

# News

A chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society

December, 2004

## Manotick Classic Boat Club Annual General Meeting

By John Richardson



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The 2004 edition of the MCBC AGM got underway on Saturday evening December 4<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Heather Phelan organized a splendid event at Manderly on the Green with ample quantities of food, drink, fun and games for all. Frank joined Heather in ably hosting this enjoyable annual assembly of like-minded cohorts and Syd Herwig provided the spicy and 'mamerable' weather, as is his custom.

President Jack Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Jack's term as President can be characterized as a period of rebuilding following the trauma of a membership fee increase made necessary by last year's poor financial results. Jack was the right man for the job. Look up the word "friend" in the Concise Oxford Dictionary and you'll see a picture of Jack. This skilled mediator is able to see humour in even tense situations. He sought the middle ground in dispute resolution bringing the most stubborn of us happily back to the fold. When differing opinions threatened to divide us, Jack was there to remind us that we are all good friends. Thank you Jack.

The official meeting was punctuated by very positive results from the past year and exciting plans for the coming boating season. Jack remarked on another season of enjoyable cruise nights with the Tilleys and noted that Syd did an outstanding job of arranging great weather for the Burritts Run.

President Hughes commented, on a sad note, that some of our members lost loved-ones this past year, and valued Shipwright and good friend to MCBC, Jonathan Watson, also passed away. Jonathan conducted a well-attended workshop a year or so ago.

In both official languages, Frank Millotte provided evidence that we have embarked on a strong financial recovery, adding over a thousand dollars to Club members' equity. He noted in particular the amazing turnaround in Newsletter production, from a large expense item last year to a profit-maker this year (thanks to Dave Tilley and Crew). Ian and Deb Wyllie freshened our Ships' Stores inventory and also made a profit in '04 and Don Loken masterminded a huge sponsorship windfall for our 'no gate' boat show in July. Commendable results all.

Dave Tilley reviewed our highly successful Boat Show 2004, thanking the multitude of contributors and announcing some exciting new events for the 2005 edition (a Rideau River Run to escort our American friends North and an antique car display by Andrew MacLaurin). Dave made special mention of the invaluable Sponsorship job managed by Don Loken, and John Richardson outlined a new joint membership/boat show incentive program for next year.

If that weren't enough for one night of joyous events, Jack drew heartfelt applause from everyone when



he announced his selection for this year's President's Cup - Ron and Wilma Jelley. Wilma has worked very hard for several years building up club membership, managing membership renewals, boat show registration, adding glitz, glamour and class to our social gatherings and boat shows (need I go on?). Ron has chaired boat show committees; organized and managed the complex Spring Shop tours; provided sage counsel as a Club Director and member of several committees; has helped so many of us in boat maintenance; participates in everything and much more. Congratulations to our very deserving Wilma and Ron.

AGM coverage is continued on Page 5.



## Manotick Classic Boat Club

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## MCBC Calendar of Events 2005

### January 14

Road Trip to Toronto  
International Boat Show Dave Tilley

### January 22

Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

### February 12

Valentine Social Heather Phelan

### March 19

Spring Workshop Jack Hughes

### March 19

Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

### April 16

Spring Shop Tour Ron Jelley

### April 16

Spring Social Heather Phelan

### May 21 & 22

Tulip Festival Flotilla John Richardson

### Wednesdays May 25 to August 31

Cruise Nights Dave Tilley

### June 25

Portland/Perth Cruise Terry Ledden

### August 8 to 12

Clayton to Manotick Cruise

### August 13

Annual Boat Show Dave Tilley

### September 25

Burritts Rapids Run Gaye & John Spencer

### October 29

Halloween Social Heather Phelan

### November 12

Fall Workshop Jack Hughes

### November 26

Annual General Meeting Heather Phelan

## President's Message

Here I sit with the winter's first cold feeling miserable and longing for those great summer days with great friends and great boats. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as President of the Manotick Classic Boat Club. I would like to extend thanks from the board and the Club as a whole to John Richardson and Jack Hughes for their contributions as board members over the last three years.

That being said, your Board of Directors sat down on December 7 and looked at the schedule of events for next year. We decided to maintain the more frequent winter social events that were started last year with the January and March Hardwater Cruise Nights along with the Valentine, spring (April) and Halloween socials and, of course our Annual General Meeting. Heather Phelan who has done so well with our socials the last couple of years has agreed to chair the Social Committee for the upcoming year. In addition, I will again be organizing a trip to the Toronto International Boat Show for hardy road warriors on Friday January 14. Jack Hughes will again be organizing our Spring and Fall Workshops. Ron Jelley will be organizing the Spring Shop Tour. John Richardson has agreed to organize our participation in the Tulip Festival Flotilla. John & Gaye Spencer will again host the Burritts Rapids Run next fall.

