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## President's Message

### Coronavirus Grips the Country.....Uncertainty Prevails

To quote Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls". And they certainly are.

As I write this President's Message, we are in the first week of the CDC's eight week ban on gatherings of more than fifty people. Our Spring Launch the Season meeting has been cancelled. The Lake Hopatcong Block party has been cancelled. Our thoughts on possibly having a Spring Workshop again this year have been cancelled. We certainly are living in strange times with a new reality for all of us.

Your Board of Directors is still active, with our monthly meetings now being conducted by telephone. At this point, we are trying to salvage what we can of our season. If things return to what we could call normal, we should be able to have the Boat Show on June 27th.

One positive thing is our Cruise Nights. They should still be able to be held since we would be self quarantined in our own boats, maybe not with additional passengers on board. Of course stopping at the Main Lake Market for ice cream and socializing would probably be curtailed.

We also have to keep life in perspective, with what is going on in the country and the world. Lake Hopatcong Antique and Classic Boating Society plays an insignificant role in all of this chaos. Yes, we enjoy our hobby and each other's company, but in the grand scheme of things, our health and safety need to take priority. If that means a reduction or cancellation of our activities, so be it.

## Update: Boat Show Cancelled

**From the Editor:** Given the continuing risk and uncertainty born of the COVID 19, your Board of Directors has opted to err on the side of caution and has cancelled the June 27th show. There is a possibility for a show later this year, so stay tuned.

In the interest of providing a moment of "Pleasant Diversion" midst these challenging times, I include some special photos in the centerfold.....photos that I call, "Happy Photos"....some of my very favorite shots. Having functioned as the Editor of **Scuttlebutt** for over twenty years, lots of wonderful photos, many quite spectacular, have passed through my hands. While some of them have appeared before, I exercise Editorial Privilege by including them again. It is my hope that they will bring the aforementioned moment of "Pleasant Diversion" to the reader.

Stay safe and well.

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## Charles “Chuck” Mistele Passes

Charles “Chuck” Mistele, one of the true supernumeraries of the world of antique boating, has passed on. Chuck will be best remembered as having been the custodian of one of the most historic boats in the antique boating community....**Miss America IX**. Having found it in derelict condition, Chuck was immediately committed to its restoration and preservation. Clearly, **Miss America IX** survived owing to Chuck’s enduring commitment to it being saved and preserved.



Diane & Chuck Mistele

Beyond Chuck’s commitment to its preservation, he generously shared his special boat at countless shows and regattas across the country, no small task with trailering a 30’ boat. Our Chapter was fortunate to have Chuck and his lovely wife, Diane, at our show last year. Just seeing the boat sitting at a dock was a once in a lifetime experience; but beyond that, as Chuck noted in his presentation at The Jefferson House, while **Miss America IX** is a piece of history, it is not a static museum piece. Chuck has always delighted in taking people for rides, and several of our members were fortunate to have had that experience.

The Lake Hopatcong Chapter mourns the passing of Chuck and offers our deepest sympathy to Diane. Clearly, he will be long remembered and dearly missed by legions of people whose lives he touched. The world really is a nicer place for his having been here.



Chuck Mistele at the Helm of Miss America IX

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## When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain

By: Don Gulliksen

Have you ever cruised the waters of Lake Hopatcong and enjoyed the commentary of Marty Kane about the history of the grand hotels that dotted the shoreline? Are you amazed by the famous people who likely traveled from the city by train, then made their way to one of those hotels for a summer getaway from the hustle and bustle?

You might be surprised to learn that other lakes in our area have similar histories, albeit on a smaller scale. One of those lakes is Green Pond. The lake was served by the Wharton and Northern Railroad with stops at the Marcella Station for access to the southern end of the lake and the Newfoundland Station for access to the northern end. Getting from the train stations to the lake could be done by hiking a mile or two up the mountain, arranging for a horse and buggy, or eventually going by taxi service instituted by the two hotels that flourished on the lake.

The Green Pond Hotel graced the shoreline at the northern end of the lake from the early 1900's until the late 1950's when it was torn down. Shawger's Lake End Hotel sat in the eastern cove at the southern end of the lake during the same time period and survives today as a private home.

