

PRESS RELEASE

THE 47th ANNUAL
PORTAGE LAKES
ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

SHOW RESULTS

AKRON OHIO: What would make a perfect day for a boat show—gorgeous boats, perfect weather, and great crowds? All three occurred on Saturday at the 47th Annual Portage Lakes Antique and Classic boat show held at the docks of Picks Restaurant and Smoke on the Water in Akron. Forty-five boats were on display from 9AM to 3PM and the docks filled with viewers.

The restaurants served food and drinks all day while boat owners and the public enjoyed the sunshine. Many people came by boat, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards to view the boats from the water.

Boats competed for awards from all over the state of Ohio, Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania. The boats were built as far back as 1929 and as recent as 2020. Construction ranged from wood to metal and fiberglass.

The judges had a difficult job in several categories due to the attention paid by owners to every detail. Judging was under the official structure of the rules of the Antique and Classic Boat Society.

The always popular collectable show posters and t-shirts were on sale all day. Over 60 local businesses and organizations sponsored this unique event, and it is one of the longest running antique boat shows in the country.

The day was capped off with a “sold-out” awards dinner at the historic Turkeyfoot Island Club in New Franklin. Guests enjoyed drinks on the patio during the social hour and a dinner buffet followed by the awards presentation. The perfect day was followed by the perfect evening.

The show is sanctioned by the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. (ACBS), an international organization devoted to the preservation and recognition of all types of personal watercraft with 54 chapters throughout North America and Europe. The North Coast Ohio Chapter (NCO) of ACBS with over 100 members manages this show and is very active in restoring, showing, and using their unique boats.

Plans are already underway for next year’s show.

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**THE 47TH ANNUAL PORTAGE LAKES
NORTH COAST OHIO CHAPTER, ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY SHOW
OFFICIAL JUDGING RESULTS**

August 19, 2023

Outboard Motors: 1959 3HP Evinrude Lightning

Owners: Jeff & Gail Angeletti, New Franklin, Ohio

Classic Wood Outboard Boats: First Place – 1957 Thompson, “Lady Laker”

Owners: Jeff & Gail Angeletti, New Franklin, Ohio

Second Place – 1958 Aristocraft, Sea Flash

Owners: Dan & Deb Dobrilovic, Ravenna, Ohio

Classic Fiberglass Outboard Boats: First Place – 1968 Checkmate, V141

Owner: Donald Trotter, Canfield, Ohio

Second Place – 1963 Aristocraft Funliner

Owner: Mark Watson, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Outboard Boat: First Place – 1980 Baja 20SS

Owner: Mike Sheaters, Akron, Ohio

Late Classic Sailboat: First Place – 1977 Boston Whaler, Harpoon 5.2

Owners: Brian & Kristy Morgan, Mineral City, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Utility: First Place – 1977 Chris Craft, Super Sport, “Comet 56”

Owner: Robert Ashley III, Akron, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Runabout: First Place – 1985 Elite Craft, Riviera, “Jen Erik Riva”

Owners: Erik & Jeannette Ekh, Coventry Twp., Ohio

Classic Fiberglass Utility: First Place – 1960 Buehler Turbo Jet 32

Owner: Bob Emens, Rochester, New York

Second Place – 1968 Century Resorter, “Love Shack”

Owners: Dave & Carolyn Wesp, Bemus Point, New York

Third Place – 1972 Century Resorter, “Class of ‘72”

Owners: Mike & Bonnie Hakes, Rocky River, Ohio

Classic Wood Runabout: First Place- 1948 Century Sea Maid, “Triple Crown”

Owners: Dan & Ashley Ritchie, Bolivar, Ohio

Second Place- 1948 Chris Craft Deluxe Runabout, “EZ Money”

Owners: Ken & Mary Kay Lipovich, Painsville, Ohio

Third Place- 1947 Chris Craft Deluxe Runabout, “Spirit”

Owners: Pete & Judi Crusse, Columbus, Ohio

Classic Wood Utility, 20’ and Under: First Place – 1959 Chris Craft Silver Arrow

Owners: Aaron & Ben LaDonne, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Second Place – 1961 Lyman Utility, “Class of 61”

Owners: Bob and Ann Susick, Akron, Ohio

Third Place – 1958 Chris Craft Sportsman, “Pat & Vick’s Chris”

Owners: Pat & Vickie Gramley, Akron, Ohio

Classic Wood Utility, Over 20’: First Place – 1964 Chris Craft Super Sport, “Mahogame”

Owner: Nick Pierson, Tallmadge, Ohio

Youth Judging Awards: First Place – 1980 Baja 20SS

Owner: Mike Sheaters, Akron, Ohio

Second Place – 1960 Buehler Turbo Jet 32

Owner: Bob Emens, Rochester, New York

Third Place – 1948 Century Sea Maid, “Triple Crown”

Owners: Dan & Ashley Ritchie, Bolivar, Ohio

Best Portage Lakes Restoration – 1961 Lyman Utility, “Class of 61”

Owners: Bob & Ann Susick, Akron, Ohio

North Coast Ohio Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society, Special Appreciation Award –

1947 Garwood Commodore, “Mom’s Mink”

Owners: Dave & Kathy Shepler, Logansport, Indiana

Antique & Classic Boat Society, Best Preserved, Most Original Boat Award

1948 Century Sea Maid, "Triple Crown"

Owners: Dan & Ashley Ritchie, Bolivar, Ohio

Antique & Classic Boat Society, Best Non-Wood Boat Award

1984 Century Arabian

Owner: Joe Hodges, Coventry, Ohio

Captain's Choice: Best of Show – 1950 Hacker Craft Runabout, "Dynamite"

Owners: Gary & Debbie Kosiba, North Lawrence, Ohio

Ned Mohrman Memorial Trophy- 2023 Best Portage Lakes Boater – Joe Hodges, Coventry, Ohio

Antique and Classic Boat Society – Boat Classifications

Historic: A boat built up to and including 1918

Antique: A boat built between 1919 and 1942 inclusive

Classic: A boat built between 1943 and 1975 inclusive

Late Classic: A boat built after 1976 and the year 25 years prior to current year

Contemporary Classic: A wooden boat built within the last 25 years

Utility: A boat with the engine covered by a box with an open cockpit area

Runabout: A boat with the engine covered by decks that cannot be walked around

Outboard: A boat powered by an engine mounted on the transom