

News

A CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

FEBRUARY, 2005

HARDWATER WORTH THE WAIT!

By Susan Richardson



Weather for January's Hardwater Cruise didn't stop a hardy crew from turning out to the Red Dot in Osgoode. The goose bumps from the parking lot to the venue only pushed up everyone's cheque as we leaned on the bar awaiting our tables. Conversation was intense as we warmed our feet and caught up on post holiday chatter.

Once seated, ONE talented server took care of the whole crowd. Food ran the gamut from liver and onions to blue cheese salad with cranberries....from rib eye steak to shrimp and escargots. Yum! Yum! Great food, great drinks, praise him above...let's eat. The Red Dot proved to be a popular choice and since the acoustics are great, the conversation was lively.

Dave Tilley made the only official announcement of the evening...Dot has agreed to sponsor our 2005 Boat Show!



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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

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May 21 & 22

Tulip Festival Flotilla John Richardson

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Cruise Nights Dave Tilley

June 25

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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

There I sat, ready to go to the Club's Valentine Social, looking out at the snow and ice on the river, thinking this winter would never end, and then I remembered Andrew's DVD. During the Cruise Night of August 20, 2004, Andrew MacLaurin and his family filmed their participation. I watched in awe as "Crisis" leapt up on plane with her 318 growling and the smoothing into a steady rumble. They filmed Ian Wyllie in "Hot Shoe", Terry Ledden in "Mary Webb", Jack and Susan Hughes in "Humdrum", Mike, Trudy and Mark Krzyzanowski in "Gotta Git Goin" and even me with Dave Brisco in "SunDaze". You could almost feel you were there. It sure improved my mood. Thanks Andrew.

This year, we have a number of great events to look forward to. We have workshops (organized by Jack Hughes) and tours (organized by Ron Jelley), more social events (organized by Heather Phelan), the run to and our participation in the Tulip Festival Flotilla (organized by John Richardson), Cruise Nights, a cruise from Portland to Perth (organized by Terry Ledden), possibly a cruise afternoon in July up the Kemptville Creek (organized by Andrew MacLaurin), the 30th Annual Ottawa International Antique & Classic Boat Show again this year at Long Island Lock (organized by Paul Blaber, David Brisco, Murray Gould, Jack Hughes, Terry Ledden, Don Loken, Andrew MacLaurin, Richard Macleod, Barron Meyerhoffer, Frank Milotte, Heather Phelan, John and Susan Richardson, Dinah Scholfield, Don Segall and Deb and Ian Wyllie), a River Run from the Clayton Show up the Rideau to our Show (organized by Linda Potter) and our Annual Burritts Rapids Run (organized by Gaye and John Spencer). A lot to enjoy!

All this rambling just says how great it is to belong to this Club and to draw attention to the many volunteers who make things possible.

Thanks

Dave



The MacLaurin Family in "Crisis" August 25, 2004

Think Tulip Festival Flotilla May 21 & 22, 2005 Dows Lake

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MCBC ROAD TRIP TO 2005 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

By Don Segall

A trip to the Toronto International Boat Show is a great way of beating the winter blahs in late January and has been a pretty regular event for me these past years. It represents more of an outing, rather than anything with particular pertinence to wooden boating for me personally. Not to say there is no relevance, quite the contrary. It is a large show, at least by Canadian standards. Its nothing like the unrivaled Miami Boat Show, however it shares the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) as its organizing sponsor and so, consequently, vendor representation is quite broad.

The event is held each year at the National Trade Centre at Exhibition Place in downtown Toronto. This year's show ran from January 15 to 23. Just as a side note of interest, the partner hotels offer Boat Show rates of \$69 per night during the show, providing you book by their advertised cut-off date in December. This is a screaming deal for these locations. It can provide a means for families which include a boating enthusiast, a way to take in the show while offering the family an economical night or two away in the big city. Be forewarned that downtown parking can complicate such a plan however. One more thing if you're planning on going, show hours are usually Noon to 9:00 pm weekdays and 10:00 to 6:00 weekends. Weekends are an absolute zoo. Everyone pays entry admission at the Show, unless you are under 12 years of age.