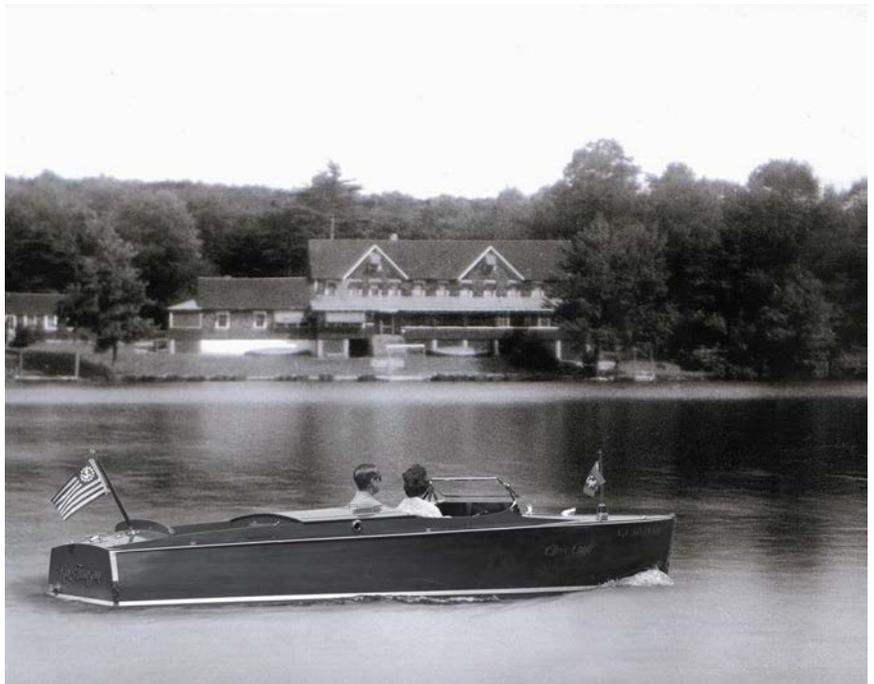
One of the Lake End Hotel's more famous guests was the lyricist, Howard Johnson. One of his most famous songs - **I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream** was published in 1927 and written during one of his regular summer stays at the hotel. It was said to be inspired by boys yelling and running out of the hotel when the ice cream truck arrived on Saturday afternoons. The original lyrics still hang on the wall of the home that was once the hotel. Another of his songs - **When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain** was published in 1931 and made famous by Kate Smith as it rose to #1 in the charts and became her lifelong theme song. It was written during another of Howard Johnson's summertime stays at the hotel while watching the moon come over the mountain. Here are the lyrics:

When the moon comes over the mountain  
Every beam brings a dream, dear, of you  
Once again we'll stroll 'neath the mountain  
Through that rose-covered valley we knew

Each day is grey and dreary  
But the night is bright and cheery  
When the moon comes over the mountain  
I'll be alone with my memories of you

We live next door to the old hotel and often watch the moon come over that mountain and think of what life must

have been like in those days. Coincidentally, our Chris Craft was built in 1931, so we took the opportunity to blend a recent photo of us cruising Green Pond in **Kings Transom** with an old photo of the hotel (and the predecessor to our home on the left) taken the same year as our boat was built and the song was written. May all of your memories be bright and cheery!





**Tamara Petterson & Doug Lynch**

## **Small World**

It can be quite amazing how we sometimes cross and recross paths with friends over a span of many years. Just such a “recrossing” took place for your editor and a school mate from many years ago.

With a father whose career took our family to live in many places, I spent my K-12 school years in seven school systems. For four of those years we lived in Glen Ridge, New Jersey for grades six through nine. After ninth grade, we moved to Florida, leaving behind many Glen Ridge friends as pleasant memories, one of whom was a very pretty girl named Mildred Schmidt.

I digress to say that until we moved to Florida in the late 50’s, all of our homes were within a reasonable distance from Lake Hopatcong; and from the late 40’s until the late 50’s when we left, we had a slip at Barnes Bros. Marina where we kept our Lyman outboard. After time in Florida, and then Pennsylvania, and Virginia, life brought me back to New Jersey in 1970; and I was delighted to be able to return to Lake Hopatcong. It was from then and the days that followed that I got to know a fellow named Tom Petterson. Tom has now passed on, but we shared a life-long love of boats (He grew up with his family boat being a Chris Craft 22’ Sportsman named the **To “n” Fro**, a sister to my 22’ Sportsman, **Lieutenant**, both original to the lake). Over the years, Tom became involved in boat racing and distinguished himself by winning the highest national awards racing Jersey Speed Skiffs. In addition, he purchased an “F Service Runabout”, the **Bye Golly**, a boat that renowned race boat driver, the late Ernie King, had driven in the Lake Hopatcong Boats Races many times.

