



North Coast Ohio “Beacon”

July 2026

‘FROM THE HELM’

Happy 250th birthday to the greatest country on Earth and to all of us who get the benefit of freedom to pursue our happiness – which has antique and classic boating high on the list. How privileged are we to enjoy our boats and the association of like-minded boat owners in the Antique and Classic Boat Society? Some statistics explain how lucky we are. Out of 8.1 billion people on this planet, there are roughly only 5500 ACBS members. That equates to six hundredths of one thousandth of one percent of humanity, (.000068%). That means there are 1,458,000 people for each ACBS member. In the U.S. population of 346.2 million that’s 1 ACBS member for every 62,316 people. So that makes us a very unique and select group. To keep the idea of classic boating alive we need to continue showing the rest of the population that preserving, collecting, traveling with, and showing our boats is a great way to enjoy our rare and wonderful pastime.

The NCO display of 7 member’s boats was very well received at the Stan Hywet Father’s Day Car Show, Sunday June 21. The weather was perfect and thousands of people enjoyed seeing the boats and talking with us about their memories of using and enjoying boats like ours. Thanks to Bob Joynt, Pat Gramley, John Vorhies, Jim Ciocca, Walt Stashkiw, Gil Maringer, and Dan Ritchey for showing their boats and Ashley Ritchey for bringing some fantastic homemade cookies.





As the summer starts to race by don't forget to enjoy some other boating events coming up. There is time to join 6 couples of NCO folks taking their boats to Indian Lake July 17-19. This trip will be a mini vacation loaded with interesting things to do such as a tour of Jack Beatley's fabulous collection of antique boats and cars on Friday, a party that evening, boat tours of the lakes, attending the boat show at Russells Point, and a Saturday evening awards dinner (See more details below).

Locally there is the Lakeside Ohio show Sunday July 19th which is a beautiful venue on Lake Erie.

In August there is the All Classics Festival in Huron Ohio Friday the 7th and Saturday the 8th, then we will have a Club Meeting Monday, August 10th at the Canal Grille. Then comes the big 50th celebration of the Portage Lakes Annual boat show Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd. There will be over 40 boats together with some amazing watercraft never seen at the show before.



In September the ACBS International will be an easy drive to Port Huron, Michigan 9/13-20. It is a great setting near Algonac and Marysville where Chris Craft and Gar Wood started recreational boating.

In October NCO has been invited back to display our boats at the Atwood Lake Fall Festival, Sunday the 4th. This year the show is providing awards for the boats. Boat owners will be asked to choose their favorite cars in the show while car owners pick their favorite boat.

OTHER NEWS: We are excited to hear that Bob Joynt purchased a rare antique Gar Wood Speedster and Byron Kruger got Old Grand Dad's cracked plank repaired and is ready for show time. We saw new member Jim Ciooca's very rare antique triple cockpit Century at Stan Hywet and look forward to seeing that beauty on the lakes soon. Bill Padisak is very close to having his Chris Craft Super Sport all refreshed with a new bottom and new flooring. Joe Hodges will have his newly restored Century Resorter finished up for the show.

- Gil Maringer, President (216-310-7475)

Join the ROAD TRIP to the Indian Lake, Russel's Point Ohio Boat Show, July 17, 18 & 19. A group of NCO members will tow their boats there and be treated to a special showing of Jack Beatley's award winning antique boat collection along with a Friday evening party, Saturday boat show from 9am-2pm and awards dinner and auction at 6. A block of rooms with discount pricing has been arranged at the new Cobblestone Hotel just across the street from the show site. Call the hotel at 937-810-0402 and give the code ILVINTAGE to receive the discount. We already have 5 couples attending so it should be a great weekend. (See attached boat show registration).

Registrations are coming in for the 50th Annual Portage Lakes Boat Show August 22. Wait 'til you see the special display of unique watercraft including Randy Hart's beautifully restored Chris Craft Red and White 25' Cruiser. Be sure to get your boat registered with John Vorhies for what will be a memorable weekend celebration of antique and classic boating.

**NORTH COAST OHIO CHAPTER
ANTIQUA AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY
----- 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -----**

July	17-18	Indian Lake ACBS Show (<i>group travel to show</i>)
	19	Lakeside Boat Show, 12-4pm
August	8	All Classics Festival in Huron, Ohio
	10	Monthly meeting – Canal Grill
August	21-22	50th Annual Portage Lakes Boat Show
September	13-20	ACBS International Boat Show in Port Huron, Michigan
October	4	Atwood Lake Fall Festival
December	5	Annual Meeting at Turkeyfoot Island Club

(All events will be confirmed in future Beacon Newsletters)

50th Annual Portage Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show
North Coast Ohio Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society
Saturday, August 22, 2026 ~ 9:00-3:00 PM ~ Rain or Shine
Former Pick's Restaurant and The Historic Harbor Inn
530 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron OH 44319

Note: Names of the venues may change under new management

Registration Information

Registration is required to participate in the boat show displays. Please complete and return a signed copy of the attached registration form & price list. There is a late registration fee of \$10 after August 17th. There will be a land display "Field of Dreams" area at street level to display boats for sale. For Sale signs are not permitted on show entered boats. All boats must come prepared with adequate lines, fenders, fire extinguishers and other safety gear. Please proceed to registration table upon arrival. Please be in place prior to 9:00 AM.

We will do our best to accommodate special docking requirements if we are notified in advance. **Dock availability may be limited this year. Registration will not be accepted after docking locations are filled. Send in your registration early to assure in-water display. Your check will not be cashed until the week of the show.** There will be some land display area available at the street level. Show organizers accept no responsibility for loss or damage to boats and will assign specific slip for each entry.

