



The North Coast Ohio Chapter Beacon

August 2023

This is the most exciting month of the year for the ACBS North Coast Chapter, with our fast approaching 47th Annual Portage Lakes Boat Show. This show is the 2nd longest running show in the entire country, I would like to add.

A number of boats are coming to the show for the first time this year (read below), which will make this show better than ever before.

As members, what brought you to join our group of like-minded members? I believe the vast majority visited our show, were thoroughly impressed, and could see themselves in an antique or classic boat. This is our opportunity to strike up conversations with possible future members when questions are directed at you about your boat, the show, or the Chapter. A boat is not required to join, only an interest in, and hopefully the desire, to acquire a boat. (We obviously have people with the expertise to help in their search.)

During your conversation with a fellow show participant, ask if they are an ACBS member. If not, we would love to have them as members of ACBS NCO Chapter and the many advantages of membership. Do not fall into the mindset that you are harassing good folks; it is well known

in advertising/sales that you must ask SEVEN times to pique interest and get results. I will have brochures available for interested parties.

If you would like to see a video that was put together by my son of the Lake Chautauqua show, please follow the link:

<https://youtu.be/b4AS8UNVC04>

-Dave Rosenberger, President

We are excited about a number of boats that have never been to our show before who are coming. A rare 1947 Gar Wood Commodore named "Mom's Mink" all the way from Logansport Indiana owned by Dave and Kathy Shepler will be docked next to Byron Kruger's identical Gar Wood. Newly acquired boats coming are Dan and Ashley Ritchie's beautiful 1948 Century Sea Maid and Doug and Susette Schuller's impressive 1954 Chris Craft Sportsman. Gil and Cheryl Maringer's complete restoration of a 1958 Chris Craft Cavalier, Walt and Kathy Stashkiw's beautiful 1956 Chris Craft Continental and a multi-year restoration of a rare 1964 21' Chris Craft Super Sport owned by new member Nick Pierson will also be on display. Back after a number of years will be Jeff Scott's colorful land display of his Yellow Jacket boats and model collection, including the 3' long model built for Roy Rogers who was part owner of the Yellow Jacket Boat Company.

-Gil Maringer, Show Chairman

THE **47th** ANNUAL
Portage Lakes

**ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
BOAT & CAR SHOW**

FEATURING THE RARE
CHRIS CRAFT SILVER ARROW



Sat. August 19, 2023

AT

PICK'S & SMOKE-ON-THE-WATER RESTAURANTS

530 PORTAGE LAKE DRIVE, AKRON, OH

AKRON, OHIO

FREE ADMISSION

9am - 3pm Rain or Shine

HOSTED BY:

**North Coast Ohio Chapter
Antique & Classic Boat Society**



SHOW INFO AT: northcoastohio-acbs.org

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

On Saturday August 19, 2023, plan to attend the Portage Lakes 47th annual antique and classic boat show. This free event will be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the docks, lakeside, at the Pick's on PLX and Smoke on the Water restaurants on Portage Lakes Drive in Coventry, Ohio, just 5 miles south of downtown Akron. There will be over 50 beautiful wood and vintage fiberglass boats, both in the water and on land displaying the elegance and craftsmanship of America's skilled boat manufacturers. 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. Many of these members will have their boats on display at this show.

In the last few years, there has been growing interest in the original fiberglass boats which became popular in the late 1960's as wood boat production was phased out due to shortages of mahogany, production costs, and desire for easier to maintain boats. Those earlier model fiberglass boats had unique designs influenced by the finned automobiles of the late 50's and 60's. You will see some of those boats at the show sporting restored outboard motors.

Our feature boat for this year is the Chris Craft Silver Arrow. Of the 92 built between 1958-59, only some 30 remain. While it was not Chris Craft's first foray into building fiberglass boats, it was an unusual one. It was built with traditional cedar and mahogany frame and bottom with a fiberglass overlay. All were delivered in the "silver" finish with red and

white vinyl interiors. The first 6 or 8 boats were delivered with a Chris Craft 6-cylinder engine. Because of the boats' weight, they were considered underpowered. 44 of them were delivered with the Ford Interceptor 312ci, 195hp engines. They developed overheating issues. The remaining production were delivered with the Chris Craft 283ci, 185hp V-8. Come to the show and see this rare Chris Craft.

There will also be "youth judging" by a group of area youngsters with a special award presented by their group. There will be some award-winning boats from all around Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania at this year's show. Interested in purchasing a classic boat of your own? There will also be a "Field of Dreams Sale Lot" with boats for sale on display, so bring your checkbook.

Come and enjoy a cocktail or meal served dockside at Pick's Restaurant next to the gleaming chrome and sparkling, varnished, floating works of art. The always popular collectable show posters and t-shirts will be on sale. Over 50 local businesses and organizations have sponsored this unique event and is one of the longest running antique boat shows in the country.

Don't miss this celebration of summertime and beautiful boats on the Portage Lakes, Saturday August 19th. For show and registration information contact the show chairman, Gil Maringer, gbmaringer@juno.com or 216-310-7475.

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