



## FROM THE HELM



Well here we are again, another season gone and winter closing in fast. The good news is the days are starting to get longer. I hope everyone is working on their boats for next season's events and boat rides.

This is the last President's article that I will be writing as Steve Haines was elected President for 2016 at the annual meeting in November. Please support the new leadership as faithfully as has been done in the past.

I am humbled by all the volunteers that give their time and energy to keep the chapter running. I am thankful for their participation as it made my job over the past three years enjoyable and productive. That being said there is always work to be done and I am hopeful that

more chapter members will step up and participate.

We are working on the spring workshop and should have more info soon. Please be on the lookout for the notice.

Also please remember to renew your ACBS membership.

I hope to see some of you at the spring boat shows this year and all of you at our spring workshop and show in Essex this summer.

December 2015  
**Dave McFarlin,**  
*Past President SNEC*

## FROM THE EDITOR

All good things must come to an end. And so, I am informing the chapter members that this will be not my last but the next to the last newsletter I will be editing. It has been at least five years since I took on this task and it is time to let someone else have the fun!

The newsletter should be the product of many chapter members and I thank those who have contributed. But the editor of the newsletter should

do just that—edit, not be the primary article writer.

Some chapters are moving to web newsletters. Wine Country, in New York's Finger Lakes region, will be communicating via a monthly web communication and two short newsletters a year that will be mailed.

I will continue to submit articles and pictures about the boat shows and trips that Wes and I take. But I am relinquishing editorial responsibility.

Anyone interested in taking over FROM THE HELM should contact Steve Haines, SNEC President.

--Gail Van Dine

## CHECK OUT THE SNEC WEB PAGE:

[www.southernnewenglandchapter-acbs.org](http://www.southernnewenglandchapter-acbs.org)



At the ACBS International Boat Show and Meeting—Bar Harbor on Gull Lake, Nisswa MN

## OFFICERS 2016

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Lynn McFarlin	Boat Show Registration
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Contact any committee or board member if you are interested in volunteering to help out during the year or at the boat show. Your assistance is needed and appreciated.



*A bathing beauty at Gull Lake Minnesota*

## NEW MEMBERS

Bruce Rudin  
Montchanin, DE

Roger and Carol Schwanhauser  
Westport, CT

James Tapscott  
Wilton, CT

William Simmons  
Larchmont, NY

Welcome. We hope to see you at the spring workshop and boat show in July.

## CHAPTER LOSS

Our chapter lost a friend and supporter on October 8, 2015 when Don Blodgett, 80, of Sparta, New Jersey passed away. He had a lifelong interest and love of wooden boats and antique cars (racing boats in his early years and collecting cars and boats throughout his life). He is survived by his wife LaRue. Don will be missed at our SNEC shows and events.

## 2016 EVENTS

- March 5 Spring Workshop at Jim Murdock's
- March 17-20 Sunnyland Boat Festival  
Lake Dora, Tavares, FL
- May (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) Bay State Woodies—Spring  
Fling, Lake Congamond, MA
- July 8-10 Mahogany Memories SNEC Boat  
Show, Essex, CT
- August 4-7 Antique Boat Museum Show,  
Clayton, NY
- September 21-24 ACBS Annual Show & Meeting  
Lake Tahoe/Squaw Valley, CA

For an updated and more complete listing of boating events and boat shows go to **ACBS.org**.

## **CLIFF'S NOTES**

You know it can be an absolutely beautiful day on the lake, river, or wherever you are cruising in your pride and joy, and some “Bozo” comes flying out of nowhere, hits your boat, and your day turns into a total disaster. Fortunately, no one is hurt, but it could have been a horrific nightmare. The question of your insurance coverage, and the proper coverage, becomes the next important matter to consider. Do you have the right coverage from a reputable classic boat insurance company?

There are a number of items you need to consider when you shop for a good policy. Amongst the most important is your Liability Coverage. Generally the minimum required by marinas, and recommended by most agents is \$300,000. But \$500,000 is better. Of course, you pay a bit more, but you are better off with the \$500M. A Fuel Spill Coverage factor – definitely a must – and this is usually in the \$750,000 - \$900,000 range. “Agreed Value Coverage” vs. a “Stated Value” is what is definitely needed, thinking in terms of replacement issues should they arise. If you’re going south for the Winter, and are taking your prize with you, definitely make sure you have a “No mandatory winter lay-up period” in your policy. Otherwise, you could have some major issues if something were to happen. Also needed is “Unlimited overland transportation” coverage. To me, this is trailer towing coverage, and definitely worthwhile. In fact this is a “must have” for anyone who moves their joy around from one pond to another.

