



Manotick Classic Boat Club

A chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society

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Newsletter

May, 2007

This Year's Board

We thought an introduction to the 2007 Manotick Classic Boat Club's Board of Directors as elected at the MCBC Annual General Meeting held December 2, 2006 would be appropriate. New directors Ron Jelley and Frank Phelan were elected to the Board and the Board members elected the officers. We thought it would be fun to introduce them through a selection of their boats.

Check out Page 2 for a complete list with contact information. Also on Page 2 is a listing of the Club's completed and planned activities for 2007. Come out and join us and have some fun.



"Lazy Susan" is Club President Barron Meyerhoffer's 1967 Chris Craft 26 foot Cavalier Cruiser.



"Panacea" is Past-President Jean-François Milotte and wife Lise's 1967 Pacemaker 40 foot Motor Yacht.



"Crisis" is Club Vice-President Andrew MacLaurin and his wife Lori's 1965 Shepherd 19 1/2 foot Runabout.



"Duncan" is Club Treasurer Richard Macleod's 1961 Chris Craft 27 foot Express Cruiser.



"Campster" is Director Susan Richardson and husband John's 1935 Dodge 20 1/2 foot Cabin Utility.



"Kon-Tiki Too" is Director Frank Phelan and his wife Heather's 1953 Shepherd 22 1/2 foot Runabout.



"Rawley" is Director Ron Jelley and his wife Wilma's 1964 Duke 19 foot Utility.

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MCBC Calendar of Events 2007

February 10

Valentine Social Heather Phelan

March 24

Spring Workshop John Millar

April 21

Spring Shop Tour Ron Jelley
Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

May 20

The Ottawa Flotilla see Page 9

Wednesdays May 30 to August 29

Cruise Nights Dave Tilley

June 30

Rideau Canal 175th
Anniversary Flotilla John Richardson

August 6 to 10

Rideau River Run Ron Jelley

August 11

Ottawa International Antique
& Classic Boat Show Frank Phelan

August 12

TD Easter Seals River Run Frank Phelan

September 30

Burritts Rapids Run
Spencer Gaye & John

October 27

Halloween Social Heather Phelan

November 17

Fall Workshop John Millar

December 1

Annual General Meeting Heather Phelan

President's Message

As the last of the winter ice dies on the lakes and river waters run strong once again, we happily say farewell to the hard-water and turn our thoughts to the beginning of another wonderful season of lazy days adrift on our boats, taking in the sun, enjoying the company of our fellow enthusiasts, and the romance of our obsession. Indeed, boating season is upon us and our spirits float on the breeze like the dust from our fellow boaters sanding down hulls and other associated pieces and parts of their pride and joy.

And a good year it will be! Not only are we well under way with the preparations for the August Boat show, but we can look forward to a number of activities associated with the 175th anniversary of the Rideau Canal. These activities will include a run from Dows Lake to the Parliament buildings, quite possibly with the Governor General of Canada happily aboard a club member's boat, the July Rendezvous and the August Rideau River Run. The old standards including Wednesday night cruises to the Tilley's, shop tours, and workshops are also on the list of "must do's" for the summer.

But clearly, the annual Boat Show will again be the highlight of the season. The Show committee, under the capable leadership Frank Phelan, has plans well in hand to ensure the event will be of a calibre worthy of sharing the stage with the 175th anniversary of the Canal. We are optimistic that the 175th anniversary coupled with a judged show will attract considerably more classic boats and enthusiasts than usual, resulting in an absolutely spectacular and memorable show. Further to this, we are partnering with the Easter Seals to provide some additional activities for the weekend.

Given the significance of the year and the increased scope of the Show, I would ask that all of us consider offering the committee some assistance during the weekend's activities. As members and

enthusiasts, we are the true owners of the Boat Show, not just the committee, and only we can ensure its success. An hour or two donated by each member will ensure this year's show is the best ever, while adding a memorable and meaningful contribution to the Rideau Canal's 175th Anniversary activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water this year and hope you all enjoy our many upcoming activities.

Barron.

