Registration, includes launching and dock space for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.	_____	\$45 ea. Before 9/7 \$65 ea. After 9/7	_____
"ON LAND" boat registration	_____	\$30 ea. Before 9/7 \$40 ea. After 9/7	_____
Additional charge for "For Sale" boats.	_____	\$25 ea.	_____
Number of People			
Friday, September 26			
Cocktails and Dinner hosted by Larry and Sue Larkin at their home on Geneva Lake	_____	\$40 ea. Before 9/7 \$46 ea. After 9/7	_____
	_____	Children under 16 FREE	
Saturday, September 27 Dinner: includes entrée, salad, sides, dessert, coffee, tea, milk, tax, and tip.			
	QTY		
Choose:-Grilled Mahi Mahi topped with Mango Pineapple Salsa and Ginger Wild Rice	_____	\$40 ea. Before 9/7 \$46 ea. After 9/7	_____
-Herb crusted Prime Rib w. Horseradish Cream Sauce and Rosemary roasted Red Potatoes	_____		_____
TOTAL			_____

Make checks payable to: "**Blackhawk Chapter, ACBS**"
REGISTRATION, DINNER, & EVENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

Please make hotel reservations directly w/The Abbey Resort, 800-709-1323

For additional info contact:

Web www.genevalakesboatshow.com
Cindy Cartner 847-395-8902
Chrysalis40@att.net

SEND REGISTRATION BEFORE 9/14 TO:

Blackhawk Chapter
C/O Ted & Cindy Cartner
PO Box 683
Antioch IL 60002-0683

**DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IS SEPT. 14th.
But some events may close before then as SPACE IS LIMITED**

**The Blackhawk Chapter 2008 Geneva Lake Boat Show
September 27, 2008**

BOAT INFORMATION

Make _____ Model _____

Name _____ Year _____ Length _____ Beam _____

Engine: Make _____ Model _____ HP _____

BOAT AWARD CATEGORY: Please check all that apply.

Wood _____ Fiberglass _____ Steel _____ Aluminum _____

Utility _____ Runabout _____ Launch _____ Outboard _____ Cruiser _____

Canoe _____ Sail _____ Rowing _____ Raceboat _____

Other _____ (please explain) _____

Would you like your boat to be judged for most Original/Unrestored? YES _____

I hold free and harmless the officers and volunteers of the Blackhawk Chapter and the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc., and the owners and staff of the Abbey Resort and Abbey Harbor, and Sponsors from any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability which in any manner arise or be alleged to arise from any and all activities connected directly or proximately with the event listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This must be signed before entering the Boat Show area.

We need volunteers to help during the Show! If you can help please check here _____

**SPACE IS LIMITED, ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME / FIRST SERVE
BASIS. RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14th.**



Registration Form



Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show September 12-13, 2008

PARTICIPANTS:

FEE: \$30

Skipper's Name _____ Mate's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening Phone _____ E-mail Address _____ ACBS # _____

(Not required)

Cell Phone _____ (for boat show communication)

ADDITIONAL CREW: (Please include both first and last name)

BOAT DISPLAY:

Land Display _____ Water Display _____ Friday Boat Cruise ____ Yes ____ No

Year _____ Manufacturer _____ Model _____

Boat Nickname _____ Length _____ Engine Type _____ HP _____

EVENT FEES:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i># of Participants</i>	<i>Total Fees (multiply by # of participants)</i>
Registration (required for skippers)	\$30	N/A	\$30
Friday Lunch on Boat Cruise	\$15		
Friday Dinner at Christy's Landing	\$20		
Boat Show T-Shirt: M, L, XL, XXL (circle size)	\$20		
		<i>Grand Total</i>	

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION:

COMPLETE FORM and sign the below registration release. Include photo & bio of your boat to be included in our commemorative Program Booklet, listing all this year's Boat Show participants

MAIL CHECK (payable to MAACBS), Photo, & Registration Form to: Mark Walters, 4439 Beale Street, Madison, WI 53711

Questions – call (608) 224-0815 or e-mail waltswood@charter.net

COME PREPARED - Bring fenders, extra line, and be alert at all times

REGISTRATION RELEASE: By signing below, the undersigned registrant verifies that the registrant has read and understands all the foregoing important risks and warnings. Registrant voluntarily assumes the risk of damage to persons or property arising from participation in the boat show after disclosure of risks and warnings. The undersigned further waives, releases and discharges Christy's Landing, Glacier Lakes Chapter, ACBS, all Program Directors, and Volunteers from any and all claims for damages to persons or property arising from participation in the boat show. Finally, the undersigned warrants and represents to the show sponsor that the undersigned's boat registered for the show is covered under a policy of casualty and liability insurance.

Signature of Registrant

Date

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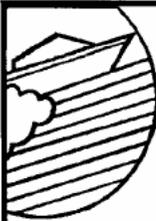


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June

June 22	Annual Father's Day cruise on the fox River
June 28	Summer Quarterly Meeting of the ACBS Board of Directors; Milwaukee, WI. Hosted by the Blackhawk and Glacier Lakes Chapters. Hotel: The Astor Hotel. For reservations call 800-558-0200 or 414-271-4220. Ask for the ACBS room block. Reservations can be made now. All ACBS members are welcome. Related events are planned.

July

July 19	24rd ANNUAL ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC on the Fox River in Mchenry Il
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August

August 23	Pewaukee Boat Show sponsored by the Glacier Lakes Chapter
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September

September 12-13	Madison Boat Show sponsored by the Glacier Lakes Chapter
September 26-27	Geneva Lakes Show