



## FROM THE HELM



It's Christmas morning and at 20 degrees outside, boat rides seem like a distant reality except for the fortunate ones who head south for the winter. Fortunately the winter solstice is behind us and daylight increases each day from now on.

Sadly I have sold all my project boats and can now only dream of running screws and varnishing hull sides.

As I sit here and reflect on last year's boating season and club activities I fondly remember 2013 as a year of fun club activities. 2014 is already taking shape and we will have a spring workshop at Jim Murdock's shop again in early March; stay tuned for the exact date. Of course, we will have our boat

show in July at the Connecticut River Museum. 2014 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SNEC and also the Museum. The Museum is already working on a special event in conjunction with our show. The show promises to be extra special this year, so please plan to attend either by water or land.

The Museum was also generous enough to allow us to use their docks for our Fall Rendezvous; the day was perfect and about 10 boats participated and several club members arrived by land. We will do this again, so plan to attend next year.

We had a great turn out at the annual meeting in November. Thanks to all who attended.

The club is financially stable. Although we did spend more money last year than we brought in, this was a conscious decision made by myself and the club leadership. Our intent was to do some new things and generate interest in the chapter. I believe we were successful as our membership did increase over the year and our events were well attended.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the club officers and the Board of Directors for their hard work and diligence managing the club activities. A special thanks to Bette, Cliff, Gail, Lynn and Ed for all their continued support.

Try to have a great winter and I'll see you all at Jim's in March

**--Dave Mc Farlin,  
SNEC President**

## NEW MEMBERS

The chapter welcomes the following new members to our chapter. We hope to see you at future events and activities.

Robert Donald  
Farmington, Connecticut

Aaron and Sandra Nicholson  
Niantic, Connecticut  
Primary Chapter: Adirondack  
Secondary: SNEC

Steven Longobardi  
North Haven, Connecticut

**--Bette Heinzman, Member-  
ship**

# **2014 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER**

The following Officers and Board members were elected at the Annual Meeting and Dinner on November 23, 2013. For contact information consult your ACBS Directory. All officers and members welcome comments, suggestions, and will do their best to answer any questions you may have. Your input is appreciated.

## **OFFICERS**

David Mc Farlin	President
Lee Heinzman	Vice President 2014 Boat Show Chair
Cliff McGuire	Treasurer
Bette Heinzman	Secretary Membership

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wes Van Dine	Lynn Mc Farlin
Gail Van Dine	Kim Deren
Steven Haines	Patty McGuire
Mike Sorensen	Chris Johnson
Dave Matte	Ed Dombroskas
Rob Sutton	Katie Haines-Honorary Board Member

## **ACBS 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and International Boat Show**

Don't miss the opportunity to attend this event in Skaneateles, NY September 17-20, 2014 with pre-events in Old Forge, NY September 14-16. An event like this, so close, is too good to miss. Costs and activities will be in issues of Rudder and on-line at [www.ACBS.org](http://www.ACBS.org).

**FALL RENDEZVOUS**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2013**  
**CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB**  
**ESSEX, CT**



Several members ventured by water and land to the Fall Rendezvous in Essex. As you can see, it was a beautiful day, decisions regarding menu choices had to be made, and there was plenty of socializing and camaraderie. If anyone has any pictures of the woodies in the water, please send them to me for inclusion in the next newsletter. Thanks.

***--Gail Van Dine, Editor***

# ANNUAL DINNER

NOVEMBER 23, 2013

## J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERN PLAINVILLE, CT

Does it seem possible that our 2013 Annual Dinner has come and gone already? Forty-four people attended which was a wonderful gathering of friends who have a common interest – classic antique boats.



DINNER CONVERSATION

New members who attended were Aaron and Sandra Nicholson from Niantic. We were also happy to have Danny and Eileen Ross from Southbury attend. We welcome them to our ranks and hope they will become active participants in our club over the years.

