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Cabin Fever

By now everyone has become aware of the Corona Virus pandemic. At first it seemed distant, affecting China, but then it took hold in Italy. It's now spreading at a head spinning rate to a world wide problem. They said it affected old people with pre-existing conditions the most, so I thought OK I'm safe. But then my wife, Sandy, reminded me that "old" was figured by chronological age and the fact that I act like a teen-ager does not protect me.

Now that it's spreading in the U.S., California is a hot spot. So, what do we do? Social distancing is the recommended strategy, along with lots of hand washing. To implement this, major events have been postponed or cancelled. NBA basketball is on hold, March Madness is cancelled, major league baseball is delayed. France has closed all restaurants, *mon dieu*. People are seriously concerned to take these steps.

In view of all the warnings from experts who know a lot more than I do about pandemics, it seems that we should not ignore what they are telling us. Our chapter has taken the disappointing steps of cancelling some of our events scheduled for the next few months. Spring Fling at Murphy's is cancelled, one of our favorite destinations. We plan to go there for the annual meeting, so all is not lost.

Since no one knows how long this Corona virus situation will last and decisions about our events need to be made well in advance, we decided to cancel Wood&Glory. Bass Lake is still on at this time. Check the website acbs-tahoe.org for the latest info. We expect that Runabouts on the River will take place as scheduled. The situation is fluid, we will have our events if it's safe, but we will keep checking the situation and keep you updated by e-mail, web-site and Western Wood.

It looks like we will be holed up at home for a while. It reminds me of being snowed in at Tahoe. One year, when our kids were small, we decided to go skiing at Tahoe. We left just before a predicted snowstorm, cleverly avoiding traffic problems on the way up. Then the blizzard hit. Ski resorts closed because of the storm and snowplows couldn't keep up with the snow fall. We spent all our time digging snow and finding ways to keep the kids amused. After a few days we had Cabin Fever and had to get out. We put the Suburban into 4-wheel drive and were able to drive the 3 miles to Swiss Lakewood. A few other diners were there, and the proprietors were happy to see us even though we had 3 restless kids with us. We didn't get to do what we had planned that time, but we made the best of it and weathered the storm.

Patience is required, but we can weather the Corona Virus storm. It will pass in time. I'll probably spend more time in the garage where I'll find something else to do on the boat before Sandy finds more chores for me to do around the house. It is very frustrating to all who worked so hard to organize the events only to have them cancelled, we owe you a big thank you. Let's hope that life gets back to normal soon. When it does, I'm looking forward to ACBS boating events and socializing with our friends again.

Lee & Sandy Chase





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President's Message



Don Leutz

As I write this Message, questions, concerns and uncertainties abound regarding the Coronavirus. Many events nationwide have been cancelled or postponed including the Sunnyland Boat Show and International Board Meeting which was to be held the week of March 18–22, 2020.

Out of an abundance of caution your ACBS Board of Directors and Committee Members have decided to cancel the 2020 Spring Fling. However, since Murphys and Ironstone Vineyards is a very popular destination, we have decided, and have already re-booked the Spring Fling venues for our Annual Meeting the weekend of November 6th, 7th, and 8th.

While we will not have a room block at the Murphys Suites and the room rate will be slightly higher, the management is allowing reservations to be moved to November. I suggest calling the hotel as soon as possible to get your room reservation moved to November as there is another event going on in town and rooms will book fast.

At this time, the Bass Lake Committee is also considering cancelling or postponing the Bass Lake Rendezvous. The Resort has been very accommodating and have given Bobby and Teri several options. Time will tell.

Wood and Glory is also being canceled for 2020. However, the Committee is encouraging you to come the Clear Lake and enjoy boating and beautiful setting on your own and have lots of fun.

Like others, I am hopeful that as the weather warms up, the potential crisis will subside giving healthcare officials time to complete their work on a vaccine and other treatments for future outbreaks. Your ACBS Board Members will monitor the situation and let you know if things should change.

Hopefully, our summer Woodie Whoopies, "Runabouts on the River" Stockton Boat Show at the Stockton Sailing Club July 24-26th, Lake Shasta Rendezvous in September and Delta Cruise in

October will be able to go on as planned, as well as our Annual Meeting and get together in November. I look forward to getting back to normal and enjoying the boating season.

A lot of work and planning goes into putting on an ACBS event. The next time you attend one of our get-togethers, please take time to thank the various Committee Chairs and Committee Members for their efforts and volunteer if you can.

Please be advised that registration for the ACBS International Annual Meeting and Boat Show in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is scheduled to open April 1, 2020 on the ACBS International Website:

www.acbs.org. Last year over 50 members from NC/LT Chapter went to the International Boat Show in the Thousand Islands, NY. All had a wonderful time. If you missed it, you might consider Coeur d'Alene this year as the Annual Meeting and Show should be spectacular with Pre-Events at Priest Lake, Idaho.

The ACBS International Website was updated as of March 2, 2020 with a new look. A new Chapter web page was created at: <https://acbs.org/chapters-directory/> with links to each, individual Chapter. The goal is to direct people looking for information on ACBS Chapter(s) to the chapter websites.

