



North Coast Ohio “Beacon”

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‘FROM THE HELM’

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope all our NCO members enjoy the holidays and have a healthy and happy new year. As we look back on a very busy 2025 there was a lot happening in our boat club with 7 board meetings and 10 events where we got together for interesting activities such as boat shows, restoration shop visits, and we even went on the Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad. We went to Buckeye Lake, Seneca Lake, Lakeside, Huron, Clayton N.Y., Atwood Lake, Cincinnati and of course Portage Lakes. Plans are underway for next year’s events when the remarkable milestone of having the second longest running classic boat show in the country, the 50th Annual Portage Lakes Show will occur, August 22, 2026.

Another thing that gets us excited is seeing new members and newly restored boats coming around. Bob Joynt has 2 boats he hopes to finish soon an Aristo Craft and a very historic Lyman, I have my Chris Craft Sportsman being refreshed at the Motor Boat Garage, Gary Kosiba will be working on his '57 Chris runabout, Joe and Ron Hodges are working on a couple very special Centuries, and we hope to see the Morgan's antique Lyman completed.

The annual meeting Saturday Dec. 6 at the Turkeyfoot Island Club

will be a really nice event to end the year with friends and over 40 people attending. If you can make it let me know quickly. You will enjoy some really good food and an entertaining awards presentation.

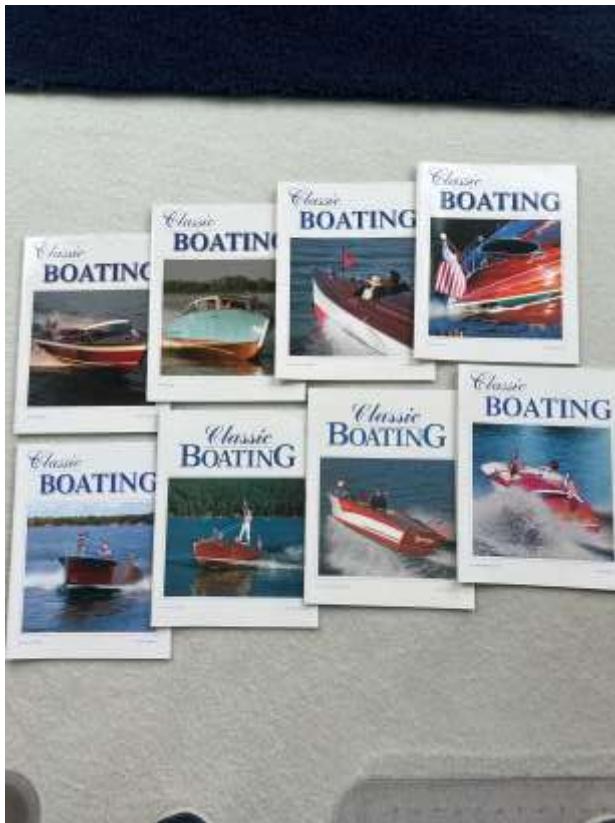
From our Officers, and Directors thanks much for your membership in the Antique and Classic Boat Society and of course our Chapter. Before you know it we will be boating again!

Classic Boating Magazine has published it's last Issue

For over 41 years (1984 – 2025) Classic Boating Magazine has published a beautiful bi-monthly, first class magazine devoted to our antique and classic boats. Due to changing interests, younger people are not receiving mailed publications since they get their info through social media and the internet. Classic Boating has been losing money on every issue because of many less subscribers than in the late 80s and 1990s when it was a major source of information, history, advice, and sources for the growing hobby. It was the go-to source for boat show schedules for all of ACBS chapters, books telling the histories of boat manufacturers, how-to articles from engine maintenance to boat restoring, and the most interesting stories of all, the boats themselves.

A number of NCO members have had their boats featured in the magazine, and our Portage Lakes Show had also been in the magazine. I also had a couple of my safety related articles published, which was appreciated. I kept all the issues and over time was able to gather up the whole collection of Issue 1 through the last number 248. In order to get a single issue I was missing and the binders they went into, sometimes I had to buy a group of duplicate issues on E-bay. I am always glad to give some of those extra copies to new members. They are a great source for winter time reading.

Gil Maringer, President



**NORTH COAST OHIO CHAPTER
ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY
----- 2025/2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -----**

December	6	Annual Board meeting/election of officers
January	13	Monthly board meeting @ New Era Restaurant at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.
January	24	Motor Boat Garage Open House, Cincinnati
February		<i>No monthly meeting</i>
March	10	Monthly board meeting @ New Era Restaurant at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.
April		Monthly board meeting: Location and date to be announced
May		Monthly board meeting: Location and date to be announced
June	26-27	Lake Chautauqua Boat Show and Tour of Lawson Center
July		Monthly board meeting: Location and date to be announced
August	8	All Classics Festival in Huron, Ohio
August	21-22	50th Annual Portage Lakes Boat Show
September	13-20	ACBS International Boat Show in Port Huron, Michigan

(All events will be confirmed in future Beacon Newsletters)