This is a volunteer organization which succeeds on the efforts of its volunteers. If you see an area that could use your help, please come forward to help. Always keep in mind that this Club is about fun, the spreading of information, the restoration of great old boats, the showing of our boats and our social activities. The following picture, taken by my son Greg, points out what makes it all happen for me, good friends, old boats and water. Let's get out there and have more fun next year than we had this year (if that's possible).

Happy Holidays  
Dave



### Road Trip to Toronto International Boat Show

Some members of the Manotick Classic Boat Club are planning a road trip to the Toronto International Boat Show on Friday January 14. We are planning to depart in private vehicles from Manotick about 9 AM (the show doesn't open until noon) and begin the return to Manotick at about 6PM after viewing the show (arrival in Manotick about 10:00 PM). Please confirm your participation or volunteer of a large private vehicle to Dave Tilley at [dave\\_tilley@sympatico.ca](mailto:dave_tilley@sympatico.ca) (or phone (613) 692-4320) by January 8 and we will do our best to accomodate everyone.

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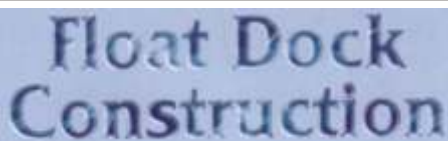


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# Member's Projects

By Don Segall

Outboard raceboat enthusiasts and longstanding MCBC members, Peter and Trudy Krzyzanowski have an interesting project currently underway. While visiting the Antique Raceboat Regatta in Clayton this past August, Peter was intercepted by a 1940 Jacoby.

It is believed that Jacoby Racing Boats produced somewhere around 1200 of these lightweight craft between the 1930's and the 1950's. The company was a father-son effort based in New Jersey, headed up by Fred Sr. or "Pop" Jacoby. Themselves raceboat enthusiasts, their company pioneered the design and construction of early single step hydroplanes for both their own use as well as for general sale. Their designs were shaped through experience including that which was garnered on the racing circuit. Consequently the styles brought forth evolved through their respective periods of production.



Peter and Trudy's boat was bought to be raced and emerged as a winner in the 1940 National Championships. It was subsequently sold the following season and used sparsely, prior to being stored for several decades following the war. By chance, a visiting tradesperson discovered it in a residential basement between Clayton and Fisher's Landing in the Thousand Islands region of Upstate NY.

The boat is described as being constructed with a traditional, albeit thin, planked mahogany bottom. Frame construction for this boat is comprised of both mahogany as well as Sitka spruce woods. The latter being a high grade, lightweight variety, often associated with period aircraft construction. The foredeck features linen [canvas] over stick and frame construction. Rear decking is thin mahogany ply. Fasteners used in fabrication consisted of brass tack and screw, as well as copper rivets.

Overall length is 9 feet and dry weight comes in at a mere 80 pounds. Peter's restoration work is just getting underway. In addition to some bottom plank replacement, Peter anticipates the need for activities involving frame replacement, as well as canvas deck work. It is still equipped with the original Richardson hand-throttle controls, as well as wooden steering wheel.

Original power is thought to have been an alcohol fuelled Johnson "KR" model, making possible speeds in excess of 45 MPH. No doubt we shall see authentic original power eventually provided for this hull. Rumour has it that Trudy will be the official owner/ operator for this rare vintage raceboat.



*Members projects is a column produced for each edition of the MCBC Newsletter by Don Segall. Please send any suggestions to Don at donsegall@yahoo.com.*

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A much-cherished moment was shared by all when President Jack awarded Heather Phelan (past President and our Queen) a Special Recognition Award for her dynamic and energetic leadership, her vivacious personality so key to her successful social presentations and for many more reasons.



The “Amazing Game” left port shortly after our sumptuous feast and hastened digestion with uproarious laughter and callisthenics. Syd's (expletive deleted) farm story, narrated by Allan Goodwright, won the evening with the unanimous approval of the well-entertained audience.

What a great night! And thanks to Barron Meyerhoffer for taking all the photographs.



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## The Best Read of My Life

By Jack Hughes

This isn't exactly a library report, but it is about reading about wooden vessels.