Tom’s Petterson’s daughter, Tamara, recently returned to the lake from a home in Florida, and she shares and embraces her late father’s interest in and love of fast boats. She, along with her mother, Juanita, is in the process of restoring the **Bye Golly**.

What happened to the story of paths recrossing mentioned in the first paragraph? Well it seems that a person very special to Tamara is Doug Lynch, owner of Morris County Marine in Kenvil. At the Surf and Turf Dinner last summer I learned that Doug is the son of my fondly remembered Glen Ridge classmate, Mildred Schmidt, now more accurately, Mil-Jean Bennett. What a pleasant recrossing of paths between two schoolmates from so many years ago! It **IS** a small world!

## Some Notes on our Calendar of Events

While the June date for the Boat Show has been cancelled, the opportunity for us to enjoy our old boats on **Cruise Nights** remains intact. Let's try for a great turnout.

It is unclear as to what the status of "gathering limitations" will be at the time of the scheduled **"Surf & Turf"** on August 19th. At this point the Board of Directors is planning to have the event.

Our Show Chairperson, Jackie Loughridge, has secured an additional date for a possible event at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club on October 3rd. It remains to be decided what the event would be. It could be a modified show or some sort of rendezvous with lunch.

## Events: LHACBS 2020

May 28	Cruise Night
Jun 25	Cruise Night
Jun 26-27	Boat Show (Cancelled)
Jul 30	Cruise Night
Aug 19	Surf & Turf
Aug 27	Cruise Night
Nov 22	Annual Meeting



Cruise Night

## Invitation

With Coronavirus causing the cancelation of many of the early summer shows, the reader may want to consider participating in a show later in the season. The Niagara Frontier Chapter's show is scheduled to take place on September 11-12 this year.

A group of us (fourteen people with four boats) traveled to their show in 2018, and we had a wonderful time! They put on a great show, and their hospitality was second to none....very warm and inclusive. During the event, we got to know many of the Niagara Frontier Chapter members and made many new friends.

Two of those new friends are Jim and Colleen Barrick. Jim is President of the Chapter, and last summer he and Colleen traveled from the Buffalo area with their beautiful Shepherd Runabout, **Good Shepherd**, (won a First Place Award) to be part of our 2019 show. Having them with us gave us the opportunity to spend more time with Jim and Colleen, and we got to know them even better.

Their chapter has invited us to be part of their 2020 show. It takes place at the beautiful Buffalo Launch Club on Grand Island not far from the spectacular Niagara Falls. The featured boat this year will be Gar Wood, but they certainly will welcome and celebrate all boats. In addition, there will be a large outboard motor display, a group fly-by of the "Offshore Boat Club" (Cigarette boats), and a hydroplane display. One of the special activities is the cruise around Grand Island on Sunday morning....about a twenty mile cruise.

If you opt to accept their invitation, you will have a wonderful experience. Your editor recommends highly.





## Fall Workshop

### Winterization of Your Engine

On October 12th we convened at the Roxbury Fire Company # 2 for a workshop on the timely topic of "Winterizing Our Boats". It was conducted by Kait McDermott and Jon Smith of Jon & Kait's V\*8s. As with the spring workshop on carburetors and fuel pumps, Kait and Jon again demonstrated a broad knowledge of the old engines that most of our boats have. They are good teachers, quite adept in communicating complex information in a very understandable form. While some of us winterize our boats ourselves, and others leave it to our marina, it was most interesting for both groups to know all the steps that should be taken to assure the protection of our engines through the cold winter months of non-use.

Separate from the focus on winterization, a Q and A ensued with more general information about our engines. Much of the discussion related to fuel system safety in the wake of the explosion of a mid-fifties Coronado at the 2019 Wine Country Show.

Again, we owe a hearty THANK YOU to Kait and Jon for sharing their knowledge with us. And thanks go to the Roxbury Fire Company # 2 for the use of their beautiful facility...an ideal venue for conducting a workshop.