ACBS International has also created a private ACBS Members only group on Facebook. The primary purpose of the private Facebook Group is to act as an online forum for ACBS Members to post important announcements, questions, seek advice, etc. To find the new member's only ACBS Facebook group, just search for "ACBS Members" on Facebook. Only active ACBS Members are approved to join the Group. We, as a Chapter might also consider our own version of a private Facebook Group should there be enough interest in this. Please let me know your thoughts and comments.

Please think about inviting a potential new member(s) to one of our events. It certainly will give that person(s) an opportunity to see our Chapter and ACBS in action and all the fun we have together.

I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2020. Please drop me a line at leutz@inreach.com or give me a call should you wish to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Happy Boating!

Don Leutz

Trophy and Award Sponsorships

The Chapter gives out the Ziggy award, the Bob Bush Spirit Award and other appreciation trophies at our annual meeting and other awards at our boat shows. Additionally, the President or the Board may at various times decide to recognize individual members for their service to the Chapter. We have developed a very successful sponsorship program which helps us build the Chapters endowment fund, the earnings of which makes donations to worthy charities on an annual basis.

There are still several un-sponsored awards for the November meeting and for the Stockton, Bass Lake and Clear Lake Boat Shows. It would be greatly appreciated if you would make a tax deductible \$250.00 donation to sponsor one of the trophies or awards with the funds going to the Chapter endowment. You are welcome to co-sponsor one of these awards with a friend or another member if desired.

Checks can be forwarded now or at a future date payable to ACBS – No. Cal., C/O Jared Hein, 25 Citrus Court, Hillsborough, CA 94010. We look forward to your response.

Contact Rich Fisher who is the Chair of the chapter Philanthropy Committee at rich.fisher34@yahoo.com or 925 525 5428 if you want to discuss this program to help the worthy not for profit organizations that your chapter supports.

Membership Corner

By Lew Dobbins—Membership Chair

Greetings all. Our year is just getting started but we already have two new members to our chapter. They are: Janelle & Troy Wagers of Lodi, CA with a 1958 Century Resorter. And just in: Ben Torres Jr. of Modesto, CA.

That makes 440 active members, as of February 17th, with 412 calling the Lake Tahoe/ Northern California Chapter their home chapter. But as we mentioned last time, most of our members are still on the old annual schedule. This means that your membership expired on December 31st. So we still have about 20 members that have not renewed as of yet. I will be sending you a notice soon.

Be sure to renew your Membership when it comes due. It is easy to renew online, or sign-up for a new Membership, at the ACBS Website, www.acbs.org or the NC/LT Website at: www.acbs-tahoe.org.

The membership packets that Don put together have been a handy tool for us all. When you are at the gas station with the boat, someone always seems to come take a closer look. Don't we usually end up talking with them for a while? And many times these people never knew about ACBS. We often pick up new members from just this kind of chance meeting! If you have any questions regarding membership or wish get any of the packets, please feel free to contact me at lewjobbins@gmail.com or call me and leave a message on 530-263-0412.



Layne Davis proudly accepts the 2019 Ziggy award from chapter president Bobby Gaestel.

WOOD & GLORY XXII PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Updated as of February 15, 2020

Place: Clear Lake, Lake County, CA

Dates: Thursday, June 4 > Sunday, June 7, 2020

Planned	June 4, Thursday	Open time; go boating; view Wood & Glory "Things to Do" sites below.
Activities:	June 4, Evening 5:30pm	Hosted reception, courtesy Donna & Allen Thomas' Corinthian Bay Home
	June 5, Friday	More open time; go boating, visit with friends, go wine tasting, just relax!
	June 5, Evening 5:30pm	Woodie Whoopie at the Lahti's Family Lake Home, Buckingham Point
	June 6, Saturday 10 am	Boat Parade to Show and Luncheon, Konocti Vista Casino & Resort
	June 6, Evening 6 pm	Gala Awards Dinner & Auction, Boatique Winery, Bob & Madi Mount
	June 7, Morning 10:30 am	Cruise or drive to our final lunch gathering at Lakeport's Library Park.
	June 7, Afternoon	Open time - view "Things to Do" sites below

View Past Years' Pictures & Activities www.acbs-tahoe.org, [Picture galleries](#). See Wood & Glory past year's activities on our Chapter's web site. Enjoy our members and their classic boating smiles again.

Things to Do: www.lakecochamber.com - Review Lake County Chamber of Commerce's *Destination Magazine 2020*. Page through over 100 informative pages covering Lake County's past and present. A complete

summary of activities with Boater's Guide dining at the historic (Upper Lake) the S. Kelseyville) along with Courthouse Museum

[www](#) Lake County Winery winery details. Their website presents County winery me 9213, sgdangel@sb "advisors" and will "Tour" needs.

[w](#) The Mount's Boat award winning winery from 11 > 5. It is lunch, hang out, at Madi's boat collection. Your W&G Boatique 707-279-CORK.

RETURNING >>>S A popular gathering in or car drive in Park. As in the past, this will enable you to enjoy your picnic's relaxing gathering time, depart by boat or start your driving trip home directly from the park.