Some of the other basics you want to keep in mind are: Personal Effects, Uninsured Boaters (and they are out there, hard as it is to believe), Medical Payments (minimum \$10,000/person), and lastly, to me, the most important (and this is from personal experience – Towing Insurance. It is definitely worth having, just for peace of mind when you leave the dock. As I said “from personal experience” – it is approximately \$150.00 + per hour from pick up point to your dock, trailer, launch site or wherever, and no one needs that little expense to round out an afternoon on the water. Even if you’re a gearhead, or think you’re a gearhead, it is definitely worth having towing insurance to make your day on the water more

relaxing than more apprehensive (if you know what I mean).

Insurance, whether liked or not, is definitely worth the dollars spent on it. You may never need it, but it sure is nice to know it’s there if you ever need it.

In closing, we hope for a light Winter, so we can all get back on the water sooner. I sincerely hope everyone had a great Holiday season, and be Safe out there – it can be a dangerous place at times.

**--Cliff McGuire**

Thanks to Cliff for the articles he has contributed to the newsletter. Among the criteria ACBS looks for in a newsletter are articles about safety and other hints and information for boaters. Is anyone interested in picking up the pen and contributing to our newsletter?

## **CASE IN POINT**

On our trip to Florida this fall we unfortunately encountered a trailer failure. The axle on the trailer broke in southern Virginia on I-95. Fortunately, we have Boat. U. S. trailer coverage and the tow to a nearby repair shop was fully covered. After a 24 hour delay, we were on the road again.



*STAR DUST “laid up”*



*Ready to roll again*

**--Wes and Gail Van Dine**

## Annual Dinner November 21, 2015

The weather on Saturday evening November 21<sup>st</sup> was pleasant for our Annual Dinner held at Gaetano's on Main in Wallingford, CT.

Thirty-Four people attended the cocktail party and buffet, where friendships were renewed, boat talk was prevalent and we got to see the upcoming boating generation in **Mike and Liz Sorensen's** adorable children, Ben and Gwendolyn.



*Socializing before dinner*

After dining on a delicious buffet, outgoing Chapter President **David McFarlin** presented the 2015 Presidents Cup to **Cliff McGuire**, who is stepping down as Treasurer but will still be our "Logistics Guru". David then presented **Bridget Haines** with the ACBS Junior Craftman Award for her hard work and dedication on restoring a 15 foot, 1959 IdealCraft called **Snazzy**. Needless to say, both recipients were very surprised!



*Cliff McGuire and Dave McFarlin*



*Dave McFarlin and Bridget Haines*

The proposed Officers and Directors were announced for calendar year 2016 and were accepted by those present. David gave a brief outline of the "state of the chapter" and turned the

proceedings over to incoming Chapter President, **Steven Haines**. Steve gave those present a brief outline of what his goals will be as President and asked for everyone's help with the 2016 show which will take place the weekend of July 8-10, 2016 on the grounds of the CT River Museum in Essex, CT.

Steve then presented David with a framed rendering of Jim Consor's oil painting entitled "*An Afternoon on the CT River*". Jim Consor painted the renderings for our show posters from 2005 to 2013.



*Dave McFarlin with Jim Consor's painting*



*Delcie Thibault with Gwendolyn Sorensen*



*Bridget and Katie Haines*

A special thanks to **Chris and Corinne Johnson** for coordinating the dinner at Gaetano's.  
– **Bette Heinzman and Patty McGuire**

# BOATING IN NOVEMBER

...but not on the Connecticut River. The Sunnyland Annual Meeting was held the weekend of November 6-8, 2015 at Westgate River Ranch on the Kissimmee Lake and River in Florida.

The Friday night wagon ride and fish fry were followed by beautiful boating on Saturday.