## Chris Craft: a Bit of History

### An Amazing Statistic

We certainly are aware that Chris Craft was a major manufacturer of boats for many years, but could you guess as to the total number of boats that the company built? Me neither, but I found out quite by chance.

To research a question posed by Kaitlin McDermott and Jon Smith, I got out my copy of Chris Craft the Essential Guide. They wondered whether Chris Craft “W” engines are rare as compared to the number of those of the K and M series. One would think so, but to try to find the answer, I went through the “Guide”, boat model by boat model, exploring what models offered the model “W” engine. In doing so, I stumbled upon what I view as an amazing statistic. Between 1922 and 1977, Chris Craft built over 119,000 boats! And that doesn’t include the Kit Boat Division which built another 93,000 boats, totally over 200,000 boats built. Clearly, Chris Craft dominated the arena of manufacturing pleasure boats.

Further evidence of Chris Craft’s dominance of the marketplace emerged from a casual perusal of the 2019 ACBS Membership Directory. It shows that current ACBS members own over 4000 Chris Crafts, while only about 1100 entries are listed for its nearest major competitor, Century.

What about Kait and Jon’s question? The “Guide” revealed that Chris Craft offered the “W” engine as an option in about fifty models. Of those fifty models, most were cabin cruisers, though some of the larger runabouts and utilities offered the “W”, as well. So we can conclude that when compared to the number of “K” and “M” series engines, there were far fewer built of the “W” series engines.

While the answer to Kait and Jon’s question is interesting, the serendipitous finding of the number of boats that Chris Craft built is astonishing!



## Lionel Boats??

Many of us had Lionel electric trains when we were kids, but how many of us had a **Lionel boat**? How many of us even knew that Lionel made toy boats? Well they did in the early 1930's. They were made of tinplate, as were the Lionel trains in those days. There were two models, a fore and aft cockpit Chris Craft Runabout, and a race boat with a single rear cockpit. The boats were powered by a wind-up mechanism that propelled them at a surprising speed. Both had two removable riders on board.

Rare as hen's teeth, these Lionel toy boats are seldom seen, though your editor did see one at a train show a few years back. It was in "poor" condition, alluding, perhaps, to a history of many happy hours of exuberant play. It was priced at a non-negotiable \$500.00. One can only guess what the price would be for a 1930's model in top condition. In 1990 Lionel reissued models virtually identical to those of the 1930's. Pictured here is a 1990 model that Bob Kays encountered in mint condition, and Bob is now the proud owner. Also pictured is a 1936 model of the raceboat. Both boats, quite unusually, have the riders still on board.



## History of Lake Hopatcong Chapter

Our Chapter has a rich history which is a source of appropriate pride for our members. With the delightful circumstance of a steady flow of new members over the years, it may be of value to revisit that history from time to time.

Many of us are aware that several Lake Hopatcong people played a vital role in the creation of the ACBS, but few may know that those same people formed an antique boat club here at the lake which predated the founding of ACBS.

### The Early Days

Our history began with an enthusiastic group of antique boat owners at Lake Hopatcong. They saw an alarming trend of wooden boats being used increasingly less and falling into a state of deterioration and neglect. On October 2, 1974 several of them met at the lakeside home of H. Drayton Mook to form a club to address and reverse this trend. At a second meeting on October 17th, the **Lake Hopatcong Antique Boat Club** was formed. Playing vital roles in its formation were H. Drayton Mook, Drayton's son, H.D. "Bucky" Mook, II, Frank Scanlon, Tom Wiss, III, Clifford "Skip" Shipman, II, Wayne Mocksfield, Tom Luce, and Dr. LLOYD Craver. Indicative of the level of interest in saving these old boats at Lake Hopatcong was the fact that the club quickly grew to 66 members.

### Lake Hopatcong Peoples' Role in Creating ACBS

Several of this group of men who formed the **Lake Hopatcong Antique Boat Club** were involved in the creation of the ACBS. How did that happen? Bill Smith of Morristown and Lake George attended the meetings at Lake Hopatcong and shared that a similar initiative to create an antique boat club was taking place at Lake George. With the newly discovered mutually shared interests, a joint meeting of the two groups took place at Lake George on November 2, 1974. At that meeting from Lake Hopatcong were H. Drayton Mook, Tom Wiss, III, Clifford "Skip" Shipman, and Wayne Mocksfield. A second meeting took place on November 23, 1974 with the same participants at Glens Falls, New York. It was from those embryonic meetings at Lake George and Glens Falls that the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. was born with the actual founding date being January 25, 1975. We can take a full measure of pride in the role that antique boating enthusiasts from Lake Hopatcong played in the formation of the ACBS. All of them became Charter Members except for Joe Fleming who was a Founder.