Our Valentine "Love-In"

By Heather Phelan

On the 10th of February nine MCBC couples gathered at the Swan on the Rideau to share the most intimate details of their relationships with each other. NOT!

Actually there was a lot of fun and frolic and people were put to the test as to how well they really knew their partner.

Men and women in separate areas carefully reviewed a selection of potential gifts that they believed their partners would like to receive. The partners in return recorded in advance what their personal preferences would be. After dinner the moment of truth was revealed as individuals publicly announced what gift they believed their mate would desire.

Congratulations go out to new members Peter Teichroeb and Helene Beauchemin for clearly understanding the wants and desires of each other and to Heather and Frank Phelan who just got lucky guessing. Relationship counselling has been offered to the remaining seven couples to help them overcome the shortcomings in their partnership.

As the evening wrapped up "Gifts of Love" were exchanged and people went home with treasures that promised to keep the sparks of love alive.

Spring Workshop 2007

By David Brisco

On March 24, Aylings yard in Merrickville hosted the spring workshop. We were treated to a demonstration of spilling replacement planks on a batten-seam hull.



In Remembrance

Our deepest condolences go out to the families of:

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MCBC 2007 Shop Tour

By Dave Tilley

Ron Jelley again this year organized our shop tour. We had the opportunity to visit the local area shops including Mike Krzyzanowski's facility in Portland, Wykes Boatworks in Harlem, McAleese Woodworking in Athens, Aylings Boatyard in Merrickville and Millar-Potter Boat Restoration in Manotick. We had magnificent weather, coffee and snacks, a good lunch in Merrickville and lots of "eye-candy".

Thanks to Mike Krzyzanowski, Ken Wykes, Ian McAleese (and Julianne for the cookies and brownies), Steve Flewitt and Jim Potter for their hospitality. And thanks Ron and Wilma, the poker run was fun (Richard Macleod was the winner).



John Richardson checking out Mike Krzyzanowski's restored Century outboard.



Discussions with Ken Wykes at Wykes Boats and Repairs



Ian McAleese explaining restoration techniques for a cedar strip boat to Ron Jelley and John Richardson.



John Millar entertaining Club members at Aylings Boatyard.



Wilma Jelley collecting the poker hands at Millar-Potter Boat Restorations.

Hard Water Cruise Night - April 21st

By Don Segall

Following a successful Annual Shop Tour, members were invited to congregate for an evening of social endeavour upstairs at the Swan on the Rideau. Festivities kicked off at 6:30 pm with a cocktail reception, including complementary munchies to start, followed by a sit-down dinner. Weather for our scheduled Shop Tour day could not have been better, and this evening affair proved a lovely way to cap off the event.

So much so that attendance was double the number for which reservations were held, with two dozen joining in for the festivities. The Swan is a favorite venue for MCBC activities and owner George Pettit is always a most gracious and accommodating host, not to mention, longstanding supporter of our Club.

Half of the evening's attendees, myself included, invited ourselves at the last moment. This boost in attendance created a kitchen bottleneck, resulting from an already busy evening downstairs and extended food service times were the consequence. Nonetheless, simultaneous delivery of our various off-menu selections was skillfully executed by patient staff.

Club activities, such as this one, held throughout the year, can be most enjoyable. Most will probably agree that the greater their participation, the more rewarding MCBC involvement becomes for members. I encourage those of you who normally sit out these organized activities to give them a try. As well, please remember to accurately acknowledge your attendance, so as to enable optimum planning for these enjoyable occasions.

Thanks for such a great show of support in terms of turnout marking our kick-off of the 2007 boating season. Let's hope for a safe and enjoyable summer on the water for all.



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20th Annual Mount Dora Antique Boat Festival

By Don Segall

The Mount Dora Antique Boat Festival is a Thursday to Sunday affair. For the uninitiated, it is held at Gilbert Park on the shores of Lake Dora, adjacent to the quaint downtown district in the Village of Mount Dora. Weather was ideal with daytime highs in the low 80's and evening temperatures never below 60. March 2007 marked my second pilgrimage to this wonderful Show in as many years. My initial visit last year was an opportunity for me to check things out for the first time. This year I made sure I was signed up to participate in every scheduled event. Lake Dora is on The Harris Chain of Lakes. These lakes, joined by moss-draped-cypress lined canals, link together an extensive body of water, well suited to recreational use. Waterfowl and other wildlife seen along the way from the water are spectacular.