Vintage Race Boat Test & Tune - The California Speedboat Association is holding a "Test & Tune" for vintage race boats On May 30st and 31nd at the Buckingham Homeowners Assoc. clubhouse. If you are at Clear Lake early, this is a "Must see" event. There is no cost to watch. For more information or if you want to participate, contact ACBS member John Lawrence at (925) 787-2000. The event will include boats like Pacific-One-Design, Cracker-Box, Step-Hydros, and Sponson-Hydros and more. This is NOT a Wood & Glory /

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WOOD & GLORY 2020 Cancellation Notice

As difficult as it has been to come to the conclusion that this year's Wood & Glory event must be cancelled, it is even harder to write this letter to all of our Members, Participants, and guests.

We are all aware and deeply concerned that recent and fast-moving Coronavirus is a real threat to our society. Minimizing group gatherings is one defensive way that we can help slow the spread. Thus, with due consideration for everyone's well-being, and after consulting with our Chapter's leadership, we have reached the decision to cancel this year's Wood & Glory event.

Any event funds that have been submitted will be voided or refunded. If you have any questions, please direct them to Jim or Barbara. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR 2021 EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS for JUNE of 2021.

**Sincerely,
Jim & Gail Robello (707) 355-2311
Barbara & Dan Foster (925) 989-3626**

P.S. - Lake County and Clear Lake are still here, and we expect that a number of us will still be taking a "Classic Boat" cruise around the lake with our friends and picnic baskets. We welcome you to join us. (Mrs. Foster wants to go ahead with a Spaghetti Feed on Saturday).



We had wonderful attendance and fun socializing among the membership at last Summer's Woodie Whoopies. Special thanks to MaryJo Shepherd, Don & Dianne Sloat, Carol and Bernie Atkinson, Kay Turner and The Maritime Museum for making their homes and facilities available to the membership.

These low key, bring your own to BBQ and BYOB events are always a pleasant way to spend some of a Tahoe weekend. No admission fee, no reservations and no obligations make for a simple, relaxing evening. We thank those that donated raffle prizes which are added to the Gar Wood's gift certificates, wine and miscellaneous items that are purchased with the raffle proceeds. Donations are always appreciated. Special thanks to Tom Turner of Gar Wood's for donating several gift certificates for prizes. The net proceeds from the raffle enabled us to cover the cost of supplies and donate substantial funds to the Club Philanthropy Fund, Tahoe Maritime Center and to the Thunderbird Preservation Society.

Summer is coming soon and that means it is time for you to mark your calendars for our frequent evening gatherings at Tahoe. All ACBS members and their friends are invited to attend these events. We start about 5 PM and adjourn at about dusk. BYOB and bring a pot luck dish to share. We encourage you to purchase some raffle tickets during the evening as the funds allow us to purchase charcoal, ice and other supplies with the surplus going to charity.

The Club trailer with our tables, BBQs and supplies will be at these events. Please bring some chairs if at all possible. We can always use some help with set up at 4 PM and are looking for a different assistant for each of these events. If you can assist Nancy and Rich please contact him.

This year's schedule:

Saturday - June 27 - Shepherd's,
6220 McKinney Dr., Homewood

Friday - July 17- Olympic Beach HOA -
Use the gravel driveway across from
619 Olympic, Tahoe City

Friday - July 31 - Atkinson's-
4870 No. Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay

We encourage wearing green for this Irish themed evening at Bernie and Carol Atkinson's home.

Friday - August 21 - Turner's -
4860 West Lake Blvd, Homewood

Friday - August 28 - Tahoe Maritime Center & Museum,
401 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City

Contact Rich if you have any questions about the Woodie Whoopies.

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Maiden Voyage 2.0

By Gene Dangel

The saga continues. If you missed or have forgotten the first installment that we will now refer to as Maiden Voyage 101, check out Volume 27, Issue 1, Winter 2010 located under the past issues tab on the club's website.

We will begin this chapter about ten years ago with Greg and I having a beer one sunny August afternoon on the pier of our summer rental on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. The Joseph's 20 ft Custom "Genevieve" hung peacefully on the buoy as someone roared by in a Donzi. "You know", Greg said, as he took a sip on his beer, "I have always wanted a Donzi, they are a perfect Tahoe boat!"

And so began the quest. Greg started searching the internet, joined the Donzi Club, and every now and then an email would appear in my inbox with the latest find. After a thumbs up my standard reply was, "how does Micki like it?". It turns out that this was more of a one man endeavor of a stealth nature not taken too seriously by Greg's better half.

Fast forward to Winter of 2019. Greg sends an email of a YouTube video featuring a 28 foot Donzi that was an ex race boat and had been converted to a cruiser. Search "Donzi by Ditmars" and check out the video. After the obligatory thumbs up, cool boat, and all that stuff came the "how does Micki like it" question. After rationalizing that she will like the cabin, it will be comfortable and dry, it has a Bimini top for shade, room for the family and grandkids.....and a potty, he added "I am waiting for the right moment to tell her about it".

After numerous emails and phone conversations with Jack Ditmars, Greg called to tell me that the right moment magically appeared and he shared his dream of pride of ownership in this one of a kind, special Donzi. I had to first ask if all of his #%*& was in the front yard before going further. Being good friends for years and having many conversations on the subject, I knew Micki was not to keen on the idea and that one boat is sometimes too much, and two boats was definitely one too many!

