



## **North Coast Ohio “Beacon” *September 2025***

“FROM THE HELM”

Congratulations NCO Chapter for putting together a very successful 49<sup>th</sup> annual boat show, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The wide selection of boats on display was impressive as you can tell from the large list of awards. The spectators were steady all through the day with many purchasing from the food trucks and bar, enjoying the music, and viewing the 40 boats all along the brand new docks. If you have not yet seen the drone video, arranged and narrated by Ashley Ritchey, be sure to check it out on our website.

So many people contributed extra effort this year. We especially thank Tom Hutchison and his brothers for providing full access to the whole facility for both Friday night and Saturday as well as pushing hard to finish the beautiful new docks and get the bar open just in time for our show. John and Kim Vorhies handled the hundreds of details involved with boat and owner registration, dinner reservations, dock assignments, gift bags, placards, t-shirt orders for participants, and entry fee collections flawlessly. Walt Stashkiw did all our social media, newspaper advertising, and set up 55 radio spots that promoted the show and our main sponsors. Mike Rutherford has been recording all the volumes of cash flow which accounts for over \$26,000 of income and expenses. Our sponsor solicitors of Dave Rosenberger, Doug Brooks, Bud Long, and myself raised more donations this year from 55 generous sponsors, many who increased their participation or were new to the list. Debbie Rutherford coordinated the T-shirt and poster sales and put together a team of NCO volunteers who sold out all of this year’s shirts and any we had left over from last year as well. Thanks very much to our judges, Dave Nau, Ron and Joe Hodges, and Walt Stashkiw who assisted me in choosing winners of the 35 awards given out this year. Finally, thanks to all the boaters who displayed

their boats. Their participation is what inspires potential members to enjoy this wonderful hobby of ours.

Please review the attached list of sponsors and thank them with your patronage.

- Gil Maringer, President









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**THE 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PORTAGE LAKES  
ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW  
OFFICIAL JUDGING RESULTS**

**AUGUST 9, 2025**

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 the current year

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

**Boat Model Description**

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

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

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

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**NED MOHRMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY, 2025 BEST PORTAGE LAKES BOATER: PAT GRAMLEY**

**Outboard Motors: First Place – 1959 Evinrude 3 hp**

**Owners: Jeff & Gail Angeletti, New Franklin, Ohio**

**Historic Canoes: First Place – 1913 B.N. Norris, Courting Canoe, “Lena”**

**Owners: Jerry & Nina Welch, Akron, Ohio**

**Classic Fiberglass Launch: First Place – 1968 Uniflite, Navy Whale Boat**

**Owner: Ralph Ledbetter, New Franklin, Ohio**

Late Classic Fiberglass Launch: First Place – 2001 Canadian Boat Company,

Electric Launch, “Pea Pod”

Owners; Brian & Christy Morgan, Mineral City, Ohio

Classic Aluminum Outboard: First Place – 1953 Feathercraft Penquin, “Opus”

Owner: Paul Wood, Painesville, Ohio

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

Owners: Jeff & Gail Angeletti

Classic Fiberglass Outboards: First Place (Tied) – 1964 Volksboat, Continental

Owners: Willy & Cindy Volk, New Franklin, Ohio

First Place (Tied) –1966 MFG, Niagra, “Little Blue”

Owner: Ben Harris, Uniontown, Ohio

Second Place – 1968 Checkmate V141, “Team Trotter”

Owner: Donald Trotter, Canfield, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Outboards: First Place (Tied)- 1989 Boston Whaler, Mischiefs

“Forever Young” and “Mischief”

Owners: Dave & Annie Rosenberger, North Canton, Ohio

Second Place – 1980 Baja 20SS/Op

Owner: Mike Sheaters, Akron, Ohio

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

Owners: Jen and Erik Ekh, Coventry, Ohio

Second Place: 1987 Baja, Force 235

Owner: Justin Bryant, Green, Ohio

Classic Fiberglass Utilities: First Place – 1972 Century, Resorter

Owner: Larry Grachan, Diamond, Illinois

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

Owners: Mike & Bonnie Hakes, Rocky River, Ohio

Third Place – 1970 Correct Craft, Barracuda, “Lil Moody II”

Owner: Michael Sweet, Streetsboro, Ohio

Contemporary Classic Runabout: First Place – 2011 Gar Wood Speedster, “Real Class”