*Our ride: Skip Frey's 1957 Chris Craft, SKIP TO M'LOU II.*



*Wes is enjoying the ride!*



*Approaching the lock*



*What fun!*



*On Lake Kissimmee*



*No bull! It is a dude ranch!*

Saturday evening the annual dinner buffet was followed by the presentation of Chapter and ACBS awards. Gerald Dake, leader of the north bound St. John's River cruise, was presented with the Rover Award. He made special mention of our SNEC member, **Chris Johnson**, who has completed almost every south AND north bound cruise since their inception. We returned to our room, more socializing, and a thunderous storm. Sunday brunch and annual meeting concluded the weekend's events. We look forward to a change of venue and more fall boating in 2016.

**--Wes and Gail Van Dine**

# ACBS INTERNATIONAL SHOW

## GULL LAKE, MN

By now you have probably read the articles in the Fall, 2015 Rudder featuring “Woods and Water” the ACBS show held at Bar Harbor on Gull Lake September 20-26, 2015. The host chapter was Bob Speltz Land O Lakes. We were fortunate to have decided to attend the pre-events and the show—and were we glad we did. We won’t repeat details about the pre-events which began Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, the boating on the Whitefish Chain on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the delicious meals. Or, specifics about the museum tour in Alexandria, or the wonder of Lee Anderson’s museum and boat house in Nisswa, the spectacular array of boats at the show. But we will share some of our pictures of an event that future ACBS hosts will find hard to beat.





*Falls Flyer at the Maritime Museum in Alexandria, Minnesota*



*Kim Kadimik relaxing at the show*



*Lee Anderson's Museum*



*Yes, it's the same boat and it floats!*



*Andrew Robb's 1948 F.S. Crate  
Silver Award—Classic Runabouts Preserved*



*1930 12' Glen Bucks  
Gold Award—Outboard Simple  
A homebuilt boat*

**--Gail and Wes Van Dine**

## TRADING DOCK

1947 22 ½ ' Gar Wood Utility w/143 HP Chrysler Royal. "Barnegat Belle." Hull totally rebuilt by Jim Murdock. Finish by Kent Smith. Rebuilt original numbers. Matching engine. Only one known to exist out of four boats built! Best-in Show winner. Waterline mooring cover. Trailer. \$100,000.

1956 24' Shepherd Runabout w/ 135 HP Chrysler Crown Special 25. "Silk Purse." "Preserved" original boat in excellent condition. Won many awards. Waterline mooring cover. Convertible top. Trailer. \$50,000.

1939 24 ½' Gar Wood Utility w/ 143 HP Chrysler Royal w/ 1.42 reduction. Hull totally rebuilt by Danenberg. Needs interior and finish work. Hardware and running gear complete except flagpoles. Only one known of six built in 1939. Trailer. \$50,000.

1955 14' Penn Yan Swift Skiboat Model "UTW" w/ 40 HP Merc Mark 55. This is a BRAND NEW 60 Year old boat which has never been in the water! Excellent all original finish. Restored motor. \$10,000.

1957 21' Century Coronado w/ 250 HP Chrysler Hemi. 100% complete and original including hardtop. Would probably float but needs total restoration. Trailer. \$3,000 for boat and \$3,000 for Hemi.

1957 16' Old Town OTCA canoe. Original special order 20" OTCA decks. Re-canvased and refinished by Schuyler Thomson. Dark green. Beautiful canoe. \$2,000.

**Contact: Chris Johnson**

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1955 Chris Craft 17' Cavalier. This is an easy restoration. \$2,000.00. Engine available.

1937 Chris Craft 17' Deluxe Runabout. Needs restoration. \$2,500.00.

195? Penn Yan 14' Aristocrat with period correct Evinrude and trailer. \$999.00.

1941 Chris Craft 22' DLX Sportsman. Easy Restoration. \$14,000.

1951 Chris Craft 22' Sportsman (U-22). Restoration almost completed (needs interior). Trailer available. \$14,000.

Offers Considered

**Contact: Wes Van Dine**

**860-693-4203. Leave Message.**

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1963 17' Century Resorter. All new frames, stringers, chines and keel. New stem and transom frames. The original engine has been rebuilt but needs accessories repaired and attached. There is enough mahogany planking to nearly complete the sides. West System bottom is complete and painted. Most hardware and gauges included. \$3,000 firm.



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