This year's MCBC delegation included Dave Tilley, Adolfo de Bold, our dependable and chatty driver, Ian Wyllie, as well as yours truly. On Friday, January 21st at just past 8:30AM we loaded into the Wyllie bus on a clear but very cool morning, raring to embark on our same day return trip to the Show. The Wyllie bus is a state-of-the-art, multi-passenger vehicle, equipped with the latest refinements and amenities aimed at delivering creature comfort while on the road. An occasional glance to the digital display thermometer located in the overhead instrumentation cluster console, revealed outdoor temperatures dipping as low as -30 degrees C. We arrived just after show opening once the Wyllie bus was skillfully stationed in its usual place within the awaiting garage beneath the National Trade Centre.

We have always been free of crowds when following this visit schedule and avoiding the weekend. The show itself offers a bit of everything. There are distinct areas catering to power and sail, plus outboard and inboard. There are docks, water sports, and marine marketplace displays. The Toronto Chapter was represented in a somewhat downsized display. Skipper's Choice had their usual assortment of marine hardware being offered. Dave Ballinger and his staff welcomed us at the Parks Canada booth. Our friends from Hacker-Craft were showing their latest designs. Although not woodies, those new Chris-Craft runabouts do have a pretty shape. One new boat on exhibit which caused a second glance was something with wood on it called a Kral Classic 700, made in Istanbul Turkey.

Departure from the show late afternoon had us back in the Ottawa area by 10 PM. Having the annual visit to Toronto behind us, it makes the arrival of the coming boating season seem that much more imminent.




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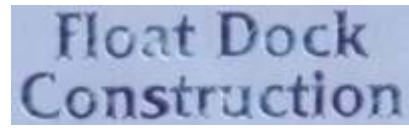


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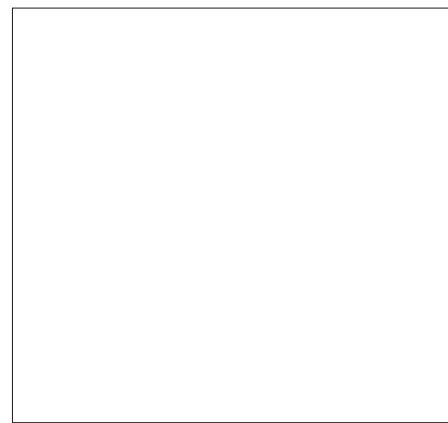
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I would like to invite the Manotick Classic Boat Club to participate in the Heritage River Festival. This is a great opportunity for your members to show off their beautiful classic boats. We hope that several members will be able to anchor at the point and perhaps the club could set up a ground display promoting the club and its mandate.

I hope you will consider participating and I await your response,

Crystal Soames
Education/ Interpretation Officer
Pinhey's Point Historic Site

Remember Canadian Tulip Festival Flotilla 2001?

By John Richardson

We entered 16 boats and treated over 100,000 visitors lining the canal and its bridges to a special look at our magnificent boating history in Canada.

There's nothing quite as rewarding as having all those people enthusiastically admiring our beautiful gleaming boats that are on video film and in photo albums all over the world.

It was *Glorious!*



Our journey to and from Dows Lake was almost as much fun as waving to the mob of admirers during the Flotilla.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

Registration packages will be mailed out in early April and, having spoken to many of you, I expect at least one full lock of boats for this great event.

MCBC is granted free admission to the Flotilla.

This year's theme is "A Celebration of Peace and Friendship" commemorating the end of World War II and the opening of the new War Museum in Ottawa.



Dows Lake Parade of Lights (May 21, 2005)

Dows Lake is transformed into a shimmering sea of lights on the last Saturday of the Festival. This nighttime flotilla will feature brightly illuminated boats decorated with lights parading around Dows Lake.

Flotilla on the Rideau Canal (May 22, 2005)

The festival's parade on water returns on the final weekend featuring all types of beautifully decorated boats highlighting antiques and classics from our pre- and post-war period.

To learn more log on to:
www.tulipfestival.ca/en/Flotilla

Library Report

by Jack Hughes

If you have any boating-related books or magazines that are gathering dust and not in use in your own foreseeable future, please donate them to the club's library. I will be happy to pick them up, they will be dusted, stored safely and catalogued for the whole club, and of course, if you remember something you want to look up in them, you're welcome to use the library's services.