Owner: Jeff Hammerschmidt, Vermilion, Ohio

Classic Wood Runabout, 20’ & Over: First Place – 1948 Chris Craft, Custom, “Chief”

Owner: Marty Long, North Canton, Ohio

Classic Wood Runabout, Under 20’: First Place – 1948 Century, Sea Maid, “Triple Crown”

Owners: Dan & Ashley Ritchey, Bolivar, Ohio

Second Place- 1947 Gar Wood, Commodore, “Painkiller”

Owner: Byron Kruger, New Franklin, Ohio

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

Owners: Nick & Mayura Pierson

Late Classic Wood Utility, 20’ & Over: First Place - 1981 Skiffcraft X22, “Elizabeth Ann”

Owners: Scott & Keri Wilson, Galloway, Ohi

Classic Wood Utility, Under 20’: First Place - 1951 Chris Craft, Special Runabout, “Farmoney”

Owners: Rob & Sharon Muller, Columbus, Ohio

Second Place (Tied)- 1958 Chris Craft ,Sportsman, “Pat & Vic’s Chris”

Owners: Pat & Vickie Gramley, Akron, Ohio

Second Place (Tied)- 1956 Chris Craft, Continental, "Pixie"

Owner: Marty Long, North Canton, Ohio

Third Place - 1964 Chris Craft , Super Sport

Owners: Bill & Beth Padisak, Deerfield, Ohio

YOUTH JUDGES CHOICE: First Place – 1954 Chris Craft, Sportsman, "Miss Hallie"

Owners: Jim & Char Denning, Dalton, Ohio

Second Place – 1988 Elite Craft, Riviera, "Elite"

Owners: John & Kim Vorhies, Clinton, Ohio

Third Place – 1947 Gar Wood, Commodore, "Painkiller"

Owner: Byron Kruger, New Franklin, Ohio

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY, **BEST RESTORED AWARD**

1961 Lyman, "Class of '61" Owners: Bob and Ann Susick, Akron, Ohio

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY, **BEST PRESERVED-MOST ORIGINAL BOAT**

1948 Century, Seamaid, "Triple Crown" Owners: Dan & Ashley Ritchey, Bolivar, Ohio

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY, **BEST NON-WOOD BOAT**

1972 Century, Resorter, Owner: Larry Grachan, Diamond Illinois

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY – **BEST RESTO MOD BOAT**

1962 Chris Craft, Holiday, "Old Grand Dad", Owner: Byron Kruger

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE, FIRST PLACE – 2011 Gar Wood, Speedster, "Real Class",

Owner: Jeff Hammerschmidt, Vermilion, Ohio

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE, SECOND PLACE – 1948 Chris Craft, Custom, "Chief"

Owner: Marty Long, North Canton, Ohio



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*Enjoy the show!*

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## WHAT'S COMING UP FOR NCO

Many NCO members are heading to the ACBS International Show, September 14-20 in Clayton, New York. The 1000 Islands area in the Fall is really spectacular along with all the very special boats, motors, and the antique boat museum. It is certainly well worth the trip.

### LAKE MILTON PICNIC – DATE CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY SEPT. 24

It was discussed that previous Lake Milton picnics were always on a Wednesday which allowed more members to attend. (Earlier in the year we planned for Thursday the 25th for this year. **The 25<sup>th</sup> will be the rain date this year**). Hopefully this change will work for everyone. We will meet at the Lake Milton Park launch ramp for those launching boats or at the picnic and docks for those not bringing a boat around 11-11:30 am. NCO will provide pizza and drinks and we ask that members bring a side dish or dessert. Hopefully we can enjoy some boat rides and nice Fall weather before we start thinking about winterizing. **We will have a brief meeting to discuss plans for the Atwood Lake Land Display show October 4-5 as well as the Cincinnati River Roots Festival and ACBS's participation October 8-12.** The Lake Milton Park location is 16801 Mahoning Ave. Lake Milton, Ohio 44429. Please let Gary Kosiba know if you will be attending so he can order the right amount of pizza. 330-904-2745.

November 10<sup>th</sup> (Monday) we will have a regular board meeting at 6pm. The location will be announced in the October Beacon.

December 6<sup>th</sup>, (Saturday) will be the Annual Board meeting, election of officers, and yearly awards at the Turkeyfoot Island Club, gathering at 11am.

