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President's Message

At Rest...

I relax when I'm on the water. There are probably all kinds of scientific theories for this, but at the basic level for me, my fondest, most vivid memories have been made while boating: Cruising the islands in our 21' Bryant as a child, running everywhere in my 13' Boston Whaler as a teenager; waterskiing, visiting friends all over the Sound, including a two-week trip through the San Juan and Gulf Islands when I was 15. During college one of my summer jobs had me working on a tug making the run from Seattle to SE Alaska every two weeks. Post college I crewed on a Thunderbird sailboat, racing out of Leschi weekly during the spring and summer months. After that, there was a five-year period where I was traveling a lot for work and/or living elsewhere with no time (or place) for boating. After moving back to Puget Sound it wasn't long before I was craving the water. I found "Tango", became aware of the ACBS and a whole new chapter in my boating life began.

The past few weeks have been a journey. As promised earlier, my goal was to "put down the tools and go boating" after July 4th. I missed the date by a week, (I wasn't done when we went to Lake Roosevelt...), but began in earnest when I took "Sindbad" out to the Chris Craft Rendezvous on July 11, the first time that boat had run in salt water in at least 60 years. It was great! The following Saturday, Kathy and I headed north in "Thisuldu" on a planned one-week cruise running with Don and Jodi Palmer in "Timeout". After nights in LaConner, Deer Harbor and Ganges, we celebrated the 20-year anniversary of their honeymoon in Montague Harbor, dancing at the Hummingbird Inn. The next day we walked the north side of the park where my family used to camp. I hadn't been on that beach in over 40 years! Wednesday was over to Secret Island and the Erickson compound, where we had a delightful evening with Curt and Marsha, their neighbors, Don and Jodi and another couple from the Classic Yacht Association who arrived shortly after we did. The next day we ran down to Roche Harbor, checked through customs and flew Kathy out. Paul came up, we spent another night in LaConner and we



were back down to the Seattle area Saturday afternoon.

I left the boat at Bainbridge for a couple days and on Tuesday took members of my family and friends visiting from Germany around the Island. My dad is 95, had not seen the Tolly and wanted to get out on the water again. He had christened our Bryant "Thisuldu" and it was his suggestion we revive the name, first placed on the family boat when I was three months old.

Back in the lake the next day, I took some friends here from Australia on the "Sleepless in Seattle Tour". They were blown away by the city at sunset and the hundreds of boats in moorage as we toured Lake Union and the Ship Canal.

It was at Secret Island Wednesday night we received word that Kathy's sister Lynda had lost her two-year battle with cancer. I can't say enough how much the kind words, hugs and tears shared on the boat the next morning meant to us.

Boating, the people involved and the places we get to visit has fired my energy and focused my spare time for as long as I can remember. The past few weeks showed me again why I enjoy this so much, why it is so important.

Water soothes, heals, and is peaceful, restful and reflective. We instinctively gather around it for sustenance and comfort. We love to play on and around it. At the end of the day, one is truly...

...at peace.

Dick Dow

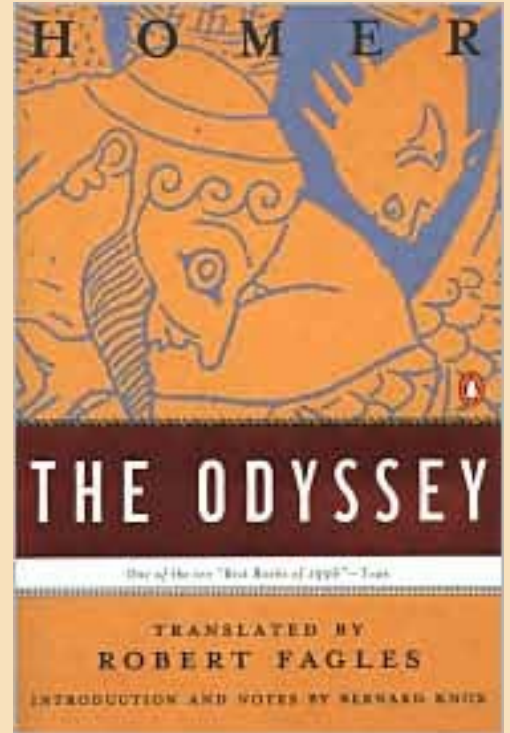
An Odyssey Homer would have been proud of.....

Those of us fortunate enough to gather ourselves and our runabouts in Kettle Falls this June past, embarked on a voyage that truly was magnificent. Organized by Curt Erickson and Ike Kielgass, two dozen souls enjoyed four days on the water of Lake Roosevelt, and three nights aboard two 60' houseboats that served as our 'Mother Ships'. As the big boats sought out the shelter of a moorage in idyllic settings and secluded bays, the little boats cruised the lake and explored the nooks and crannies of this still mostly undeveloped and natural reservoir.

At over 150 miles in length, and with 630 miles of shoreline, the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Recreation Area, or just Lake Roosevelt as it is commonly called, varies in depth by 60' - 80' over the course of the season, and we caught it just as it was reaching its peak. This of course reduced the amount of sandy beaches and pulled a lot of debris into the water. Extreme diligence was necessary when cruising as a good portion of the lake was akin to a floating minefield. One prop change and a steering repair was all that the fleet suffered, although neither due to the debris, and we enjoyed the first really great weather of the year. The highlight of the trip was the Saturday night campfire, oyster-crab-clam-salmon barbeque, and sing-a-long. And, a thank you goes out to Marsha Erickson for organizing the craft fair.

