



INLAND SCUTTLEBUTT

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The Home Stretch

By Bob Ickes

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Since September 2006 Bill & Sue Brooks' 1948 Chris-Craft 33' Sedan Cruiser named *Andante* has resided in my shop while Bill does a complete refit. This location seems appropriate since Bill was aboard the maiden voyage of Eileen and my *Happydaze* (which is a sister ship to *Andante*, but 3' shorter) after I refitted her, and we feel at least partially responsible for getting them into a cruiser. *Andante* was purchased in Seattle in the fall of 2005, and almost immediately the (original) engine failed. Bill found a yard in Tacoma which was apparently good at billing but poor at getting much meaningful work done. They did successfully refasten the bottom, but built new fuel tanks that "almost" fit, and kept promising to install a replacement engine. Bill was frustrated with their slow and expensive progress, so I suggested he move the boat here where he could do much of the work himself. Hence the relocation by the Resort Boat Shop to my shop, which was vacant since *Happydaze* was finished and Jeff & Cindy Leist's *Simpler Times* had just spent 9 months there while Jeff refinished the exterior. Just before (like the day of) the relocation the Tacoma yard did install the replacement engine; which promptly failed. At least Bill got his money back for that one.

Since thus arriving engineless, the plan has been to have *Andante* back in the water "next spring". Now four years later, I think there is a distinct possibility of that actually happening. Bill has accomplished a lot as the pictures below show, and I believe the end is now in sight (i.e. next spring). To keep their spirits up during this ordeal, Eileen & I have tried to take Bill & Sue for a ride on *Happydaze* at least monthly. We've had some great rides and dinners afloat, but Bill still maintains it's not the same as your own boat. I agree.



Here is the "engineless" arrival from Tacoma. The winter of 2006-07 was spent working on the hull exterior. It's amazing how many of those depressions, cracks, dings, etc. can come through a session of filler and still be there. They must hide somewhere while the filler is being applied! Eventually they did all get filled and faired (or at least "enough" of them). (Con. Page 6)

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ACBS Report

BK Powell
Director-ACBS

2010 marks the 35th Anniversary of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. From 8 founding members the organization has grown to 57 chapters, with 7500 members located across the United States and Canada. Along with the Canadian chapters we are truly an international organization. However, with that said, ACBS may expand into Europe, with the addition of a Chapter from France! Yes you read that right, a group of French Antique and Classic boat enthusiasts are petitioning ACBS to become the first Chapter from across the Atlantic-Tres Bon!

Our newly installed President is John Bergstrom, a member of the Water Wonderland Chapter from Michigan. John is a hands on leader and is sensitive to the needs of all our members; I look forward to working with him in 2011. Having just returned from the ACBS Budget Meeting in Chicago I'll pass along a few of the subjects under review and or discussion by the Board. The chapter liaison program will continue. The mission of the program is providing a direct link between Directors and Chapters-so as to better the communications and strengthen the relationship between national and local as it applies to ACBS. I've been assigned liaison to the following chapters; IEC, Payette Lakes, Okanagan and Big Sky. My obligation is to listen to and act upon Chapter concerns and bring those concerns to national and provide pertinent ACBS information back to the Chapters.

There are few changes to the judging criteria (goals) being considered by the Judging Committee and may or may not be endorsed after discussion. Consider adding a factor for complexity, the thought here is (as an example) should a "painted" rowboat with an outboard motor be awarded "Best of Show" over a large runabout or cruiser with a slightly lower overall score? Decide whether paint is an acceptable restoration technique for damaged or worn out gel coat on fiberglass boats or whether points should be deducted for its use. Consider whether a preserved boats' age should be reflected in its score. As an example, if 1/25th of a point were to be added for each year of age, a 1930 boat would receive one point more than a similar boat manufactured in 1955. Develop a list of items that can be considered "Safety Items" for which points will not be deducted. Feel free to contact me for further updates (or additions) to these considerations.

The ACBS web page. The "absolute" target month of February 2011 has been set to get the software up and running so Chapters can easily download membership numbers and all information applicable for membership.

ACBS Report (con.)

The 1st Annual Pac NW Regional Show (August 2011 CdA Resort) is on tract, with all the local chapters in agreement to proceed! ACBS is looking closely at this event, should it prove to be a success, then efforts will be made to follow our example nationally. I'll be working closely with the chapters in our area, in my capacity as ACBS Director to ensure the success of this event.

Please feel free to contact me, with questions and or concerns regarding ACBS. I serve to represent you, our Chapter and the PNW.

IEC Chapter Update

Winter Meeting!!!

The always fantastic winter IEC General Meeting is coming up soon. Elections will be held at the meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board or as an officer of the club, please notify Larry O'Leary or BK Powell prior to November 29th. Contact Linda Zwarg for more info on this great event.