## 7th Annual North Coast Ohio Picnic

Where: Lake Milton Beach, 2265-2299 Grandview Rd, Ohio 44429

When: September 24, 2025 (**Rain date September 25**)

Time: 11AM – 2PM

The public docks at the park have enough slips for 15 boats.

Food will be provided by the chapter – Chicken, Pizza and Jo Jo's

- \*Water and soda will be provided. BYOB

- \*Please bring a side dish or desert to share.

- \*The park area has picnic tables or if you prefer bring a chair.

- \*Boat launching will take place at Robinson's Point (see map) off Jersey St

Volunteers/helpers will assist at the ramp.

RSVP to Gary Kosiba, 330-904-2745 or [garykosiba@gmail.com](mailto:garykosiba@gmail.com) by September 23.

Any questions please feel free to call.

Hope to see you there!



# River Roots Festival Participation Notice

## Event Reminder

This is a reminder about the upcoming America's River Roots Festival.

## Event Details

- Event: America's River Roots Festival
- Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
- Dates: October 9-12, 2025

## **The ACBS to participate in the AMERICA'S RIVER ROOTS FESTIVAL**

**Cincinnati, Ohio October 9-12, 2025**

This is a signature event to kickoff America's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration taking place on the Cincinnati, Covington and Newport riverfronts.

This promises to be a truly amazing experience featuring nine stunning riverboats, the beautiful riverfront, wonderful music, delicious cuisine and a historical glimpse of culture from a bygone era.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for antique and classic boat enthusiasts and the ACBS to show off our beautiful boats during a world class event to a group of people expected to top 1 million over the course of the five-day festival.



The fun starts on Thursday afternoon October 9<sup>th</sup> when we will be escorting the paddle wheelers in the Opening Parade. Thursday evening, we will boat to dinner at the Riverside Marina Bar and Grill upstream from our homeport marina, Manhattan Harbour.

Friday participants will have a great opportunity to sign up for an excursion on one of the beautiful riverboats. For those who can't get

enough boating, we will have a poker run with stops at some of the local waterfront restaurants. Friday evening, we have dinner planned at Blue Catty's restaurant located on the water at our home base marina.

Saturday afternoon we will hold a parade in front of the Cincinnati riverfront. There will be an announcer on shore letting the huge group of spectators know about the boats and crews as they pass by the paddle wheelers. Saturday evening, we have a dinner planned at the top of the Radisson where the food is delicious, and the view of the riverfront, downtown Cincinnati and the evening fireworks show will be spectacular.

Sunday afternoon we will once again be out on the river participating in the festival. We will be escorting the Belle of Louisville and the Steamboat Natchez during the final day closing race to end the festival.

To make participating easy we have a block of rooms reserved at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel. Our home base marina is Manhattan Harbour located a few miles upstream from downtown. They have a nice, protected, off river launch ramp, dockage for our boats and ample trailer storage for the duration of the event.

Don't miss this tremendous event. Reach out today for more information and to register for this very unique opportunity for the antique and classic boating community.

Hosted by the Ohio Valley Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society.

For more information or to register contact: Michael Lloyd [mlloyd@aicinsulate.com](mailto:mlloyd@aicinsulate.com) (859) 240-2645

Or fill out the registration form below and send it to Mike Lloyd.

We at Motor Boat Garage hope everyone can join us at this Festival. For those that attended past Tall Stacks will remember what a treat it was to see all these majestic vessels on the river.



### **Schedule of Events:**

#### **Thursday**

October 9th

We will be escorting the paddlewheel riverboats during the opening day parade of the America's River Roots Festival. We will be on both the Ohio and Kentucky sides of the river escorting the paddle wheelers in front of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport at approximately 2:00 PM.

Dinner: We will cruise to dinner to one of the local on water restaurants upstream from Cincinnati.

#### **Friday**

October 10th

Poker Run departing Manhattan Harbour at 10:00 am. (\$20/hand)  
Snacks and beverages available at each of the 3 stops along the route.

Lunch at Stop #3 at 1:00 PM at The Ludlow Bromley Yacht Club.

Final card back at the starting point at Manhattan Harbour at 3:00 PM.  
Who will be the grand prize winner?

Friday evening: Dinner at Blue Catty's on the water at Manhattan Harbour or on your own. Live entertainment following dinner.

