



Notes from the Bilge



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Newsletter of the Lake Champlain Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

Steve Pond, President

President's Message



The torch is being passed. This will be my final letter as President of LCACBS. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past five years. The road was rocky at times but I think everything worked out pretty well. Susan Haigh will be taking over and she has the energy and enthusiasm to carry the Chapter into the future. I plan to continue to be involved and will be around to help with planning events, docking boats, assist with launchings or in whatever capacity I am needed. Susan is ready to take the helm and we will all be there to help her.

Our 2021 boat show was an outstanding success. The new Burlington Harbor Marina worked well but the weather we weren't so sure of! Early in the morning, with a northwest wind at 12-15 mph, the display area was all spray. By show time, the wind has calmed down and the day turned out to be sunny and warm. Having all boats on a single dock made for easier showing which was evident by the large number of spectators who enjoyed the varied boats on display. We had a successful parade to end the day and a delightful dinner on the outdoor terrace overlooking the lake at the neighboring Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center. The show was a "dry run" for the International Show our chapter is hosting next fall. We were all encouraged by the facility and the number of enthusiastic spectators.

The weather offered many challenges this summer. Rendezvous' were either cancelled or rain dates were utilized. I would like to thank Susan Haigh and Susie Becker for their efforts in organizing them as well as Fred Woodward for introducing us to a new destination at Moody Bay Marina on the New York side of the lake. Hope-

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2021 Boat Show

The 2021 apres-Covid edition of the LCACBS boat show was held on July 31 at the new Burlington Harbor Marina. BHM will be the venue for the in-water 2022 ACBS show and, as such, it seemed to be a good idea to do a "dry run" in 2021.

The weather, as it always seems to, cooperated as the day wore on. An early morning brisk northwesterly breeze subsided by 10 am.

George Kurjanowicz, Holly Weber and your editor had their cameras. Some of those results are on these pages. Others had their smart phones and found many worthy subjects.

After the votes were counted, the stars of the show were:

Pulling Boat - Don Swain's Paul Simm's 1955 Racing Shell

Runabout - Dave and Maryellen Mercik's Chris Craft - *Flyin By*

Utility - Tucker Jones' Gar Wood - *Miss Maple*

Cruiser - Bob Schumacher's Scout - *Tranquility*

Outboard - Walter Shicko's - *Airborne*

Sail - Mike Munson and Mary Jane Neale's - *Ellida*

Best Lyman - John Dupee's - *Growler*

ACBS Non - Wood - Tom Freiheit's Arkansas Traveler - *Powdered Water*

ACBS Most Original - Jay Annis' 1890's Adirondack Guideboat

LCACBS Ladue Award - Ed Hackett's 1938 Elco Marinette - *Naulakha*

Best of Show - Susan Haigh and Dana Bromley's 1940 Lyman Yacht Tender - *Susan*

People's Choice - Don Spring's 1931 Gar Wood - *Portabella*

President Elect, Susan Haigh said, "We had 26 boats on display in the water, and 6 land displays. We had dinner on the 3rd floor deck of the Community Sailing Center, which had an unsurpassed view of the lake and the breezes made for a lovely gathering."

Old Boat

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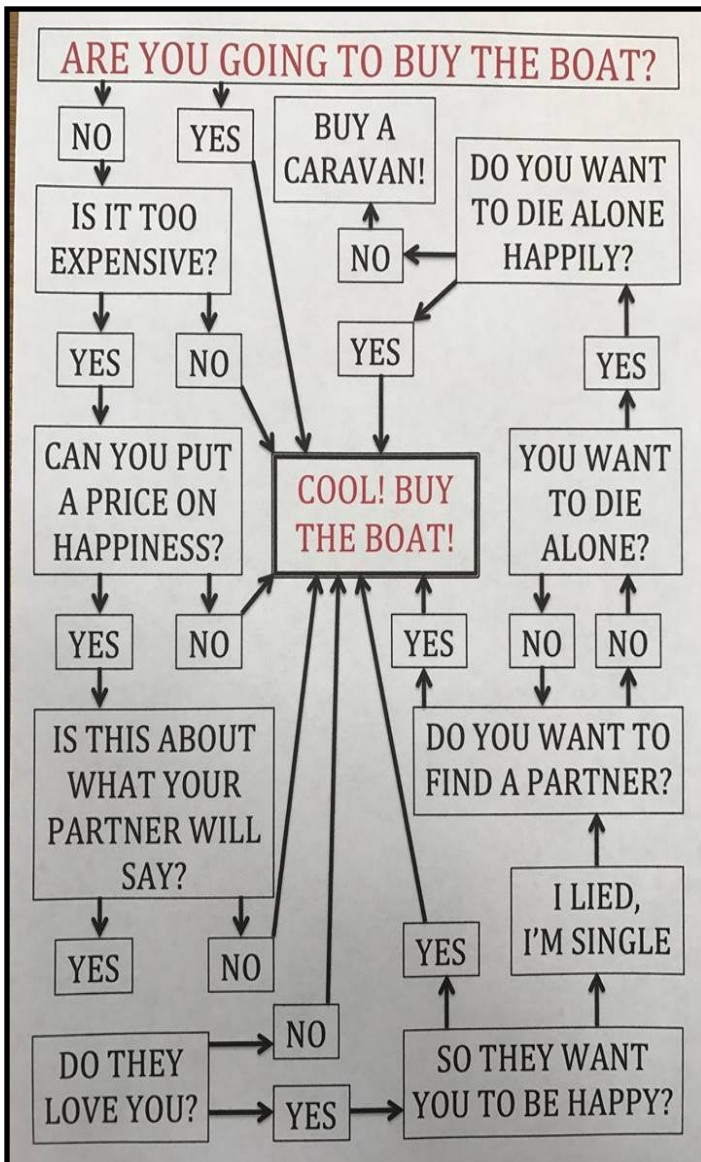
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Hopefully, next summer the weather will be more cooperative.

