



North Coast Ohio “Beacon”

July 2025

“FROM THE HELM”

I hope all our members are getting at least some boating in between downpours and stifling heat. Hopefully there is plenty of good boating weather to look forward to this summer. A number of nearby events are available in July including **NCO’s tour of Atwood Lake on Monday July 14 hosted by Dan and Ashley Ritchey and Brian and Christy Morgan on their pontoons with a dinner gathering at the Atwood Marina restaurant. (We will meet around 4:30 at the Atwood Marina, cruise for about an hour then have dinner at beginning at 6-6:30. Please let Dan know at 330-495-6425 you will be coming so seating can be planned).** Also the Indian Lake show in southwestern Ohio is July 19 and the Lakeside show in Marblehead Ohio is July 20 which is well worth attending. The Lake James weekend of boating and show near Angola Indiana, July 24-26 is only 3 hours away and an easy drive across I 80. I have attended all these shows in the past and the hospitality and venues are really nice events in beautiful places.

NCO had a fleet of 6 boats attend the Buckeye Lake show June 14th. The venue was at a beautiful winery and Matt Zimmerman did an excellent job of planning the event. Although the weather was supposed to be stormy the clouds never opened up and by afternoon there was a large crowd to see the 22 boats on display. It was good to see long time friends again at this wonderful lake.








The next weekend NCO boaters headed back south highway 77 to Seneca Lake for a rendezvous and mini-show for local visitors. Dan Ritchey arranged for prime dock space at the restaurant, and once all 7 boats were launched, we had a nice cruise around that very pretty lake. A short meeting after a lunch was followed by more cruising. We all helped each other get the boats out of the water by midafternoon as the temps got into the 90s. As always it was fun not only using the boats but being with a great bunch of boaters.



Looking forward to August we have the 49th Annual Portage Lakes Show, Friday evening Aug. 8 for show participants, and the boat show Saturday Aug. 9. This is our chapter's most important event of the year and **WE NEED YOUR BOATS. PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS INTO JOHN VORHIES, ASAP!** Call him at 330-802-1545 if you need info about registering. Good progress is being made on all new docks at the Harbor and Picks. Even though the restaurants will not be open we will have food trucks on site, music all day, with some for sale boats and our feature boat – Marty Long's gorgeous Chris Craft Custom which was just completed this June. For show participants they will be treated to a complimentary casual dinner inside Pick's dining room on Friday. For out-of-town attendees we can offer great overnight rooms at the historic Turkeyfoot Island Club along with free dockage and seating for the awards dinner Saturday evening. Nearly 70 local businesses donate to support this iconic event of the lakes and we hope you will tell all your friends to see the renovated docks and our "Second Longest Running Antique and Classic Boat Show in the Country". Your show committee of Walt Stashkiw, Dave Rosenberger, Doug Brooks, Bud Long, John Vorhies, and myself are working hard to keep the tradition of this show a great community event, so please support the show.

THE 49TH — ANNUAL — Portage Lakes
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW



SAT. AUGUST 9, 2025
AT
The Iconic Pick's Building, The Historical Harbor Inn
530 PORTAGE LAKES DRIVE, AKRON, OH

FREE ADMISSION
9am - 3pm Rain or Shine
Hosted by North Coast Ohio Chapter
Antique & Classic Boat Society

SHOW INFO AT: northcoastohio-acbs.org

On a very sad note, our past president from 2022, Bob Ashley, passed away Thursday June 26. Bob was truly a Portage Lakes resident and boater all his life. He had the enviable job as a young boy to work at Dietz's Landing breaking in new Chris Crafts that his father was selling there. Bob had an accomplished engineering and manufacturing career as he held officer positions for a number of organizations including Akron Power Squadron, Green AARP, a model railroading group and of course NCO. We thank him for his dedicated service and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

-Gil Maringer, President, 216-310-7475

Special New Membership Bonus: Any new member who joins ACBS and NCO will receive a \$20 rebate and an NCO embroidered hat and nametags, along with a chapter member nametag. This bonus also applies to any past member who has been away for 3 years or more. Also, for current ACBS members who join NCO they will receive an NCO hat and nametags for their first year \$20 membership fee.

**NORTH COAST OHIO CHAPTER
ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY
----- 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -----**

July	14	Atwood Lake tour and dinner
August	9	Portage Lakes Boat Show @ former Pick's location
September	14-20	ACBS International 50th Year, Clayton New York
	25	Lake Milton Gathering/Picnic
October	4/5	Atwood Lake Gathering/Show
	9-12	Cincinnati Classic Boat/Riverboat Festival
November	10	Regular Board meeting: location to be announced
December	6	Annual Board meeting/election of officers

(All events will be confirmed in future Beacon Newsletters)