**Tom Wiss, III, Frank Scanlon, Skip Shipman, Bill Smith, H. Drayton Mook**

## Founding Member from Lake Hopatcong

Joe Fleming

## Charter Members from Lake Hopatcong

Tom Luce\*

H.D. "Bucky" Mook, II

Wayne Mocksfield

Clifford "Skip" Shipman, II

Barbara Smith

H. Drayton Mook\*

Thomas H. Wiss, III\*

Deceased\*

The reader may be interested to know what determined the early visionaries becoming "**Founders**" vs "**Charter Members**". Both groups played significant roles in the creation of ACBS. David Kidd, the third President of ACBS, addresses the issue in his book, ACBS The Early Years. In summary, during an inaugural antique boat rendezvous at Lake George in August of 1974, a group of nine men led by Ray Nelson, ACBS's first President and prime driver of the idea to create an antique boat club, met at a picnic on Canoe Island. It was there that the earliest conversations of the Lake George group took place about creating such a club. The idea was enthusiastically accepted, and eight of those nine men became **Founders**, a title limited to those who were part of that "Canoe Island Group". All others who played a role in creating the ACBS are **Charter Members**.

The reader can readily see the substantial role that antique boaters from Lake Hopatcong played in the creation and early days of ACBS....a source of enduring pride. We are proud, too, that H. Drayton Mook was one of two Vice-Presidents on the first Board of Directors of ACBS. Founding Member Joe Fleming served as Secretary on that first Board, and Joe was later to serve as President. In his role as Secretary, Joe was charged with the task of filing for incorporation for the organization, a task laden with bureaucratic hoops to navigate through. Joe's perseverance brought success to the incorporation process with the actual date being in June of 1975.

## **Lake Hopatcong Antique Boat Shows**

Beginning in 1975 with the first antique boat show at which there were 26 boats entered, our chapter has conducted shows every year thereafter except for 1988, owing to low water. With one exception of one show which was conducted at Smitty's, all shows have taken place at the beautiful and historic Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club....a club that has a rich history at the lake, being founded in 1905. It has been the norm each year to have the docks full with several land displays, as well. While most of the boats have been those of our members, we have had an average of perhaps 20% of the entries traveling from distant shores, the most distant being New Zealand. While that was an outlier, nationally, we have had several travel from all of the northeast, south to Florida, and west to Michigan. A source of significant pride relative to boat shows is the fact that we have hosted three Quarterly Meetings of ACBS International.



**Joe Fleming Founding Member**

## Membership

From the early membership of the **Lake Hopatcong Antique Boat Club** of sixty-six members, the **Lake Hopatcong Chapter of ACBS** has grown substantially and hovers between 140-150 members.

## Lake Hopatcong Chapter and Individual Awards from ACBS International

Rover Award  
Chapter of the Year  
Best Website  
Best Newsletter  
Mary Herwig Award    Drayton Mook

## Chapter Members Who Have Served on ACBS International Board of Directors

Joe Fleming    President  
Brian Gagnon    President  
Doug Mehring    Director  
Drayton Mook    Vice President  
Ed Seugling    Director  
Stan Struble    President

## We Can Be Proud

In recap, our members have a lot to be proud of in our Chapter's rich, forty-six year history. Thanks to a membership that brings new and innovative ideas to the things that we do and how we do them, we have events now that were never dreamed of years ago. The key to it all has been, and continues to be, our shared love of the old boats coupled with the willingness of our members to volunteer.



Wayne Mocksfield Charter Member

## Happy Photos for Trying Times



Above: Genie Wiss with Happy Gang plus Dog in Her Lap



Dan and Joyce Dyrness with Dana and Grandkids



The Murphy Cousins on The Murph



Kaitlin McDermott Beaming at the Helm

# Annual Meeting 2019

## Awards Presented....New Board Members Elected

Our Chapter's Annual Meeting, year after year, has been a wonderful prelude to the holiday season, taking place the weekend before Thanksgiving. After dining on the famous buffet at Perona Farms, a formal meeting was conducted during which we heard reports from our Secretary, Kim Gedicke, and Treasurer, Rose Takvorian.