I am in the process of cataloguing about 500 back issues of some great old magazines which were donated to us a while back by Charles Marshall. They include in order of diminishing quantities, "Yachting," "The Rudder," "Sail," "Canadian Yachting," "Gam," and handfuls of some other titles. The oldest ones appear to be in the late 1940s (a great decade!) and they run up into the 1980s.

I also have a dozen or so recently acquired books to catalogue. Once this is done, I will distribute an updated catalogue.

Don't forget that we have a nearly complete (missing last few months) of WoodenBoat, and that WoodenBoat is indexed on the internet at <http://www.woodenboat.com/wbinde x.htm> Speaking of WoodenBoat, if you subscribe to it and don't keep your back issues (hard to imagine!) please pass them on to the library. Same for any magazines of old-boat interest.

If you want to come browse the Library by the fireside, please call me at 613-692-0232 or email me at hughesj@rogers.com to set up a time.



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DON'T BE SCAMMED

Written by: Mike Riharb
Michigan Chapter of ACBS

I have my 1965 18' Super Sport for sale and have it advertised in several magazines and listed on various web sites. Recently I received an e-mail from an individual who was interested in buying my boat. He represented himself as an Italian, based in the Netherlands and was the manager of a company called Concept Holding, which he said deals in buying and selling of quality boats/yachts. Upon his request, I sent him some pictures and brief description of the boat, and trailer.

The next e-mail I received from him, was that he would take the boat for the stated price, however a colleague of his based in the States, who owed him some money (which was \$5,200 more than I was asking for the boat) would make the payment. ***That's where the scam begins.*** The colleague would write a check to me for the amount owed to the individual in the Netherlands and that he wanted me to send a Western Union check to the shipping agent who upon getting the funds would get in touch with me to pick up the boat within 72 hours after I received my check, to have it shipped to Holland.

I checked with my bank and they assured me that it was a scam. Any transaction whether it's a Certified or Cashiers Check takes as much as 2-3 weeks to clear the banking system. I have my boat at the Antique Boat Connection in Cincinnati, Ohio for sale and they said that they get about 2-3 e-mails a week and have enough rubber checks to wall paper their bathroom walls. There is an old saying "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck"

After hearing that another chapter member got a similar e-mail from the same company name in the Netherlands, from someone with a different Italian name, I contacted the FBI. They indicated that there was a group of con artists located in Nigeria that were sending out e-mails on the pretense of buying boats, cars, trucks, motors, etc. and setting up an average scam of \$2,000 to \$5,000. The FBI cannot trace/track them down because e-mails with an Yahoo or Hotmail address do not have registered names and address' associated to them. If you get an e-mail that sounds like a scam, you can report it on line to the FBI Internet Fraud Complaint Center at www.ifccfbi.gov/index.asp. (Editor's note: In Canada report scams to www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scams). A legitimate buyer should not ask you to send money to him, or anyone else, in order to complete a sale. Good luck on selling over the internet !!!

Register now!

Chris-Craft: Rediscovering the Legacy

***The ACBS International Antique Motorboating Symposium at The Mariners' Museum,
Newport News, Virginia
April 22-24, 2005***

Registration is well underway for the 2005 ACBS Antique Motorboating Symposium at The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia. This great event is expected to attract 150-200 boating enthusiasts from all over the North America. There is still room for those who would like to attend. This will be a memorable weekend. Historians, veteran Chris-Craft executives and boating experts from around the country will rekindle memories and provide new insights about the history, manufacturing, marketing and the *spirit* of this legendary company. Sessions will include analysis of Chris-Craft boats and their place in boating history; practical advice on research, restoration and preservation; and expert advice and demonstrations of restoration methods and techniques. Go to ACBS.org or call 315-686-2628 for registration forms and more information. Please remember that registration fees increase after March 15th.

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MY PAL

By Don Segall

This year's off season project for Manotick resident and Club Member John Richardson has very special personal meaning to him. You may recall John's previous project, "Dad's Boat," a 1949 Peterborough which was indeed his father's. John's current project boat is also a family heirloom. It is a 1956 Peterborough Pal dinghy, a present from John's Dad when John was 11 years old. With a price tag of \$300, this was 10' 6" of the stuff boyhood dreams are made of. A versatile design, John reports he used it almost daily as a sailboat, rowboat or motorboat.