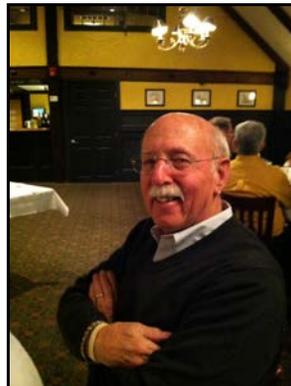


HELEN AND RICH ROSSELLI



DAVE MC FARLIN, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

David Mc Farlin welcomed everyone and brought us up to date on Club news. We had another successful Boat Show in Essex this past July and as a result the chapter is solvent as we head into 2014.



CLIFF MC GUIRE, TREASURER

Ed Dombroskas announced the new head of the CT River Museum as Chris Dobbs. Chris comes to the CT River Museum from the Noah Webster House in West Hartford. We are all looking forward to a successful alliance with the Museum going

forward under Chris's leadership.



ED DOMBROSKAS AND DAUGHTER, LYNN

David announced the new Board Officers and Directors slate for 2014. A unanimous vote was taken and approved for the upcoming year.



STEVE HAINES AND DAUGHTER, KATIE

Steven Haines was awarded the President's Cup this year. The Cup goes to an individual or individuals who go beyond

the scope of their responsibilities with the chapter. Steve stepped up this year and created a new look to our chapter website. It is much easier to navigate and he has added many new features. We are all grateful to Steve for sharing his expertise. Congrats.....

hour and dinner were wonderful as always. We are very appreciative of all they have done to make it a success. The date for next year's Annual Dinner has already been booked for November 22, 2014 at J. Timothy's Tavern.

**--Patti McGuire, Board Member2.**



LEE AND BETTE HEINZMAN



THE HAINES FAMILY



LARUE BLODGETT WITH DAN AND EILEEN ROSS



KIM DEREN AND ROB SUTTON

Jim Murdock has graciously agreed to host our spring workshop in his shop in Bristol sometime in late winter. Additional information will be sent to everyone as the time nears.

Our Annual Boat Show will take place at the CT River Museum in Essex the weekend of July 11-12, 2014. Remember that this is going to be a big year for us as it is our 30th anniversary. As is our usual process we will keep all of you updated over the upcoming months. Anyone who has any suggestions to make this the best boat show ever please step up and let a Board member know. Their names are listed in this newsletter.



MARK AND BERNICE OULUNDSEN



RICH ROSSELLI WITH PAUL AND DULCIE THIBAUT



LIZ AND MIKE SORENSEN



AARON AND SANDRA NICHOLSON

Once again, we would like to thank Chris Johnson, and of course Corrine, for doing a great job organizing our 2013 Annual Dinner. The cocktail

## St. John's River Cruise in Florida

It's that time again – time to plan for the Daytona 500 of the ACBS - the awesome St. John's River Cruise!

This is the 27<sup>th</sup> cruise! They nicknamed me the "Cruising President" back in 1988 and we have lived up to that by going on 26 of the cruises (we didn't know about the first one). Since we usually go both ways, that's over 11,000 miles of cruising.

The reason we have done this so much is because it's FUN. The St. Johns River is beautiful, easy to navigate, peaceful, uncongested, unspoiled, devoid of high-rises, and loaded with wildlife including pelicans, cormorants, hawks, eagles and alligators.



The runs are long enough to be fun and short enough not to strain our aging bladders. We always bring a big, roomy, comfortable, seaworthy Shepherd with a convertible top – 22, 24 or 27 feet long. But, less than ½ of the boats have tops, and people have gone in boats as small as 14 feet. Bring raingear – just in case.



The days are not overly long for even slow boats. Kenny McStevens has made the trip a few times in his 26 foot Mullins launch – a six knot boat. Most of the days are about 60 miles long with stops for lunch as we eat our way up and down the St. Johns River.



We pig out at the Crab Shack, Corky Bells, Angel's Diner, Shrimp-R-Us, The Castaways, The Sprague House, Shady Oak, The Buccaneer and Lake Beresford Yacht Club. Sign up for Nutrisystem when you get home! All of the boats, except Kenny's, have plenty of time for side trips to Murphy's Creek, Silver Glen, The Weena River, Blue Springs and more. Remember – bring your camera.