Friday's daytime activity consisted of a one and a half hour cruise by boat to a scheduled lunch picnic, which I might add was most well attended. This was followed in the evening by a Captain's Cocktail Party.



A view along one of the cypress-lined canals inter-linking Florida's inland chain of lakes.



A nice backdrop for a boat show.



A good turn-out for the Friday picnic.
Dave Tilley's "Y-Knot" front and center.



Ron and Wilma Jelley heading back from the picnic in Lou and Carla Ronca's 1950 Chris Craft Riviera "Beauty".



Mount Dora in March provides many great opportunities for socializing, as the Tilleys and Scholfields would agree.

20th Annual Mount Dora Antique Boat Festival

By Don Segall

A broad assortment of boats of various types and makes are attracted to Mount Dora. It has to have the largest contingent I have ever seen of Amphicars. Jersey Speed Skiffs also are there in numbers as were many other unique specimens. The flea market consisted of an assortment of vendors and sponsors, with something to interest everybody. The weekend is a well organized and executed event. Congratulations go out to all the contributors who make this Show possible. Flea Market and boat exhibits continued through weekend. Saturday evening was marked by a celebration consisting of dining and dancing at Lakeside Inn. Sunday, the final day was kicked off with the Awards Ceremony.

Something else I saw in great numbers at Mount Dora were Canadians. Many MCBC members also work as volunteers at this Show. A few familiar faces spotted included Chris and Angie Raymond, Jim Potter's clan, Sarah and Murray Gould, Dinah and Dave Scholfield, Carolyn and Dave Tilley and Wilma and Ron Jelley. Members too from the Toronto Chapter were highly visible.



In-water exhibits were plentiful at the Mount Dora Antique Boat Festival.



The Jelleys and Tilleys enjoying a sunny day at Mount Dora.



Jim Potter and Dave Tilley checking out one of the many wheeled woodies on display.



Murray Gould putting in some time at Gary Scherb's Old Time Boat Company exhibit.



Ron Jelley, Don Segall, Dave Scholfield, Dave Tilley, Dinah Scholfield, Carolyn Tilley and Wilma Jelley enjoying themselves at the Lakeside Inn Antique Boat Festival banquet.

Works for Me

by Mike Ruddy

My 18' Shepherd runabout came to me with sprung trim tabs that weren't original equipment. With the trim tabs, the boat tended to porpoise above a particular speed. Without them, it was worse. Experts who looked at the bottom said it was straight and true. I think the Chrysler 318, the largest engine option of the day, is just a bit too heavy. Adding to my suspicion is that the waterline sits a little low at the stern.

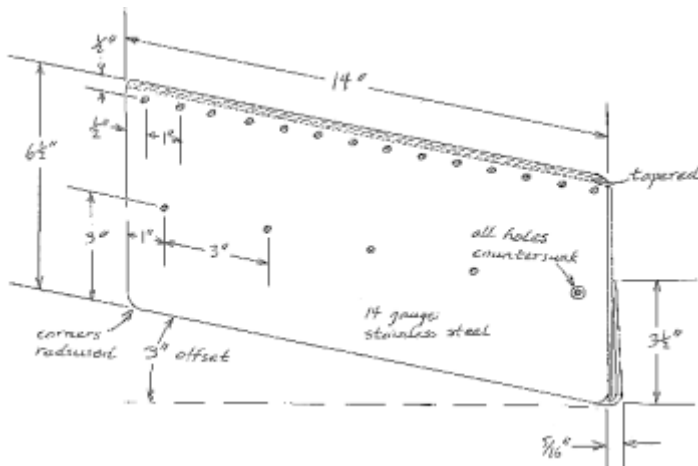
Chris Johnson, a Shepherd expert I met at the Clayton ABM show in 2005, suggested transom wedges rather than trim tabs. He thought they would look and work better. Sounded good except I had no idea what size to try. Research turned up little information on the subject. Eventually I figured I'd try wedges about 5/8" thick at the trailing edge. I remember talking it over with Howard Williams one evening. Howard calmly shook his head and said, "Way too thick. You only need 1/4" or 3/8" max." I really didn't think such thin wedges could work.