"I had a 1950 Evinrude Zephyr, 4 cylinder, 4 1/2 HP that ran like a 10 HP on that little boat" John says. "A unique characteristic of this boat under power was that occupants got wet. The centreboard cannot be used when the boat is engine driven and at speed water used to splash up through the empty centreboard well spraying anyone aboard." John's daughter and son took over the boat when they became old enough to row it. Grandson Cameron is now using it too. "My Pal" was refinished very lightly two or three times but was never treated to a complete refurbishing. Last Spring, the transom and stem knees showed signs of deep rot. Work began this past Fall on a major restoration in John's shop.



With a partial sheer rail replacement at the port stern, the bow photo (right) shows the general condition of the boat, which at a glance, does not really look too bad. The photo taken from the stern shows the rotten stem knee sitting on its replacement stock on the saw table (left).



The port knee picture (left) shows the condition of the old knee atop its replacement. Replacing knees involves two fussy compound mitre cuts. John used Smith's CPES (clear penetrating epoxy sealer) to prevent further deterioration of the transom, and later applied a mixture of Excel One polyurethane glue and oak sawdust



to fill the crevasses visible in this shot. He purports this mixture not only fills the area with a colour and texture match but also forms a watertight bond (unlike CPES which will crack and separate as the wood expands and contracts). John says Excel One (available at Lee Valley) requires high moisture content for maximum adhesive effect. The surfaces to which it is to be applied should be dampened with pure water immediately prior to application. It swells while drying providing good penetration and excellent filling qualities. It can then be sanded, chiselled and stained before varnishing. "I've used this product on boats for years and highly recommend it, especially for areas that get wet", says John.



The stem knee has been replaced and surrounding areas filled and sanded, plus all fastening holes plugged. Several ribs too have been identified for replacement, but the project has taken on even greater proportions with the discovery of the need for some keel work. With inner and out keels removed, inner keel replacement is required from transom to the centreboard well. A pattern has so far been created, glued together from the rotten pieces and John's clever carpentry skills will allow him to fashion a replacement. While John is disappointed by the extent to which this restoration's work has expanded, future generations will no doubt remain thankful for his devotion to the cause.

30th Annual Ottawa International Antique & Classic Boat Show Long Island Lock August 13, 2005

Your Boat Show committee is working hard to develop this year's show to capitalize on last year's success.

Admission to the show is once more FREE! The show will be promoting safe, responsible water recreation and preservation and will feature all types of boats, including cruisers, runabouts, speed boats, canoes and skiffs. There will be something for everyone at the show with refreshments and facilities on site. Bring the whole family. There will again be a kids' program (12 and under), boats in motion, "Ask the Captain" and this year some classic cars. "Restoration Alley" will again be featured - vendors of all sorts with the emphasis on nautical restoration services, boats and supplies; individuals wanting to sell or trade old boats and their parts will be in attendance.

Also featured with this year's show is a run organized by Linda Potter from the Clayton Show the previous weekend. Planned is a nice leisurely cruise from Clayton to Kingston to Jones Falls to Westport to Merrickville to Manotick. What a great way to enjoy your boat and two great shows!

Mark your calendar, come and enjoy.

Rideau Canal Nominated to Become a World Heritage Site

By Jack Hughes

UNESCO is the “United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.” Among its responsibilities is to “protect cultural diversity through actions involving sites that bear witness to multiple cultural identities, are representative of minority cultural heritages, are of founding significance or are in imminent danger of destruction.” According to UNESCO's web site, the World Heritage site list now numbers 788 properties.

Each year, Canada can nominate no more than one cultural site from its “Tentative List” for evaluation as a possible World Heritage Site. This year, Canada has selected the Rideau Canal for its nomination. The formal nomination was submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Paris on January 26 seeking to have the canal, which was designated as a national historic site of Canada in 1925, inscribed on the World Heritage List. The Rideau Canal was one of 11 Canadian heritage sites that were included on Canada's Tentative List for World Heritage Sites last year. The nomination will likely be considered in mid-2006. At present, there are 13 World Heritage Sites in Canada.