**Kim Gedicke**



**Rose Takvorian**

Membership Chairman, Bob Kays, then presented "New Member Transoms" to Tom McGowan and to Robert & Barbara Petrich.



**Harry Gedicke, Bob Kays, Tom McGowan**



**Harry Gedicke, Bob Kays, Robert & Barbara Petrich**

President Gedicke then invited **WoodyWear** Chairperson, Patty MacKenzie, to share some of the exciting new items that will soon be available.

The election of new Officers and Directors then took place with Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, Pat Hoferkamp, conducting the election of a new Treasurer, John MacKenzie, and two new Directors, Tamara Petterson and Ray Reynolds. Congratulations to Tamara, John, and Ray!



**Patty MacKenzie**



**Pat Hoferkamp**

President Harry Gedicke then conducted a vote on a proposed By-laws change with the membership approving unanimously. One of the changes established an auditing committee for which Sue Pesco and Tamara Petterson volunteered.

We then turned to the presentation of awards. Our Chapter is blessed with a membership that has a long history of volunteering, so it is a pleasant dilemma that we have several members worthy of recognition.

This year President Gedicke presented the President's Cup to Stan Struble, a very well deserved honor. Midst all of his duties as President of ACBS International, Stan remained active at the Chapter level and was largely responsible for our hosting the ACBS Quarterly Meeting in conjunction with our show. In addition, Stan was the driving force that engineered Chuck and Diane Mistele bringing **Miss America IX** to the show.



**Harry Gedicke & Stan Struble**

Next, with the assistance of Tom Wiss, IV, President Gedicke honored Cindy Heaton with the Tom Wiss Memorial Award. Also a very deserving honoree, Cindy's contribution to the chapter has been immense and diverse. To name just a few of the many things that she has done, aside from being one of our premier photographers, Cindy created our chapter website and manages keeping it current. In addition, she has brought her artistic sense to creating the fliers that you receive announcing chapter events. Finally, in 2019, she served as Advertising Manager, a critical and demanding job, to say the least.



**Harry Gedicke, Cindy Heaton, Tom Wiss IV**



Rose Takvorian and Cindy Heaton were then presented with Special Recognition Awards to express thanks for their service as they completed their terms on the Board.

Your editor then, with the assistance of Renate Scanlon, presented "Scanlon Hats" to Tom McGowen and to Ray and Marylee Reynolds. It is an award to honor those who, similar to Frank Scanlon, are noted for enjoying their boats.

**Rose Takvorian, Cindy Heaton & Harry Gedicke**

**Bob Rice, Renate Scanlon,  
Tom McGowan**



**Bob Rice, Renate Scanlon, Ray &  
Marylee Reynolds**

The Annual Meeting concluded with the drawing for the beautiful, fall themed gift basket that was created by Rose Takvorian. Rose invited Tamara Petterson to come forward to pick the winning ticket, and it brought a round of applause and lots of smiles when fan-favorite, Mac McCaulley, rose with the winning ticket to claim his bounty!



**Tamara Petterson & Rose Takvorian**



**Rose Takvorian and Mac**





## Norwegian Wood Does It Again!

Bob Larson's Chris Craft Rocket, **Norwegian Wood**, fresh out of a complete restoration at Katz's Marina, won Best in Show, Preserved at the 2018 Lake Hopatcong Show. Fast forward to the summer of 2019, and **Norwegian Wood** won Best in Class, Preserved at the Lake Hopatcong Show, but owing to our five-year exclusionary rule for previous Best in Show winners, the boat was ineligible to win Best in Show at our show. However, **Norwegian Wood** did win top awards elsewhere. Bob exhibited at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Show, and not only did the boat win Best in Show, Preserved, but Bob also brought home three other top awards....Best Runabout, Best Chris Craft, and the Judge's Award. Congratulations, Bob!

The show was conducted at Johnson Brothers Marina in Bayhead with a wide variety of boats from work rowboats all the way up to cabin cruisers. Bob shared that good public attendance and nice weather made for a great day.

**Editor's note:** I was at Bob's business showroom and shop recently and learned that the number of awards that he has won lately has created a delightful dilemma with dwindling wall space.....nice problem to have, Bob.