I've been an avid reader since I was a little kid (shortly after the invention of moveable type) and I can't recall a period of my life when I didn't have a book on the go. My reading interests are very wide. What I'm here to say is that I'm now reading a series of books that has given me more pleasure than anything I can recall reading before.

Did you see the movie, "Master and Commander?" It was very popular and pretty well made. It was just one episode from the first of a series of twenty novels written by an extremely knowledgeable and erudite Englishman named Patrick O'Brian, who died just a couple of years ago. It is the story of the career of an English naval officer named Jack Aubrey and of his close friend, a doctor, naturalist and intelligence agent named Stephen Maturin. The series covers the years early in the nineteenth century within the period of domination of the high seas by the Royal Navy.

The tension and suspense rarely lapse throughout the series, except perhaps during rare visits to families ashore, and by no means do the "good guys" always win. The books are famous for their historical accuracy derived from O'Brian's incredible knowledge of the era covered. I loved the C. S. Forester series about Horatio Hornblower, but this series makes it seem like kids' stuff.

Read the books in order. Also, I suggest that you have by your fireside, as you spend your happy months with these books, an atlas or (preferably) a globe and a reference for nautical terms and other words and phrases of the times of the stories. The latter, along with many other collections of information about the times of these books, abound on the Internet. Just put *aubrey maturin o'brian* into your search engine.

I prefer the Harper Collins paperback series of books for sale at Chapters. Each cover features a wonderful full-colour painting based on the events of that book. (Check 'em out on the Chapters web site.) Prints of the paintings are available for sale via the Net, but at this point the best are sold out. These books also have the series titles listed in the correct order on the back.

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Location: Hampton Inn  
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Thursday, January 13, 2005:

**Guided Stargazer Cruise** on the Schooner Western Union  
Ship leaves Key West Bight from the Schooner Bar docks about **7:00pm**  
Exact time will be confirmed upon your arrival in Key West  
**Boat trip time 2.0 2.5 hours**; fee includes tax and gratuity  
SUGGESTION: Bring a Warm Coat and Wear Socks and Long Pants

Reservations 2 @ \$50 per person = 100.00

Friday, January 14, 2005:

**Knot Your Own Oar**  
Captain Bill's Traditionally Nautical Line Class  
Located in the Conference Room at the Hampton Inn from **8:00 9:30am**  
Build a set of coasters for your refreshments and learn about other knots and uses.

Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

**Conch Tour Train Sightseeing Tour**

Leave the Hampton Inn at **10:00 am for a 1-hour ride** in Old Town Key West.  
Learn local history and view the wooden houses during daylight on this ride through Old Town.  
The tour will end at Mallory Square at the Key West Shipwreck Historeum Museum at 11:00.

Reservations 2 @ \$20.00 per person = 40.00

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Reservations 2 @ \$8.00 per person = 16.00

**Old Island Restoration Foundation House Tour 4:45pm 6:30pm**

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Saturday, January 15, 2005:

**Lunch**

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# Fall Workshop 2004

By Rick Beaudry

This year's fall workshop took place on November 13th at Millar Potter Boat Restoration located on Highway 16 in Manotick. The event was well attended with approximately twenty club members participating. The workshop consisted of a demonstration and instructions by Javier Alvarado on wood bleaching and the preparation of wood prior to staining and varnishing. Javier demonstrated the four steps in rejuvenating old blackened weathered wood. The results were quite amazing. Many questions arose and were answered by both Javier and Jimmy Potter.



Part of the workshop also included hands on staining by members; mahogany ply, stain and brushes were supplied and instructions were given on proper application of stain. It was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon and thanks goes out to Javier, Jimmy and Jack Hughes for a well organized event. Great lunch Jack! Thanks to all those who organized and attended.



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# Works for Me: CPES

by Don Segall

It is difficult to believe it will soon be the tenth season since I arrived at enlightenment, marked by my investment of custodianship for our mid-sixties Chris Craft Supersport. As an earnest newbie I did an amount of the requisite reading, spoke to the people and confidently began the prescribed steps to make the finish on this boat smooth and intact once again.

Although not without its own particular issues, this was a pretty solid boat and my goal was to preserve and enjoy it, while honing my skills and knowledge of this new found interest. She had been stored for a short period and topside surfaces had shed their varnish in various locations. I stripped, sanded, bleached and stained, then sealed with thinned varnish, sanded, varnished and sanded and varnished repeatedly. It was a great first season and the various treatments seemed to hold up well. At least until the next spring, when initial inspection following storage revealed that many of the original areas I had addressed were once again in need of attention.