So, Greg saw a green light and in June he flew back to Chicago to meet Jack and check out the boat. I guess it was love at first sight and, after a test drive in Lake Michigan, the deal was made. An email showed up with photos of the boat and Greg smiling ear to ear with the caption "I am now the proud owner of a Donzi!!" I chose not to task the Micki question. Sue and Micki exchanged a few texts and I do not know if there is such a thing as an "eye roll" emoji, but that was my take a way.

The next problem was to figure out how to get the boat home to Aptos. It sat on a boat yard cradle and although it had wheels there was no way to make it road worthy for a cross country trip. After researching every possible option for transport Greg decided to have a custom three axle trailer built in Chicago and drive back to drag it home. Since the boat is "technically" over width at 114" the trailer manufacturer suggested it would be advisable to obtain the necessary permits for each state to be traveled through. I hope that Greg will write "Maiden Voyage 2.0.1" about his experience. At a minimum, ask him about Wyoming. He is the only one who could do it justice. He did add that he would never do it again!



Safely at home construction of a proper boat shed to keep it out of the weather got under way. With the Delta Cruise fast approaching Greg decided to bring "Genevieve" for reasons soon to be discovered. Sue and I were not planning to attend this year's event due to my scheduled back surgery the week before. After learning my surgery was re-scheduled for the week after, Greg called and asked if they brought the Donzi instead, would we ride with them? Since I was not going to shuttle up and back to Clear Lake to get the Campbell, we did need a ride. Besides, we could not pass up an opportunity for a front row seat for another Joseph maiden voyage.

A few days before heading to B&W we went to Aptos to check out the Donzi in person. First impression....it is big on the trailer!! One has to reach up to touch the gunnel rub rail. I asked Greg how he was going to put fuel in the tanks on the road? "Guess I better bring the step ladder" he said. A ladder is also required to get up to the swim platform to get into the boat. It is impressive! No expense was spared in re-powering and re-fitting of the entire boat. Two custom built 496 CI Chrysler engines, twin v-drives, outboard rudders, teak and Corian in the cabin, and an HVAC system to boot. I told Greg he may have to sell a kidney to put fuel in it.

The following Thursday we met up at the ramp at B&W for the official launch. I climbed up the step ladder to find the two forward hatches open (there are also two in the aft) with Greg down in the bilge. "There is a really strong smell of gas in here" he said. Sure enough, there was a pretty good puddle of fuel just behind the tanks along the keel. After mopping up the fuel we inspected all the fuel lines and filters (they are plumbed in stainless tubing and AN fittings) and not a leak could be found. The fuel fills are on the deck but there are screw on caps on the tanks. Turns out the cork gaskets in the caps were all dried out which likely caused fuel to escape while sloshing around on the trailer. I guess we need to keep an eye on that Greg said. After confirming with Micki that she in fact signed up for Boat US towing as promised, in the water it went.

Walking back to the docks after depositing the trailer, the first vision was of Greg with his arms in the air and announcing “I’ve got nothing, turn the key and nothing, it won’t turn over!” Conventional wisdom leads to thinking dead batteries, corroded cables, bad ground, or something simple like that. Open the hatches again to check everything electrical between the keys and the starter and it all looks good to go. Open hatches always draw a crowd and someone noticed a switch on the airplane cockpit like dash labeled “fan/run”. “I wonder what that could be for?” Turns out it not only activates the bilge blowers but also puts power to the relays that operate the interlock that allows the ignition keys to connect to the starters. Pretty smart safety feature that makes sure the blowers are on before starting the engines.

OK, the engines are cranking but will not fire. What now. Starters are likely getting hot and before we kill the batteries we need investigate. Off come the hats over the carbs, pump the throttles, to discover no fuel was coming out of the accelerator pump squirters. All the fuel had evaporated from the float bowls. Greg had no knowledge if the fuel pumps were electric or mechanical and it was near impossible to see or

reach in and around the engines without removing sections of the floorboards. Not wanting to stress the cranking system any more the easiest way to fill Holly float bowls is through



Gene and Greg pouring gasoline down the carburetor. The two retired firemen assured everyone that it was perfectly safe as long as it didn't explode.

the vents from whence the fuel likely evaporated. Sue does not appreciate it when I “borrow” cooking utensils for gas and oil stuff, but this was an emergency. A small funnel from the motor home, a piece of 5/16 fuel line, and a gallon can of gas did the trick. One at a time both engines fired up and did they sound good!

By now the sun was getting low and all there was time for was a short run-down river and back. We did notice that the amp meter was showing a 15 amp discharge while the voltmeter was reading 12.2 volts. Having had enough fun for one day, and being time for wine, it was an easy call to put off tackling the charging problem until morning.

Greg called the “Ditmars Hot Line” after breakfast to talk to Jack who knows everything about the boat. He said it has always charged fine and maybe it just needs some run time. Armed with Jacks handwritten notes and schematics we opened the hatches once more and started checking everything we could think of between the gauges and the alternators....and found no smoking gun. One thing we did find was a nice 15 amp on board battery charger/maintainer, so we plugged in the shoreline to bring the batteries up to snuff. MSD ignition systems are not happy with less than 10.8 or so



battery voltage and the last thing we needed was for them to crap out on the river. After lunch we headed for Tower Park for a test run. The

Donzi performed beautifully. While under way the amp meter mysteriously went to a neutral position and the voltmeter read a little under 14 volts. Comfortable that more “jig-a-watts” seemed to be going into the batteries than coming out, we continued on.