For further information, see the press release on the web site of the Friends of the Rideau at <http://www.rideaufriends.com/notice-worldheritage.html>

For background info see Parks Canada's web site at http://www.pc.gc.ca/progs/spm-whs/page2_e.asp

It's a pretty safe bet that, if Canada's nomination is accepted by UNESCO, and especially with the 175th anniversary of the canal coming up, there's going to be a lot of celebration going on up and down the Rideau! MCBC will be looking for ways to stay involved!

“It Works For Me”

By Jack Hughes

Actually, it worked for my cottage neighbour friend. He always had at least one flat-bottomed “farmer's rowboat.” They were built by a guy up around Fallbrook on the Mississippi River. These ugly absolutely un-tippable 500-pound slugs with oars like bargepoles were just the thing for a gang of kids to take out 30 feet into the sandy bay to roust around in. My friend didn't maintain them - five coats of Canadian Tire's cheapest yellow floor paint went on when each new boat arrived, and that was it. The need for much repair usually signalled time for the next boat to arrive and yellow fuel for the evening bonfire. Until....

Black ants had set up a condo in the stempiece of the current yellow boat. My friend decided that this time he would actually Effect a Repair! Perhaps the presence of Humdrum at the dock provided inspiration. I was fascinated, because I had read a lot of pretty intimidating stuff in WoodenBoat about repair, and I figured the design process here would be pretty nifty, with a lot of Calculating and Measuring. Fortunately, my friend was an engineer, so I figured there'd be a lot of diagramming and sliding of the sliderule. I figured I would learn a lot from careful observation and penetrating questions, perhaps with in-depth discussion at the lunch break.

On the day of The Project, I had a leisurely breakfast that The Princess had prepared for me (I made toast) and cloistered myself in the bathroom for daily ablutions. While I showered I noticed the sound of a chainsaw. While I was combing my hair, I heard hammering. This was normal background noise, as it is around most cottages. I ventured out finally in all my squeaky-clean glory, met the neighbour friend and asked about when we'd (heh) be beginning The Project. He looked curious and asked, “Which Project?” I said the boat thing. He said, “Oh, that's all done!”

Later, when I felt better and went outside again, I looked at the boat and asked him what he'd done. He'd gone to the woodpile and grabbed a block of firewood. He'd chainsawn the whole bow off the boat including the populated stempiece and whatever else was attached to it. He then, without measuring, had chainsawn the hunk of firewood by eyeball to the correct shape, slant and size, buttered it with roofing tar, and nailed it in place with galvanised roofing nails. The boat was now about eight inches shorter and had a sort of, um, blunt bow. But it never leaked.

I guess the moral of the story was, if you can have the damn thing built in a couple of days, why would you spend more that 20 minutes fixing it? When I think of all the damned hours I've spent just varnishing.....

Safety on the River

By Jack Hughes

Stay off the ice.



Saturday, April 16 Spring Shop Tour and Poker Run.



Be sure to mark Saturday, April 16th on your calendar. That's the day of this years Spring Shop Tour. This year we will be visiting our favorite Eastern Ontario shops, plus we have added a Poker Run for MCBC members, to add a little competition to the day.

The club will be providing the holder of the winning hand a free dinner for two at the Spring Social, scheduled for the evening of the Shop Tour. The winner will be determined at Jimmy Potter's, our last stop of the tour.

Watch for your Shop Tour directions in a future email or mailing.

See you in the spring,
Ron Jelley
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Spring Workshop

Saturday March 19, 2005

Time, Subject and Location
To Be Announced

Full details will be emailed or phoned (to those in the area without email) when final

Jack Hughes 692-0232

Think

Tulip Festival Flotilla

May 21 & 22, 2005

Dows Lake

2nd Hardwater Cruise Night

Saturday March 19, 2005

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Saturday April 16, 2005

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S'AMORE AT THE SWAN

By Susan Richardson

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Eight couples-- touched by Cupid's bow-- partook of George's special recipes and Social Convenor Heather Phelan's charming games at the Annual Valentine Hardwater Cruise night on February 12. Small group that we were, we filled the mezzanine of The Swan with exuberant chatter and clatter. The Wyllie lovebirds stood out as champions of the coupling tryst (an innocent contest of wits to form the longest list of dotting pairs -from Adam and Eve to Charles and Camilla). Everyone came away with a gift "designed to improve romance", gifts which ranged from the sublime to the realistic (considering the age of the participants!). Good fun had by all and THANKS to Heather for the planning!