As I write this, I am making plans to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting and Boat Show in Couer d'Alene, Idaho in mid-September. There will be a small group of club members attending to help promote our 2022 show and learn whatever we can about hosting a successful show in Burlington next Fall.

Our annual meeting and luncheon is back this year at Basin Harbor on October 3rd. We will be presenting the boat show awards at that time as well as wrapping up the years with annual reports. Look for you invitation in the mail soon and please RSVP. We have also reserved the St. John Club for the Christmas Potluck dinner on December 12th. We hope to see you at one or both of these events.

As I pass the torch, please know I will not be going anywhere. I'll be around looking on from the sidelines. I look forward to seeing you on the water sometime, wherever that may be.





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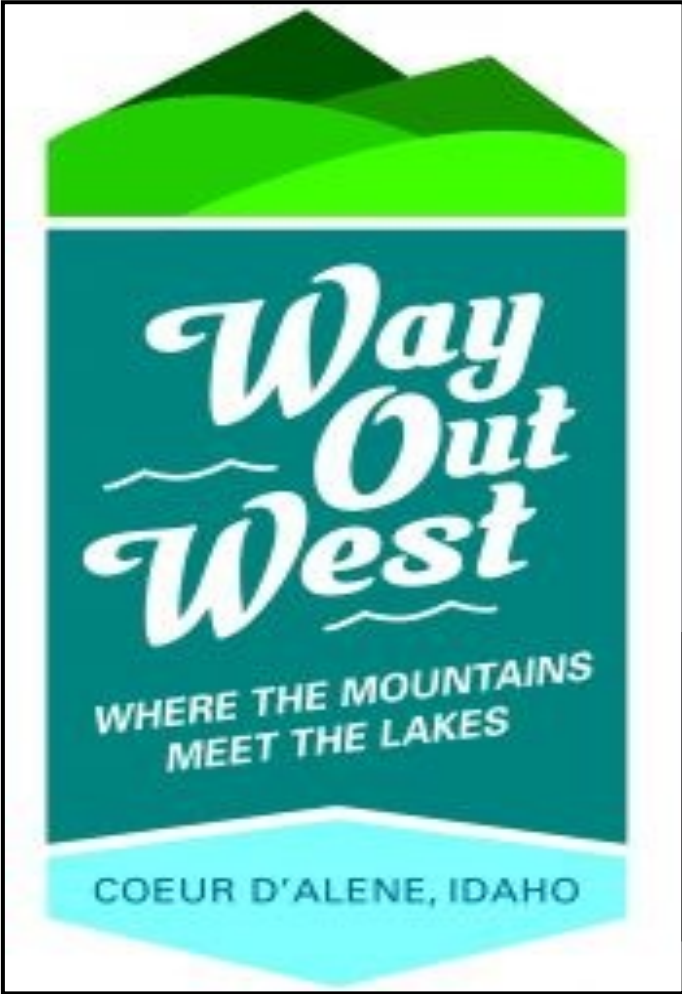


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Indian Bay Rendezvous

By Susan Haigh

The forecast promised to be cloudy, wind SE 5-10 knots waves around 1 foot. For the folks coming from Burlington Bay, the waves turned out to be 2 1/2' to 3' in the broad lake, with confused seas. Chaz Link rode in his lovely *Drake* a 26' Lyman Cruisette Hardtop, Don Spring and a new member, Bob Davis, rode in *Portabella*, Don's 1931 22' Gar Wood, and Dana, Catherine Hughes and I rode over in *Susan*, our 1940 16' Lyman Yacht tender.

I think the best description of the three different cruises was for Chaz, a bit rough, but not worth mentioning. Don and Bob had a very rough ride over, including a barrage of rough language could be heard over the smooth running engine. For Catherine, Dana and I in *Susan*, it was very wet.

Catherine on the windward side of the front seat did her best to act as a human shield, but her raincoat was no match for the splash. She said it was like someone throwing a 5 gallon bucket of water over her every 30 seconds. Dana did a great job piloting over, we didn't pound a lot, but there wasn't a dry patch of fabric anywhere on the three of us. I'm afraid I didn't get any pictures of the ride over, since we were getting so wet. Chaz kept watch of us as we crossed, trying to get between us and the wind and waves. It was really nice of him to hang with us, and we are lucky to have such a supportive friend in our chapter. Through the water in our eyes we saw him standing in the back of his boat watching us rather than at the helm. That boat must have autopilot!

Ed Hackett and Pat were there with *Naulahka*, Andy Prescott was there from Port Douglas with *Gigi*, Susie Becker drove, and so did Rich Butler, all the way from Duxbury, VT. Rich had a spare pair of shorts in his car that he loaned to Catherine, and Dana bought a commemorative Indian Bay pullover from their shop. The food was excellent, the service was fantastic, there was a young man helping to dock and undock, and we had a really good time. While we were there the wind settled down and the seas quieted so the trip back was dry with SE wind waves about 2'.



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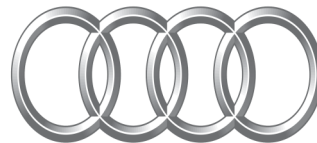
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