The main area of concern seemed to be the covering boards. Over the winter, I had read an ad detailing the benefits of a Pettit product called 2018 clear sealer. It professed to be a formulation deliberately designed as a sealer to be applied prior to the first coat of thinned varnish. Repeating the steps of the previous season, I altered my technique slightly, incorporating the use of this Pettit product. It was pretty drippy to apply and I recall the fumes were particularly offensive, as it laid claim to be thinned with naphtha or something like that. Another season of use came and went but regrettably results the following spring appeared no different.

One detail of construction of this boat was a padded cockpit perimeter. Basically there were a gazillion staples along one edge of the covering boards, holding down some vinyl trim, then hidden by an aluminum moulding. I reasoned moisture must have been getting into these staple holes and was responsible then for going underneath and lifting the varnish. Nonetheless, the wood itself still seemed quite robust.

By now I think just about everyone has heard about a product known as CPES (Clear Penetrating Epoxy Sealer) made by Smith & Co. in Richmond, CA. At the time however, it seemed this stuff had not yet gone mainstream. I was reluctant to consider the use of anything on the bare wood of a wooden boat which incorporated epoxy in its name.

During the winter months just passed, there had been an amount of chatter on the web about using this material. The product literature I sent away for claimed all sorts of benefits and went to great lengths to distinguish CPES from the hard, petrochemical based epoxies more familiar to me. At this point I felt pretty discouraged following my two failed attempts to get varnish to stick to the covering boards on my boat, so I placed an order from the Canadian distributor, which was the only way to obtain it at the time.

The two component kit arrived and I set out to experiment with it first at home. The mix ratio is 1:1 by volume. I mixed up a thimbleful and dabbed it onto a board. It was noticeably thin and runny, with quite an aromatic scent and it readily soaked into the wood. The next day it still seemed slightly sticky and you could somewhat detect its odour. There was no sense of it being like a surface type of finish, rather it had pretty well been absorbed into the wood. I decided it was safe to try on the boat.

I let the stain set overnight after rubbing it out, as I was uncertain whether it might be disturbed by the sealer. Using this technique I experienced no ill effects with the stain, but you could see a bit of stain on the brush when applying the CPES. I brushed it on using a disposable bristle brush and observed it soaked into some areas more readily than others. It was quite simple to go back and load up these locations with more of the sealer. After two days I gave a very light sanding and started to lay down the varnish again.

Several boating seasons have come and gone since this treatment was undertaken. Still the finish is intact. I generally apply a couple of fresh varnish coats to the topsides each year and remain pleased with how things have stood up. I continue to retain the use of CPES on my boats where I deem it is highly effective as a sealer. The advertising for this product makes claims that finishes stick particularly well to it and from my experience, I concur.





## First Hardwater Cruise Night of the Year

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### Welcome Aboard!

Ezekiel and Malachi Ruddy are very pleased to announce the arrival of fellow "Ilikai" crewman and brother Jonah Sebastian on December 1, 2004. Jonah arrived, healthy and weighing 8lbs 8oz. His older brothers can barely contain their excitement and there are always plenty of hands ready to give poor Jonah a cuddle, whether he's sleeping or not. Alex and Mike are delighted!

### Membership News

By Wilma Jelley

Please remember that if you would like to be listed in the ACBS Directory, your membership renewal form with payment must be received by MCBC no later than January 21, 2005.

Happy Holidays!

### Lost!

If anyone ended up with an extra Tempcleat after the Burritts Rapids run, please call Jack Hughes at (613) 692-0232. Thanks.

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April 22-24, 2005

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Newport News, Virginia

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See the Winter 2005 issue of *The Rudder* for the registration package.

The ACBS Spring Quarterly Meeting will be convened in conjunction with the Symposium on Friday, April 22, 2005

### Chris-Craft: Rediscovering the Legacy

April 22-24, 2005

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- Running and Using Professional Restoration Shops
- Early Chris-Craft Senior Management Views About the Company
- The Art and Science of Plating
- Chris-Craft's Venture into Outboard Motors
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## Annual Spookgallia

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The Annual Spookgallia took place October 30 at The Swan on the Rideau. Tourists, pirates and kute kittens mingled with those in street dress. Head Ghoul, Heather Phelan, put on a great festivity featuring eye of newt punch and raw bone nibblies. Much to the relief of all, the promised entrees dripping in raw entrails, were replaced with George's Special Plates instead. Games of skill and cunning ended with prizes for many.