The cruise is run in 2 segments. The southbound cruise runs from Jacksonville to Sanford from Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday,

March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Sunnyland Chapter Boat Festival goes from Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>; and the northbound cruise goes from Monday March, 31<sup>st</sup> thru Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Registration and reservations are made in January, so if you're interested, please contact me ASAP. I will be happy to answer any questions and help you in every way. The most fun of all is the camaraderie we all share – so please join us for the Daytona 500 of the ACBS!  
**– Chris Johnson, Board Member**

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Note: Information about the St. John's River Cruises and the Sunnyland Boat Festival can also be viewed at [www.acbs-sunnyland.org](http://www.acbs-sunnyland.org). On-line registration can be accessed at the website.

## OTHER NEWS FROM FLORIDA

While you in the north were struggling to keep warm, we did not avoid the polar vortex down here. It certainly hampered the boating with daytime temps in the 50s and overnight lows in the 30s. We have also had some days in the 80s. January 18 we will head to the local park on Lake Dora to enjoy "Raceboats @ Tavares." We have done some boating and are looking forward to more. We can reach seven lakes from our dock on the Dora Canal.  
**--Gail and Wes Van Dine**

# TEST YOUR CLASSIC BOATING KNOWLEDGE

## THE QUIZZLER

Thanks to Chris Johnson for his reply to the last Issue's "quizzler."



1. The boat should have cedar ceilings.
2. There should not be a storage pocket by the stern seat.
3. The boat should have copper-bronze bottom paint.
4. The hatch handle should be on the the starboard side and the hinges on the port side.
5. Step pads should be black.
6. Chris says the linoleum should be one piece, except for the hatches. I believe the boat flooring is correct.

### Quizzler for this Issue:

Can you identify the make, model and year of this boat?



Send your answers to  
gailmail@wvandine.com.



Do you have a contribution to this page?  
Increase your chances to judge at this  
year's show.

Looking for a different boat or a project? Take a look at Trading Dock.  
Have a boat you would like to sell? Send information to [gailmail@wvandine.com](mailto:gailmail@wvandine.com) for the next newsletter. **Deadline: May 1, 2014.**

### **TRADING DOCK**

1956 13' Aristo Craft Sea Flash. Excellent unrestored condition with 1956 Mercury 40 HP Mark 58 (green) or 1960 Mercury 500, 40 HP (white) - **\$8,500.00**

1956 14' Penn Yan Trailboat "runabout" with 1956 15 HP Evinrude – needs some restoration and refinishing **\$900.00**

1956 14' Whirlwind runabout with or without 1956 35 HP Evinrude Big Twin. Needs some restoration and refinishing. **\$700.00** with motor; **\$400.00** without motor

1931 16' Old Town Double Ended Row Boat – good canvas, needs refinishing **\$900.00**

Early 17' Rushton? Indian Girl Canoe – needs restoration **\$600.00**

1948 22' Adams Launch, made in Thousand Islands Region, Mahogany Lapstrake, no motor, wide beam needs restoration \$600.00

1880± 22' steam boat with rebuilt 1903 Stanley Brothers 7 HP engine, possibly built by Herreshoff with yard trailer. Complete with many parts, needs complete restoration \$9,000.00

Have others!

Lee Heinzman

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1934 Chris Craft 18' Utility. Started project. All patterns & hardware included. Engine available. \$1,000.00.

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

1987 Rinker V210 Very Good Condition. 4.3L Mercruiser w/Alpha1 outdrive. Complete NEW camper top. Comes w/ tandem axle trailer. Turn key boat. \$3500.00.

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

**Wes5@wvandine.com**

Dave Matte is selling a 20 ft Karavan trailer. For information go to the Craigslist Posting:

<http://nwct.craigslist.org/boa/4221283278.html>

1960 Century Raven 22, Chrysler M80, 8 cyl, 177 HP, 317 ci, twin carbs, rebuilt Paragon Hydraulic Transmission, new alternator, rebuilt starter; new gas tank, full canvas; all original interior; all operating gauges; mooring cover; ready for show or everyday use; custom dual axle trailer included; used on Conn. River only; \$14,900.00 OBO.

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