On Saturday morning we headed out to “Herman & Helen’s” to hand out cards for the Poker Run at our assigned station. After the last boat came by, we followed the group towards Grindstone Joe’s. Somewhere along Potato Slough we slowed to follow another boat that was idling by a section that was split by a row of tules dividing the slough. Suddenly I could hear and feel the propellers churning through whatever was in the bottom of the river. “CUT THE ENGINES” I yelled, “WE ARE A-GROUND!” Sure enough, we were. A 28-foot Donzi draws a bit more water than a run-about.

Layne Davis was close, so we tossed him a line, but his engine started overheating trying to pull us off. High tide was at noon, it was now 12:30, and the tide was going out. Not wanting to spend the next twelve hours high and dry I suggested to Micki that she might want to call Boat US for a tow.... just in case. Meanwhile, Sue was texting Sandy Chase at Grindstones who sent a rescue mission in our direction. All it took was a 440 Chrysler powered Century Arabian to pull us free. Greg fired up the engines, there were no strange vibrations, it steered OK, so off to Grindstones we went. That afternoon, on the way back to B&W, the charging system went back to discharge, then charging again. Who knows what that is about other than something for Greg to add to the list of things to do? One of my favorite quotes from Lee Chase is, “everything works just fine, until it doesn’t.”

All in all, I think the Maiden Voyage for the Donzi went well. Greg learned a lot about the boat, there were no real disasters, plenty of willing helping hands, and loads of laughs. Coming up with a meaningful and appropriate name for a boat can be challenging. Micki will probably have the last word here. It is looking like “Dog House” is on the A-list.



3rd Annual Runabouts on the River

At the Beautiful Stockton Sailing Club

July 24-26, 2020



Join your fellow ACBS members on July 24th, 25th, and 26th, for a wonderful weekend on the San Joaquin River for our 3rd Annual "Runabouts on the River" Antique and Classic Boat Show. This weekend is going to be the best yet filled with lots of fun in the sun, beautiful boats, games and activities, great food, all while displaying our wood and classic glass boats to the public. Soooo- mark your calendars and save the Dates for Friday July 24th to Sunday July 26th, 2020, for the ACBS Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter's hosted boat show in Stockton. Fill out the sign- up sheet and mail it in with a copy of your insurance by July 1, 2020 and save some money with early bird sign up! We also **NEED** several volunteers to help with different aspects of the show so please contact Layne if you're available to help.

Once again we will be heading to the beautiful facility of the Stockton Sailing Club for the summer weather of July on the Delta. Hopefully it won't be as hot as last year but we will have ways to cool you off this year. When you arrive on Friday in Stockton, drive straight to the Buckley Cove Boat Launch and launch your boat. Cruise it around to the Stockton Sailing Club and dock it in your assigned slip. We will have a ride for you to go back to your vehicle at the launch ramp. You'll be able to leave your trailer there for the weekend for a small fee.

The ACBS activities begin Friday night at 5:00 at the Sailing Club's clubhouse for a no-host cocktail. At 6:00 a group will be leaving in their boats for one of the local restaurants for no-host dinner. You can fall in behind or head out to a restaurant of your own choosing. Either way you'll end up with a beautiful sunset cruise back to the Sailing club to leave your boat for the night. The facility is a gated facility with ideal docks for our show. If you don't want to go to dinner by boat, there are several restaurants in the area a short driving distance away.



Saturday morning, enjoy breakfast at your hotel or other restaurants in the area or if staying at the Residence Inn by Marriott, you'll have a full kitchen to prepare your own. The gate will open to the public at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a roar off parade of boats starting at 2:00 pm. Members can sit in the shade of the clubhouse while watching boats cruise by on the





river or head into the clubhouse for a little refreshment or conversation. There will be games on the grass, activities and boat rides going on as well this year. The show will again be free to the public and we will be offering free boat rides to anyone interested.

This exciting and unique show will feature beautiful watercraft from around Northern California. Names such as Chris Craft, Century, Garwood, Rayson Craft, Glen L, Riva, Besotes, Grand Craft, Philbrick and more. Dozens of wooden boats and early fiberglass boats will be on display. We've also invited the Century Boat Club and their members to partake in our show this one time without being a member of ACBS. Hopefully we can convince some of their members to join our club or vice versa. Either way there is a unique love story behind each unique watercraft. This show will immerse you in the stories of the beloved boats that will be on display. It will not only feature some of the amazing wood worked craftsmanship around, but will also offer free boat rides to those that have been drawn to sign up for one. Who knows, they may want to become members of our great club as well. We ask that boat owners be on hand on the docks, by their boats, between 10:00 am and 11:00 am to share stories and answer questions about their boats.

During the show, we encourage you to fire up your engines for the public to hear, and even take your friends out for a short cruise to cool off. We are planning on having a 1955 Ex-U.S. Cape Class Coast Guard Cutter on site that will be open for tours and there will be some demonstrations up on

the lawn during the day for you to enjoy. Once again, there will be a youth booth set up for children to participate in some activities, so be sure to invite all your friends and families to attend. There might even be some face painting going on. Everyone at the Wooden Boat Classic will have the opportunity to stroll through the sponsor and charity booths and buy a memento of the day in the Antique & Classic Boat Society's Ships Store. Snacks, drinks and a barbecue lunch will also be offered for sale.