#### **Saturday**

October 11<sup>th</sup>

Antique & Classic Boat Parade 4:00PM

All of the participating boats will gather downstream from the downtown area just below the Brent Spence Bridge. In a single file line and at idle speed we will parade in front of the Cincinnati riverfront. There will be thousands of spectators viewing the river boats, participating in river cruises, enjoying multiple live music performances, and the ongoing food festival. We will have an announcer on shore to identify each classic boat and crew as it passes by in front of the crowd.

Saturday Evening: Dinner 7:00 PM at Eighteen at the Radisson. Enjoy the breathtaking view of Downtown Cincinnati as the sun goes down from the high above the river. We will have a great meal while enjoying a spectacular view of Cincinnati, the river and all of the Paddlewheel Boats that will be participating in the festival

**Sunday**

October 12th

We have been asked to lead and follow the Belle of Louisville and Natchez during the final Riverboat race to end the 2025 Festival. We will be on both the Ohio and Kentucky sides of the river escorting the paddle wheelers in front of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport. Time 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Dinner: Depending on how many of the group stick around, we can definitely get a fun dinner location organized.

**Other Details**

- Manhattan Harbour is providing plenty of space for trailer parking. The facility has a great ramp and nice floating docks. Launching and docking help will be available.
- Registration Fee: \$40.00. The dock fees are still being determined.
- Marine fuel is available at multiple locations near Manhattan Harbour.
- For Information Contact Michael Lloyd ([mlloyd@aiconsulate.com](mailto:mlloyd@aiconsulate.com))  
Cell: 859-240-2645

**Mail Registration & Payment to Michael Lloyd,  
511 Oak Hill Court, Ft. Wright, KY 41011  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Boat year \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine/motor make \_\_\_\_\_ HP \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to participate on the following days: Thursday\_\_\_\_. Friday\_\_\_\_.  
Saturday\_\_\_\_. Sunday\_\_\_\_.**

Please enclose a check for \$40/boat made out to the Ohio Valley Chapter of the ACBS. **Please send in ASAP. Space is likely to fill quickly. Thanks!**

**Send to: Michael Lloyd  
511 Oak Hill Ct.  
Ft. Wright, KY 41011 or scan and email to: [mlloyd@aiconsulate.com](mailto:mlloyd@aiconsulate.com)**

## Boat Preparation and Services

- If you plan to bring a boat that may require maintenance prior to the event, please contact us to schedule an appointment in advance.
- If you wish to have your boat serviced after the event—such as winterizing, finish work, new bottom, or any other work over the winter—please let us know. We can arrange services since your boat will already be in town.
- If you towed your boat to the River Roots Festival on a “sketchy” trailer, have you been considering replacing it? If so, have Brian measure for a new one and place a deposit, we will do a free bunk set-up. That could be a savings of up to \$200 depending on size of boat.

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### OTHER NEWS

Many of us in the Portage Lakes area know Joe and Ron Hodges who have restored and maintained many beautiful antique and classic boats. They have focused their own boat ownership particularly in Century boats. Just recently Joe found an extremely rare and highly sought after 1931 Century, Black Demon Racing Outboard in McHenry Illinois, and he brought it home with an Elto Racing Outboard that powered the boat. Collectors from as far away as Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Utah were trying to acquire this piece of history. These little 14’ racers had a 2-stepped hull and extended “Pontoon transom” designed by renowned boat designer, John Hacker. In the 1930s the Black Demon achieved a record setting 44 mph in an APBA sanctioned race. Today it is estimated by Frank Miklos, who wrote the book on the history of Century, that only 2 of these are now known to exist.

We all know that Joe will bring this shell of an historic race boat back to it’s original glory. It will be a while, but someday we will see the original shiny black hull with walnut stained covering boards and natural stained decks held down

with hundreds of bright brass slotted screws, and the boat powered by that powerful Elto 4 cylinder engine. That launch day will be one very special event!



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## A NEW CLASSIC BOAT BROKERAGE

Andy Hoffman who has been in the boat brokerage business for over 30 years and has helped us sell or purchase many of our own boats over the years is opening his own company that will be on the web as [www.antiqueboat.com](http://www.antiqueboat.com). Andy stated he already has over 150 boats consigned to his new business. He has plans to bring many young people from across the country into his sales organization to spur interest in their peers for our classic boats. Once the new website is up and running it will be communicated to our members and we wish him and his team much success.

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### NORTH COAST OHIO CHAPTER ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY ----- 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -----

September	14-20	ACBS International 50th Year, Clayton New York
	24	Lake Milton Gathering/Picnic
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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)