Dec. 4th at the Spokane Club
 Social hour 6:00pm
 Dinner meeting 7:00 pm

DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP

Shipmates stand together
 Don't give up the ship;
 Fair or stormy weather
 We won't give up
 We won't give up the ship
 Friends and pals together
 It's a long, long trip.
 If you have to take a lickin'
 Carry on and quit your kickin'
 Don't give up the ship.

Flotsam

CHANGE YOUR COURSE!

Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light on a collision course with his ship.

He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."

"Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply.

The captain responds, "I'm a United States Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman second class," the next message reads.

"Change your course, sir."

The captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

"I'm a lighthouse. It's your call."



"Did you name it after me, like you said you would?"

A doctor, a dentist and an attorney were in a boat together when a wave came along and washed them all overboard. Unable to get back into the boat, they decided that two of them would hold on to the boat and the third would swim to shore for help. Even though there were sharks circling between them and land, the lawyer took off swimming. As he swam the sharks moved aside. The dentist yelled, "It's a miracle!" "No", said the doctor, "That's professional courtesy!"

Attention Members!

New Editor on Board!

Many thanks to Wes Yandt who has volunteered to take over the helm of the Scuttlebutt.

Please help Wes and the Club further our mission by submitting your photos and articles.



"Only the guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat."

Jean-Paul Sartre

IEC Sandpoint Show

Thanks to all who helped put on another quality event. The evening banquet was a success, raising a considerable amount for IEC scholarships and donations.



Clockwise from top left: Banquet facility, Show Chair John Keener and questionable character, Kat checks out auction, socializing, Wenatchee friends Chris & Tom, Mike and Anavel, is that Hutch under those Rasta braids? (and Carol)

Payette Lake Show



Skippers
Choice~

Photo and
note from
Kathy Fair:

A 1936 Chris
Craft, this was
Dad's which

I inherited and had restored by Jim Winslow of McCall, Idaho. It was "Dottie's" maiden voyage where she won the Skippers Choice award. Dottie was completed with a Norwegian theme, in tribute to Dad, Dick Boge, who was 100% Norwegian.



Congratulations to
Kathy Fair &
Dottie!



Reynolds' Rap



Bruce Reynolds, winner of multiple "Best Engine Compartment" awards and restoration expert, stops checking his bow strap long enough to give our readers some advice...

I always say to my first mate... Shaft alignment should be checked on a regular basis—at least once a year. Your hull will change shape when it's in the water, so wait to do your final alignment until the boat is ready to go.

Check all water strainers to make sure they are clean and free of debris, this includes beer cans and cigarette butts in your bilge.

Check and service transmissions and lower units according to manufacturer's directions, you know what happens when lower units aren't working right!



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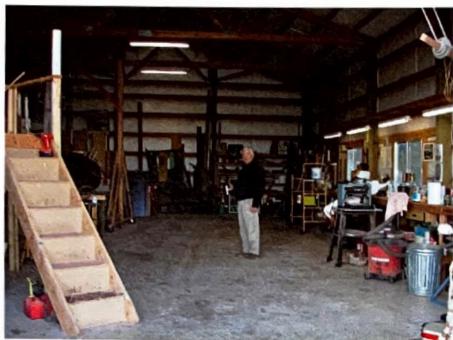


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The Home Stretch (Con.)



In late August 2007 *Andante* took a side trip to the Resort Boat Shop to have some of the heavier work done. This left Bill a bit lonely in the empty shop, but in mid-October *Andante* was back complete with a new engine and drive-line plus some serious keel rot around the shaft log repaired. This engine actually runs! It should provide many years of reliable service, starting with the launch "next spring".



There now began a series of major internal arrangement modifications. The original head was in the bow, which wasted space. There was no comfortable V-berth initially; just a bench that turned into bunks along the port side. Apparently the original intent was for sleeping in the main cabin on what was essentially a hide-a-bed couch. This couch was so ugly it defied description, and its location perched on a pedestal above the engine resembled some type of ancient throne or altar. Needless to say, none of us (except possibly Bill) thought much of this couch. So let the changes begin!!!! Here's what happened, although not necessarily in this order:

One day when there happened to be enough muscle available and a SawzAll handy, the couch was made small enough to fit out the door and unceremoniously dumped over the side. I think the hulk is still under the boat somewhere, but at least it's out of the way (and out of sight).



Ugly couch gets the ol' heave ho over the side of the boat.



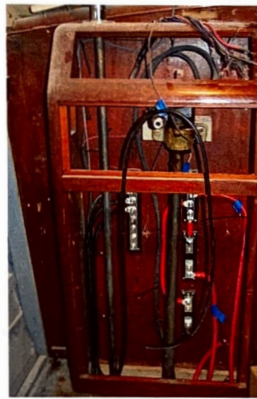
In the couch's place is now a nice divan or settee, that was designed or styled by Bill Jr., one of Bill and Sues's sons. It now contains a labyrinth maze of storage compartments, heating and air return ducts, and movable sections for engine access. It was quite the project, but turned out extremely well.



A nice new transom door provides access to the large cockpit.