At about 2:00 pm, boat owners will start firing up their boats to head out into the channel for a roar off, fly by for all spectators to enjoy. Be sure and attend the skipper's meeting prior so that you don't miss out on the fun and get instructions for the parade. Saturday will cap off with our members BBQ dinner at the outdoor eating area of the Sailing Club, overlooking the sites of the river. The theme for this year's dinner is "BEACH PARTY" so bring your best flip flops and your Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon attire. We'll have a great party and even give out some awards from the show. After dinner you can head out on a sunset cruise or continue the beach party with dancing and fun.

Sunday morning will start with boats firing up and departing the Stockton Sailing Club at 10:00 am for a run down the river to a restaurant with plenty of docks for a no host meal of breakfast or lunch. We'll guide you there, but the



rest is on your own. You can explore more of the Delta or head back to the launch ramp and wrap up your weekend.

We have group rates at the **Residence Inn by Marriott**, 3240 March Lane, which is right down the street from the Sailing Club, call 209-472-9800, group code ACBS. A Studio room with a kitchenette is \$139 a night and a one bedroom, suite type is \$169 a night. A little further down March Lane is the **Hilton Hotel 209-957-9090** and about 15 minutes away on the river is the **University Plaza Waterfront Hotel**. We haven't locked in a room rate at these two last hotels but it should be similar and we should have that within the next week.

Our goal is to bring together people with a common interest in historic, antique, and classic boats and provide an affordable, fun and friendly atmosphere for everyone to be able to enjoy being a participant or spectator. So come have some fun with us for the 3rd Annual Runabouts on the River.

Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Layne Davis (408) 234-7613 or Don Leutz (808) 652-9402.



The joy of being a Harbor Pilot"

By Mark Manes

As a child, I knew that I wanted a job that I would truly enjoy, and I think I found it. Many of you may have no idea what a San Francisco Bar Pilot even is... basically we drive ships for a living! A Marine Pilot is essentially a local expert in their given region for the navigation of vessels in that port. We board the ships via a rope ladder up the side of the ship, a traditional method that has been used since pilotage began (and if you are wondering, no, we don't harness in).

As a young child, I found a love for boats and all things that floated. I would spend hours upon hours working on old outboard engines, and docking my father's 1979 22' Marquis Wahoo on the Finger Lakes in Upstate New York. You would have found me rowing around in rowboats, canoes, Hobie Cats, and Sunfish sailboats. I learned how to waterski and ended up teaching all of those skills at a summer camp for disadvantaged youth on Keuka Lake during the summers of my high school and college years.

That love of boats carried me through the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, CA where I met my wife, Heather, and eventually received a degree in Marine Transportation and a 3rd Mates Unlimited License. I spent the



next 15 years working first on dinner cruise boats, then crew boats, and finally on tugboats in the SF Bay while upgrading my license to a 1600GRT Master. I have been everywhere in the bay from Tracy (where the Delta-Mendota canal starts, next to Hammer Island) to Alviso Slough, and all water in between. I worked on almost every bridge project including the new Benicia,



Carquinez, San Mateo, and Bay Bridges, and have run tugs from 500HP to 6500Hp Tractor tugs. During that time, I made many friends (some are even members here), and have had many exciting and interesting experiences. All of this experience led me to the training program at the San Francisco Bar Pilots, where I have been an active pilot since 2012.

And now for a little history lesson: In 1835, a man named Capt. William A. Richardson (Richardson Bay is named after him) piloted the British Brig "Ayacucho" to anchorage in Yerba Buena Cove by contracting with the Mexican Authorities to provide pilotage service to the waters around the Golden Gate. Capt. Richardson started out with an 8-oared whale boat and added and trained experienced American ship masters to his company whenever they could be found. In 1848, a man named James Marshall would forever change the history of SF Bay by finding gold in Sutter's Mill in Coloma, CA. People came by ship in droves and there was a greater demand for pilotage service. In 1849, 10 active pilots and the first active sailing wood pilot schooner, the "Anonyma" went on station outside of the sand bar that marks the entrance to the SF Bay (hence SF Bar Pilots). By December of 1849, the newly formed California State Legislature held its first session in San Jose, and Act #3 gave official sanction to the pilotage system and brought it under CA state authority. The CA State



Pilot Commission was established by Act #18 in 1850 and both are still in effect today.

It is believed that the pilotage system in SF Bay is the oldest continuous

service organization in California with the pilotage laws predating the judicial system. The first licensed pilots were actually licensed by the Mexican government, and the pilotage system operated under the Bear Flag Republic and US Federal Govt. before statehood in 1850.

The pilotage service maintained



wooden pilot schooners and motorized launches until 1973, when the schooner California was retired from 42 years of continuous service. Those were replaced by diesel powered steel boats up to 85 feet in length that maintained station 11 miles outside of the Golden Gate Bridge to board and disembark pilots from every ship that enters and exits the SF Bay.