The following spring I mounted wooden wedges under the outside corners of the transom, using screws and Sikaflex. I give the overall dimensions below, but initially I went with 5/8" thickness. Three results followed: 1) the boat no longer porpoised, 2) when trying to plane, the bow ploughed through the water like a barge, and 3) the boat listed to starboard. Let's see, that's one problem down, two new problems-grr.

The good thing about wooden wedges was that I could plane them down a little at a time. Try, fail, plane, retry, etc. The bad thing was that the water pressure sheared off the leading edges. By the time I had planed the wedges down to 3/8", the boat was approaching normal attitude at speed but the wedges were pretty badly torn up.

I needed steel wedges that would still allow some adjustment, if they weren't quite right on the first try. With this design, if the trailing edges were too thick, I could remove the wedges and hammer the folds down to the required thickness. But there was no need, Howard was right on. With the trailing edges at 5/16" the boat trims out perfectly at all speeds. It's a good feeling to solve a problem that likely vexed the boat's owners for 47 years.

Here's the design I came up with:



"Ilikai" at speed at last summer's boat show

Notes:

- Wedges are offset and mirror-imaged to match the transom curve.
- Wedges are recessed 1/4" from the transom and sides so they don't show in water.
- 2 1/2" screws through the 5 middle holes, into the transom frame.
- 3/8" screws through the leading edge holes, penetrating only the bottom plank layer.
- Sikaflex or 5200 all around the leading edge holes and smoothed to blend into the tapered leading edge of the wedge.

P.S. I have a nice pair of trim tabs for sale.

Coming Events



The Ottawa Flotilla

On May 20th thousands of people will line the banks of the Rideau Canal to watch the Flotilla boats entertain spectators, judges and participants alike as they parade from Dows Lake to the heart of the city, at the Ottawa Locks. The Ottawa Flotilla Organizing Committee believes that the annual Flotilla is an integral part of community spirit in the National Capital Region and we are dedicated to the continuation of this Ottawa tradition.

The Ottawa Flotilla, this year helping to celebrate the Rideau Canal's 175th anniversary, will set sail from Dows Lake at 1:00 PM. Among the prizes this year are three for antique and classic boats.

Tickets for the Saturday night BBQ can be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket if ordered before May 14, 2007. Register online at www.ottawafotilla.ca, by facsimile to 613-739-3429 or 613-739-7440 or by mail to Ottawa Flotilla 2007 Registration, 2186-A Thurston Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 6E1.

The Ottawa Flotilla, no longer part of the Canadian Tulip Festival, is this year sponsored by:



Coming Soon! To a River Near You!

The 2007 Cruise Night schedule begins Wednesday May 30 and continues each and every Wednesday Night until August 29. Each Cruise Night is planned to begin at 6:30 PM in front of the Jelleydome located half way between Manotick Marina and the entrance to Mahogany Harbour. We plan to cruise in a fashion commensurate with the nature of the boats to the entrance to Mahogany Harbour followed by a leisurely cruise down into the harbour to Dickinson's Mill. From there, we will return to the main channel and precede to Long Island Lock. From there we will, in expeditious fashion, run as fast as our boats will carry us to the Tilley Docks for serious discussions on the important boating matters of the day. If for some strange reason your boat is not available, join us at the Tilley's 960 River Road for the serious discussions.



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This is one of the great pictures by John McQuarrie featured in the two page spread on the Manotick Classic Boat Club included in "The Rideau Canal Then and Now" by Ron Corbett.