Sunday morning before pulling out back in Kettle Falls, Ike Kielgass led several of us on a never to be forgotten run up the Kettle River. Thanks for that Ike!

So, the next time you see our President issue a proclamation to join in for another "Odyssey", don't be left behind. The combination of friends, food, fast and slow boats will leave you yearning for more, and believe me.....this ACBS chapter knows how to have fun!



Tom's School of Hard knocks

Once again dear friends, I have put my fate in the hands of others, and learned from their wisdom. The year started out with a simple bit of maintenance on the propeller, a clean up and straightening out of a couple of slight irregularities at The Prop Shop, in Mukilteo. Putting that back on I noticed the cutlass bearing needed replacement, and being that the strut had been a bit off kilter since I bought the boat, that came off as well. You wouldn't have thought straightening a strut would turn into an ordeal, but when it was heated and struck with the hammer, it shattered into three pieces, and two weeks before opening day to boot. The Shepherd's 57 year old strut had gotten brittle over the years, and a 'battle' repair was attempted by welding. Not a good idea! After all of the work it took to line the repaired strut back up and bed it, it only lasted a couple of hours before it again broke. Luckily this happened at idle speed while recovering at Campbell Lake in Anacortes, and not while running the lake at 4000 rpm just a few minutes before. Had I sought the wisdom of those in the club in the first place, I could have saved valuable time and materials.

To shorten this story to an excusable length, I showed the broken pieces of my strut to Alan Thomlie following the SYC parade, who in turn gave it to Dave Berg. Within four days Dave had taken the original, along with my recommendations, producing a pattern and new casting which were a perfect fit. I know I have said this before, but the wealth of talent within our own ACBS chapter never ceases to amaze me, and they are



all there to aid the membership when the chips are down. Thank you Alan and Dave.

In the above photo, I am again at odds on Lake Roosevelt with a steering linkage separation. And, who better to be near when fate deals you a card off the bottom of the deck, than John Flaherty and Ron Stevenson. We actually had a good deal of fun, finding a shallow spot near the sandstone cliffs that we could ground the rudder in to pull the linkage, and building the kinship that is forged by mucking about together in the bowels of an old boat. Again, thank you John and Ron.



South Lake Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic

By Mike Hanes

Lori and I traveled to Tahoe for the 3rd annual South Lake Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic held on July 30th and 31st. This year's event was held at Keys Marina with an entry of 68 boats. The club presented a total of 23 different awards, including a special BIS class judged by the local Boys and Girls Club members and sponsored by Hagerty Insurance. Steve and Cheryl Caplan were gracious hosts and made everyone feel welcome. There was lots of parking with ever present shuttles that got everyone to the docks in good spirits. We saw old Seattle Chapter friend Dave Lobb with his new 1971 Riva Jr. The show had an early setback Friday morning with one Riva suffering a small bilge fire which was quickly doused with all safe.



The 1939 55 ft Hacker "The Thunderbird" celebrated its 70th year on Lake Tahoe at the show. What a great piece of history to enjoy! The show ran Friday and Saturday with a cruise and picnic for participants on Sunday. The temps held in the low 80's all weekend and brought crowds out every day. Live music, good food, lots of vendor booths and cold refreshments kept the crowds entertained non-stop! We saw many lovely boats including Hackers, Garwoods, Riva's, Chris Crafts and a few rare ones as well. Among them was a 1929 Chris Craft triple cockpit, a 1929 Hacker Dolphin jr., and a 1932 Sea Lyon triple. One boat with local ties to Seattle was a 1940 Garwood model 198 owned by Paul and Susanne Walker of Redmond. All in all it was a laid back, friendly and fun show with lots to see and do. We also squeezed in a quick visit to the Tahoe Maritime Museum in Homewood. It was full of the history of wooden boats on Tahoe and a real treat.



Classifieds:



1965 18' Lapstrake Outboard of Ed Monk design.

Marine ply w/ bent oak ribs, mahogany decks and trim. No engine or controls. In storage last five years and in good condition. Needs refinishing, floorboards and seats. Located fifteen minutes from Kingston in Hansville. \$900 obo w/ trailer. Contact Don Sandall at (360) 638-2065. More photos available from Tom Cathcart at tjcathcart@centurytel.net



1956 Aristocraft 14' Torpedo with original Tee Nee trailer and 1960 Mercury Merc 400. Nice tight fresh water boat! Recent restoration with new OEM windshield and hardware, new seats and custom cover. Engine has recent paint, fuel pump, water pump, carburator and ignition tune, new remote control, wire harness and cables, ignition and choke switches. Trailer has new wheels, tires and bearings...Nice tight original ~ \$6500

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Up and Coming Events

8/11/2010 - Our PNW Chapter meeting for August will be held at Coulon Park in Renton. If you can't bring a boat, there will be plenty of seats for rides after the meeting. We usually end up with a fast cruise around Mercer Island.

9/3- 9/6 - The Dry Rot Boat show & Poker Run at Priest Lake. Spend your Labor Day weekend away from the craziness of the big city.

Contact Louise Werner at: lhuegli@hotmail.com

9/18 - PNW ACBS Family Fun Day at Mason Lake.

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10/2-10/3 - 1st Annual Mahogany and Merlot, a classic boat and hydro show on Lake Chelan. You will find the registration form in this issue.

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