Today there are 60 licensed pilots in the organization, and we work on a rotating schedule with typically 7 days on and 7 days off. We have three newer 104' Station class boats (California, San Francisco, and the Drake), one 65' run boat (the Golden Gate), and a 40' small run boat (Pittsburg) for our river work. The station boats have three captains and a cook that are union employees of our organization. The boats stay on station 11 miles outside the gate in all weather for 6 days at a time, and then the crews rotate in with another boat. Our pilotage grounds stretch from Monterey to every point East of the Golden Gate including the Ports of Stockton, Sacramento, and Redwood City. Last year we moved about 9,000 ships total, the largest being about 1206' long, 158' wide, 150,000 tons, carrying 14,000 shipping containers.

FAQ:

How long is your shift? Typically, we work 7 days on and 7 days off and usually work a maximum of 12 hours in one shift with a minimum of 12 hours between assignments.

What is the coolest thing that you have ever piloted? I have piloted many interesting things over the years, but there are a few that really stick out. During the America's Cup in 2013 in San Francisco, I was fortunate enough to pilot several mega yachts including the \$45 million dollar, 200' yacht "*M/Y Senses*" that is owned by Larry Page who founded Google. Last year, I piloted the 380' four masted Peruvian Naval training ship "*BAP Union*" on its' first trip to the United States, and also the 500' WWII Victory Ship "*S/S Red Oak Victory*" with member Layne Davis and his Sea Scout troop aboard from Cal Maritime to Richmond.

What is it like boarding the ship up a rope ladder? It can be quite challenging in rough weather. I have personally boarded ships in almost 20' seas and 60 knots of wind. It is all about the timing of the ship's roll and the small boat movement with the ladder. It can be really dangerous when the weather is bad.

What is the hardest part of your job? Honestly it is small boat traffic. I can manage wind, tide, current, fog, and the handling of the ship. The one thing I cannot predict is what a mariner is going to do with their small craft, and in my experience, they never fail to do the wrong thing.

I look forward to seeing you all this summer out on the water!