## Ah Youth: The Mackin Family

ACBS has rightly identified getting “Young People” involved in our hobby as a worthy goal critical to the long term success of the organization. This is the first in a series of articles focusing on our younger members.

The Mackin family is a wonderful example of “Young People” getting involved. Allen Mackin, Service Manager of Katz’s Marina, purchased a 1950 Chris Craft 22’ Sportsman last year. After doing a few “get it water ready” repairs, he and his family began enjoying their new boat. Here, and on the back cover, we see photos of Allen with his lovely wife, April, and their children, Holly and Noah having some family fun. And it is truly a family affair as dogs Dublin and Liberty are on board, as well. As with the photos in the centerfold, these are “Happy Photos”. What a thrill it must have been for Holly and Noah to take turns driving their new boat under dad’s watchful eye!

With Holly and Noah going for rides at their tender ages, we might muse about how old we were when we first became aware that we liked the mahogany speed boats? For me, it was at age four! Whether either Holly or Noah or both, or any of the youngsters who are taken for rides on the old mahogany speedboats, will come to love them as so many of us do remains to be seen, but the exposure certainly opens that door to them.

Whatever the long term effects, we can agree that seeing the Mackin Family enjoying their old Chris Craft is a “Smile to One’s Face” moment. We wish them, and all of our younger boaters (and us oldsters too!), many fun-filled boat rides!



## Now accepting formal written bids

This is one of a kind 1926 Fay - Bowen Launch, converted to multi cockpit runabout  
Specifications

**Builder:** Fay & Bowen  
**Year:** 1926  
**LOA:** 24 Ft.  
**Material:** Mahogany  
**Style:** Launch  
Converted to multi cockpit runabout  
**Name:** "Lizzie Sherwood"  
**Recognized Owner:** Frank Scanlon  
**Actual owner:** Renate Scanlon  
**Refinished:** 2010



### **Notes:**

- \* No engine/transmission, will require full replacement
- \*Fresh water boat that has resided almost exclusively on Lake Hopatcong
- \*Boat house kept the entirety of ownership
- \*Stored for the past 8 years (in boathouse)

### **Details:**

This exceptional example of early American boat building is a 1926 Fay & Bowen Launch that was converted in the late 50's to this wonderful multi cockpit layout. A mahogany boat, this represents the upper class of Fay & Bowen boat building. With classic lines and a unique layout this vessel was a true head turner.

The "Lizzie Sherwood" has been part of the Scanlon family and lake life on beautiful Lake Hopatcong since the 1950's. Owned by founding member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Lake Hopatcong Chapter, Frank Scanlon. This Fay is fondly remembered by family for evening rides on a calm lake and Sunday morning transportation to local sailing. Frank LOVED this boat and this lake! We remember Lizzie fondly and would like to entrust her care and sense of adventure to another spirited family.

### **Please send questions and bids to:**

Renate Scanlon

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## ACBS International Annual Meeting and Show 2020 and 2021

Thirty-four of our members traveled to Alexandria Bay with seven boats for the 2019 ACBS International Annual Meeting and Show. It was a wonderful experience for all of us in a most beautiful venue. Two variables certainly played a role in our large turn-out. Firstly, our own Stan Stuble was completing his term as President of ACBS, and we wanted to be there for him. Secondly, it took place within a reasonable proximity for us to drive there, seven of us with our boats.

This year's Annual Meeting and Show will take place, COVID-19 notwithstanding, at an equally beautiful site ....the Coeur d' Alene Resort in Idaho from September 13th - 19th. It promises to be a wonderful experience, as well; but pragmatically, attendance for those of us on the east coast will be limited by the distance to Idaho, and taking our boats would seem a low probability.

But take heart. The 2021 ACBS International Annual Meeting and Show will take place at a much more geographically convenient location. The Lake Champlain Chapter will be hosting the event in Burlington, Vermont on beautiful Lake Champlain..... an area steeped in a rich history from the days of the Revolutionary War. Lake Champlain was the route of military vessels during historic battles fought along the New York and Vermont borders. Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point are probably the best known forts still standing.

Having been to a most enjoyable Lake Champlain Chapter show in Burlington a few years back, it would be your editor's suggestion that the reader give serious thought to attending the ACBS International Annual Meeting and Show there in 2021.

They are ready to welcome us, and it's on my calendar already!



Holly & John Weber with Emily and Sydney



**Holly Mackin Having A Ball!**