A new bow thruster, seemingly sized for a battleship, should provide excellent maneuvering.



This systems work takes lots of planning, but it's all starting to take shape. While all this activity was going on inside, the exterior was also getting some work:



Canvas on the cabintop and deck was repaired and/or replaced.



The topsides got many coats, approaching if not at the final coat.



The exterior varnish was stripped, sanded, stained, sealed, and built up with new varnish. The final varnish coat is now on a good portion of the cabin exterior.

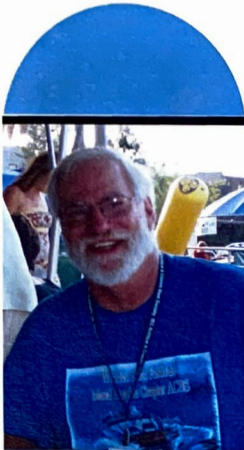
This is where things stand at present in October 2010. Through the winter the many remaining parts should come together for the launch in the spring of 2011. There's still a lot to do, but it's fun watching it going back together rather than still coming apart!

Scenes from Priest Lake ~ Dry Rot Show



Poker Run Fun ~
The "true" all girls group: Captain - Sarah Thomas, Co-captain - Alicia Barbieri, Toni Lydig and Kathy Fair.





**Larry
O'Leary**

**“ Report
from the
Head ”**

President's Message

It's time for this old sailor to ship out. I've had the privilege these last two years to serve as your president. As I look back, I'm struck by all the wonderful people that have helped move this ship along, especially the officers, board members, and chairmen/women as well as those individuals that did the “grunt” work - boat show chairmen, ships store coordinator, dock workers, planning committees, auction organizers, food and decorating teams, artwork and tee shirts, clean up, judging, entertainment, sponsorship, newsletter editor and contributors, communication, advertising, registrations, finances, etc. etc.

You know who you are. Thank You!! Thank You!!

As I go through this list and attach faces and names to each, I'm reminded of the Pareto Principle. In 1906 an Italian economist Vilfredo Pareto observed that 80% of all the land in Italy was owned by 20% of the population. That summer he noticed that in his garden 80% of the peas that he grew came from 20% of the pods. From these and similar observations he developed his 80-20 rule. Since 1906 this principle has been applied to many different fields, but most notably we see the Pareto Principal in action in volunteer groups. 80% of the work gets done by 20% of the members. Generally, in the beginning, this formula works as the 20% are happy and eager to put in the time and effort necessary and the 80% are content to “let George do it”. But there comes a time when the 20% get burned out. We are fast approaching that limit in the IEC. So I call on the 80% to get involved! (I thank those who did answer my recent call and have stepped forward). The winter meeting on Dec. 4 will provide opportunities to explore ways you can help shift the Pareto Principle.

So as I step aside and hand the tiller over to the next president I truly hope that he will have the great support that I have enjoyed and that you will consider helping. It takes a village – in this case a fleet.

May you have calm waters and following winds the rest of your days.

Larry O'Leary—President



Membership Report

Terry & Mariette Deems—Membership Co-Chairs
A big “Thank You” to our volunteers and all members for making
2010 a great year in boating!

volunteerism [vɒllən teer izzəm] *n* (Sociology):

The principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward.

Coeur d'Alene Show



Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____
 Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BOAT INFORMATION

Boat #1
 Boat Name: _____
 Year: _____ Builder: _____
 Model: _____ Overall Length: _____
 Hull#: _____ HP: _____ Engine Make: _____ #Cyl: _____

Boat #2
 Boat Name: _____
 Year: _____ Builder: _____
 Model: _____ Overall Length: _____
 Hull#: _____ HP: _____ Engine Make: _____ #Cyl: _____

DUES SCHEDULE

Annual Membership \$45.00
 Chapter Membership \$25.00
 Total Dues \$70.00

Mail Application To:

ACBS International Headquarters
 ATTN: Membership
 422 James St., Clayton, NY 13624

Jetsam

PARTING OF THE WATERS

A priest, a rabbi, and a minister are bareboating in the Caribbean when they discover the cabin is filling with water and they are in imminent danger of sinking. "Oh, Lord," says the priest, "if you would let us walk on water as you did your Son, we could make it to that island over there and be saved." Then he steps off the stern of the boat and is drowned. "Oh, Lord," says the rabbi, "if you would part the seas for us, as you once did for your chosen people, we could make it to that island over there and be saved." Then he steps off the stern of the boat and is drowned. "Oh, Lord," says the minister, "did you say to turn the handle on the seacock clockwise or counterclockwise?"

Boat Drink

Recipe of the Month Admiral

After one sip, you'll drink to the memories of your heroes and your pals.

1/2 jigger Bourbon
 1 jigger dry vermouth
 1/4 jigger lemon juice
 Lemon peel, garnish

Fill Shaker with Ice. Add Ingredients. Shake and strain over ice into glass. Garnish.

Olaf Nordstrom
The Essential Book of Boat Drinks