Numerous hotels are available within 5 miles of the show location. Google I-77 and exit 120 for information. There are also a limited number of rooms at the Turkeyfoot Island Club. See www.turkeyfootislandclub.com. Contact Gil Maringer for availability. Overnight Island Club guests may keep their boat at the Club dock until 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Participants are encouraged to register for the awards dinner at the Turkeyfoot Island Club. Dinners are \$35 each and require reservation prior to the event. **No dinner reservations will be accepted after August 17th.** Turkeyfoot Island Club has no liquor license. **This is a BYOB affair.** If you wish to bring refreshments, there will be set-ups which include soft drinks. Reservations are limited to the first 80 people.

Boat Launching and Docking for Awards Dinner

Launching facilities from trailers are available at the Old State Park Launch Ramp, located at 4400 State Park Dr., Akron 44319 off SR 619. There will be NCO members at the ramp starting at 7:30 to assist in unloading and after the show for loading. There will be room at the Turkeyfoot Island Club docks for about 10 boats depending on size during the awards banquet. Boats must be removed at the end of the evening as the Club has an activity planned for Sunday morning requiring all docks unless you are an overnight guest. If you desire to pull your boat out of the water and attend the dinner, we will assist you in parking your boat in a safe location overnight. NCO club members who live on the water have offered docking space at their home docks near the Club for those who wish to leave their boats in the water overnight. **There is no space at the Club for boats and trailers.** There are secure parking locations available for boats on trailers during the awards banquet. See Gil Maringer for details.

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 21, 2026

6:00 PM Captain's reception. Details will be communicated prior to the show.

Saturday, August 22, 2026

7:30 AM	Assistance with launching at Old State Park ramp (GPS location: 4400 State Park Dr 44319)
8:00 AM	Docks and decks open for show participants
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Participant registration (Please have your boat in your assigned slip and ready to show by 9:00)
9:00 – 3:00 PM	Public viewing
10:00 AM	Judging begins
5:30 PM	Cocktails at the Turkeyfoot Island Club (BYOB), 4528 Lahm Drive 44319
6:30 PM	Awards Dinner (BYOB)
7:30 PM	Presentation of Awards
8:30 PM on	Boat rides on your own

Special Participant Class and ACBS Awards

The Ned Mohrman trophy for the best Portage Lakes Boat.

Classes will be determined based on actual judged participants and the type and number registered.

Each registered boat show participant will receive a framed show poster as a participation award.

Class awards will receive an engraved plate suitable for mounting to poster frame.

Captains Choice-one ballot for each boat entered

North Coast Ohio Chapter – ACBS

Boat Registration 2026

Boat and Outboard Motor Registration Form

NAME (AS SHOULD BE PRINTED ON NAME TAG):			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE/PROV.:		ZIP:
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:	EMAIL:	
FIRST MATE NAME (AS SHOULD BE PRINTED ON NAME TAG):			
BOAT REGISTRATION – To be used on show placard			
BOAT TRANSOM NAME:		BOAT OWNER:	
BUILDER:		YEAR:	
MODEL:		LENGTH:	
ENGINE MAKE & YEAR:		H.P.	CYL.
PRESERVED or RESTORED (circle one) Preserved is at least 60% original wood		JUDGED? YES or NO (circle one)	
PLEASE NOTE: Judging is based on ACBS guidelines			
OUTBOARD MOTOR DISPLAY REGISTRATION			
YR:	MAKE:	MODEL:	H. POWER:
JUDGED: YES or NO (circle one)			

North Coast Ohio Chapter – ACBS Show Registration Price List 2026

	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Boat Registered (1 st boat): ACBS Members (\$20) Non ACBS Members (\$30) {Interested in joining ACBS? Go to: ACBS.org/join . Choose NCO for your chapter. \$20 chapter membership dues will be refunded}		\$20.00 each \$30.00 each	\$
Additional Boats (include additional registration form)		No charge	
Boats Land Display: ACBS Members (\$20) Non ACBS Members (\$30)		\$20.00 each \$30.00 each	\$
For Sale Lot		\$20.00 each	\$
Outboard Motors on Land Display		\$5.00/Participant	\$
Late Registration Fee (after Aug 17 th)		\$10.00 each	\$
Vendor	Please contact show chairperson listed below		\$
Friday Evening Reception (please indicate number attending): Registered Boat Captains & First mates (No Charge) Guests and Non ACBS members (\$10)		No Charge \$10.00 each	\$
Saturday Awards Dinner (BYOB)		\$35.00	\$
T-Shirts: S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____ XXL_____ XXXL_____ XXXXL_____		\$20.00 each \$25.00 each	\$
	GRAND TOTAL		\$

Make checks payable to: North Coast Ohio Chapter ACBS (include the registration form and price list with your check)
Checks will not be cashed until the week of the show.

Mail to: John Vorhies – Boat Show
329 Mount Pleasant Road
Clinton, OH 44216

Questions call: John Vorhies or Gil Maringer, Boat Show Chairperson
330-802-1545 216-310-7475

Please read and sign the following statement:

I accept and assume full responsibility for any loss to me or my property at any time and any cause on the premises of the show and accompanying events. I expressly release the owners and operator of the premises, North Coast Ohio ACBS, The Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS) and the Turkeyfoot Island Club from liability for such loss or injury and agree to provide and pay for my own insurance. I understand that if I am not a member of ACBS, I am not covered under its insurance policies. I agree to provide and pay for my own liability and property insurance.

Signature of applicant _____

Date _____

2/17/26