Coming Events

A Flotilla Of Antique And Classic Boats



Parks Canada has asked the Manotick Classic Boat Club to organize a flotilla of antique and classic boats as part of the 175th anniversary celebration of the Rideau Canal. This event is to take place on Saturday, June 30, 2007 on the Canada Day long weekend. The flotilla will leave the Dows Lake Marina at approximately 9:00am and wind its way through beautiful downtown Ottawa, capital of Canada, on the famed Rideau Canal to the Ottawa locks which are located between Parliament Hill and the Chateau Laurier.

As currently planned, the flotilla will pause at the Canal Ritz (about 4 kms from Dow's Lake) to receive the Governor General, who will be escorted aboard Panacea, the lead boat, for the rest of the journey to Ottawa Locks where a ceremonial commemoration event will take place. This will include performances by the Canadian Forces Central Band and the Children's Choir as well as a speech by the Governor General, who will announce the governing body's decision concerning Canada's bid to name the Rideau Canal a World Heritage Site.

In appreciation for our participation, we have been promised a free weekend lock pass for all participating boats. In addition, there will be a draw for a free season lock pass for the 2007 season. Of course, docking and parking at Dows Lake will be free to participants on that weekend, and security will be provided as needed.

We currently have 22 member boats from the Manotick Classic Boat Club and two or three others from the Thousand Islands Chapter participating in this flotilla . This is the maximum number of boats that can be accommodated by Parks Canada.

Those who wish to ride in the flotilla as crew should contact John Richardson before May 15, 2007. Day - (613) 992-4813 or Richardson.AJ@forces.gc.ca, evenings - (613) 692-2496 or richasu@magma.ca. The rest of you are encouraged to come out and view this major ceremonial event.

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2007 Rideau River Run

By Ron Jelley

The planning for the 2007 Rideau River Run from Kingston (Monday, August 6 to Friday, August 10), arriving in Manotick the Friday before the Ottawa International Antique and Classic Boat Show, is well underway. The Itinerary and Accommodation information will be sent out soon to all who have indicated an interest in taking part.

If you haven't had a chance to take this run yet, now is your chance. If you have, then you know how much fun running the historic Rideau River, with up to a dozen historic boats, can be.

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The Manotick Classic Boat Club is delighted to host our 32nd Annual Ottawa International Antique and Classic Boat Show as a featured event of the Rideau Canal 175th Anniversary.

This will be a one day event for the public, however we encourage your participation on all 3 days planned for the exhibitor.

We will open with a 'Welcome Reception' on the evening of Friday, August 10th at the Swan On the Rideau, under The Merkley Supply Tent. This reception will simulate our Wednesday night cruise nights in that MCBC members are asked to bring a potluck appetizer to share with one another. Details regarding food coordination will be in the show registration package. Dockage will be available at the site for this event.

On Saturday the 11th, our ACBS Judged Show will take place at the historic Long Island Locks with both in water and land displays, sales and sponsor exhibits, plus a special 175th Rideau Canal exhibition by Parks Canada.

To keep you in the boating mode, we will cruise back to The Swan and Hurst Marine for our official 175th Anniversary Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

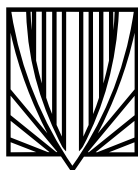
On Sunday the 12th, we are proud to be taking part in the 5th Annual George Drummond Memorial Flotilla in support of the Easter Seals Campaign. George Drummond was a dedicated antique boater who generously supported our club and the Rideau Canal with his historic tug boat, The Long Sault. This is a charity poker run and is being customized for the antique boater participant. Historically, it has been a day of fun and generous support towards a great cause. After all check-in points have been visited we will join a flotilla of Rideau River supporter boaters for a parade from Long Island Locks to The Swan and Hurst Marine. Pledge sheets and further instructions regarding this event will be in the show's registration package.

The day will conclude with presentations to the Easter Seals Foundation, a BBQ and auction in the Merkley Supply Tent, music and just plain good fun.

With the advance publicity generated by Parks Canada and all its partners, we encourage you to enter as early as possible. Parks Canada has graciously offered to supply several extra new docks, however space may be limited so act quickly upon receiving your show registration package.

A Schedule of Events and further details will be forwarded in your entrants package

Thanks.....see you at the 175th!



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