Mark

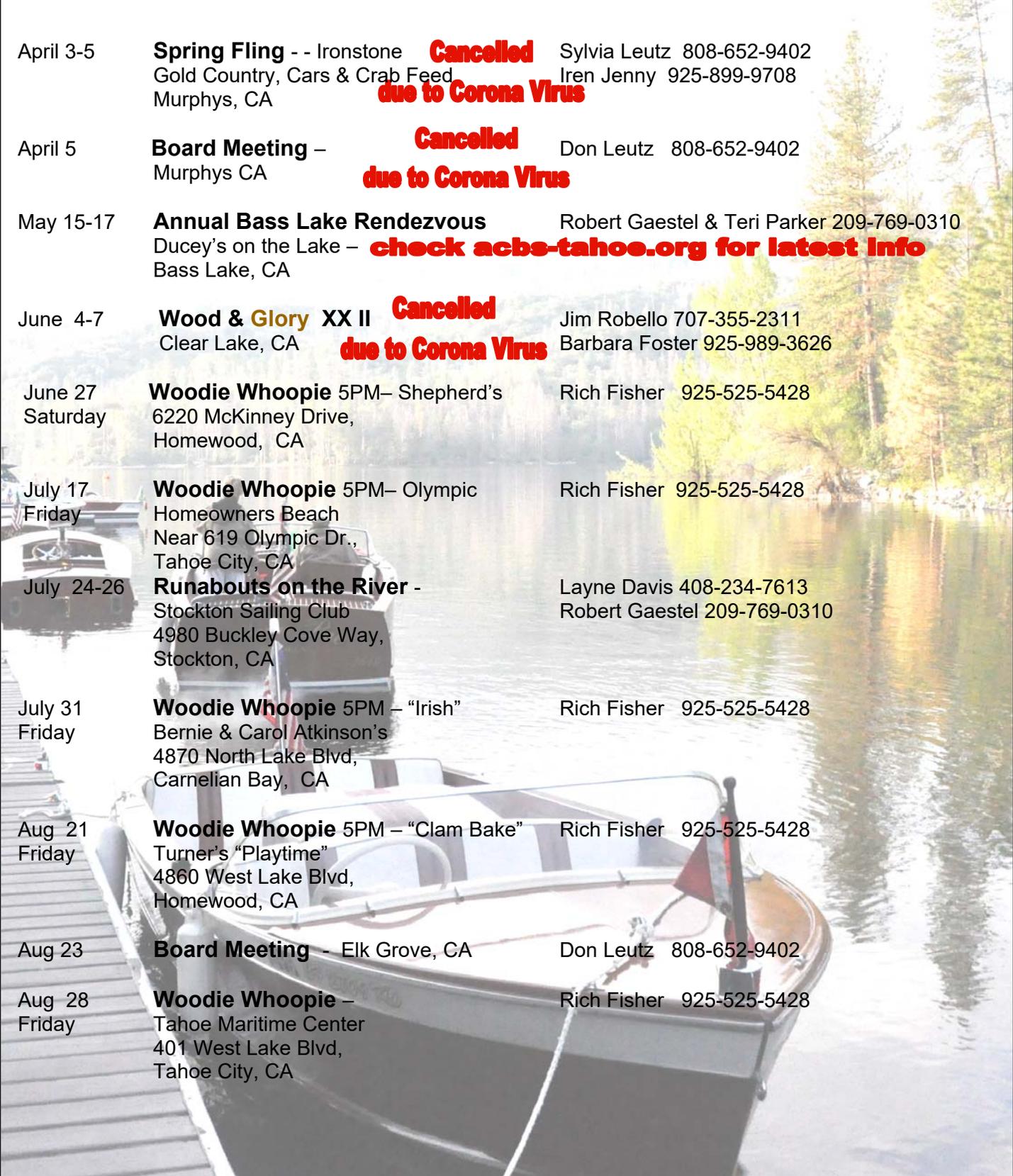


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Gold Country, Cars & Crab Feed Iren Jenny 925-899-9708
Murphys, CA **due to Corona Virus**
- April 5 **Board Meeting** - **Cancelled** Don Leutz 808-652-9402
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- May 15-17 **Annual Bass Lake Rendezvous** Robert Gaestel & Teri Parker 209-769-0310
Ducey's on the Lake - **check acbs-tahoe.org for latest info**
Bass Lake, CA
- June 4-7 **Wood & Glory XX II** **Cancelled** Jim Robello 707-355-2311
Clear Lake, CA **due to Corona Virus** Barbara Foster 925-989-3626
- June 27 **Woodie Whoopie** 5PM- Shepherd's Rich Fisher 925-525-5428
Saturday 6220 McKinney Drive,
Homewood, CA
- July 17 **Woodie Whoopie** 5PM- Olympic Rich Fisher 925-525-5428
Friday Homeowners Beach
Near 619 Olympic Dr.,
Tahoe City, CA
- July 24-26 **Runabouts on the River** - Layne Davis 408-234-7613
Stockton Sailing Club Robert Gaestel 209-769-0310
4980 Buckley Cove Way,
Stockton, CA
- July 31 **Woodie Whoopie** 5PM - "Irish" Rich Fisher 925-525-5428
Friday Bernie & Carol Atkinson's
4870 North Lake Blvd,
Carnelian Bay, CA
- Aug 21 **Woodie Whoopie** 5PM - "Clam Bake" Rich Fisher 925-525-5428
Friday Turner's "Playtime"
4860 West Lake Blvd,
Homewood, CA
- Aug 23 **Board Meeting** - Elk Grove, CA Don Leutz 808-652-9402
- Aug 28 **Woodie Whoopie** - Rich Fisher 925-525-5428
Friday Tahoe Maritime Center
401 West Lake Blvd,
Tahoe City, CA

Sept 8-11 **Lake Shasta Rendezvous**
Lake Shasta, CA

Rick Gurries 707-484-0095
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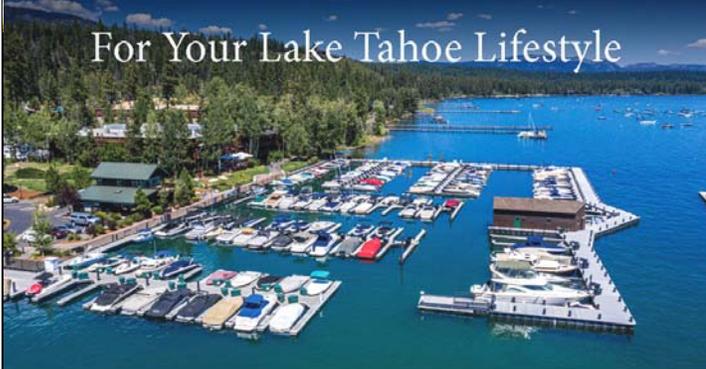
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Oct 2-4 **Delta Cruise** B & W Resort
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- Email address: Pubinfo@parks.ca.gov

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Cold-water immersion is the cause of many boating-related fatalities. The danger increases as water temperature decreases below normal body temperature (98.6 degrees F).

Cold Water Boating Safety Tips

- Do make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket. Even experienced swimmers will experience cold-water shock within one minute in frigid water and lose muscle control within 10 minutes.
- Do file a float plan with someone trusted that includes details about the trip, launch area, marina, boat, passengers, towing or trailer vehicle, communication equipment, and emergency contacts. Download a free float plan template at floatplancentral.org.
- Do dress properly for the weather, always wearing layers, and bring an extra set of clothes.
- Remember, dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.
- Do control breathing, don't gasp. A sudden unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than ½ cup of water in a person's lungs to drown. When someone remains calm, they have a greater chance of self-rescue.
- Don't panic if fallen into the water. Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket, regain control of breathing, and keep head above water in view of rescuers. If possible, remove heavy boots if in the water. Look for ways to increase buoyancy. If in the water with others, huddle together with everyone facing inwards to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.
- Don't apply heat to extremities like arms and legs of a rescued victim. This sudden change in temperature could cause cardiac arrest.

Stages of Cold-Water Immersion

Cold shock. A person has one minute to adjust to the cold shock response – don't panic, get control of breathing, don't gasp.

Swimming failure. A person has about 10-minutes of meaningful movement to get help and get out of the water. A person has about one hour before they become unconscious from cold-water immersion.

Post-rescue collapse. A person "gives up" and collapses after or right at the time of rescue.

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