



North Coast Ohio “Beacon” *August 2026*

‘FROM THE HELM’

IT’S ALMOST SHOW TIME !

Preparations are now in full swing for the 50th Annual Portage Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show, hosted by our North Coast Ohio Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society and the Harbor Lighthouse Grille. Saturday, August 22 will see over 40 classic boats at the newly renovated Harbor, 562 Portage Lakes Lake Drive, Coventry. Some amazing boats will be there including our feature boat, Randy and Diane Hart’s 1947 25’ Chris Craft Express Red & White Cruiser, “Another Nickle” that was a platinum winner at last year’s ACBS International show in Clayton, New York. The LeDonne brothers who restored the Hart’s boat will also bring their impressive Express Cruiser “Ulipion”. Only 302 of these unique boats were built between 1946-48 and very few exist today.

Another extremely rare antique boat being displayed is the 1917 30’ Hickman Sea Sled, “Malecon” owned by Jack Beatley of Indian Lake, Ohio. This massive museum piece of mahogany and brass is the first catamaran (twin hulled boat) and inspiration to a flat decked aircraft carrier which was way ahead of its time. In its day this boat could travel over ocean waves at 40 mph all the way from Miami Florida to New York City in record time.

Speaking of speed, wait till you see and HEAR Jim Simmons’ multi award winning 34’ 1000 h.p. 1999 Phantom ocean raceboat that has won races all over the whole east coast waters of the U.S. Jim will give kids a chance for photo shots behind the controls of this famous off shore racer.

Some other highlights are visitors bringing classic boats from as far away as Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey and colorful fiberglass boats like a Canadian electric launch, an 8’ Wooster Helion made by Rubbermaid, newly restored classic Centurys, Elite Crafts, and Boston Whalers. The beautiful inboard mahogany boats and wooden outboards will also be well represented.

This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary with a very fancy plated dinner at the awards banquet after the show at the Turkeyfoot Island Club. NCO members may attend even if your boat wasn’t entered, but early reservations and space limitations may apply.

This year’s show will really be memorable so don’t miss this one!



THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS MONDAY AUGUST 10, AT THE CANAL GRILLE, CANAL FULTON – GATHERING AT 5:30 – 6 PM. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED.

INDIAN LAKE SHOW REPORT

Ten NCO members had a great time at the Indian Lake Show at Russel's Point, Ohio July 17-19. We brought 6 boats to the show where the hospitality was outstanding. Mike and Brian Fogarty, long-time boating friends from Springfield, Ohio helped us launch and retrieve and show us around the lake. Our boats were stored overnight on Jack Beatley's covered lifts which were an amazing engineering design capable of housing 10 boats above or on the water. The Friday tour of Jack's 4 boat storage buildings was a real treat. We saw most of his collection of award winning, beautifully restored antique triple cockpit runabouts, large and small runabouts, many utilities including highly prized 25' Chris Crafts, magnificent launches, raceboats of all shapes and sizes, rare antique engines like Scripps, Buchanon, Chris Craft A10, and Kermaths, as well as a wide selection of unusual makes of outboard motors, and maritime memorabilia. We were blessed with good weather as the smoke cleared from Canadian forest fires in time for the Saturday show and on Sunday we had a guided tour around the whole lake to see beautiful homes and smooth cruising waters before we pulled out. Our chapter was certainly well represented with Byron Kruger's Chris Craft Gentleman's Racer "Old Grand Dad" winning Peoples Choice and Dan and Ashley Richey's Century Sea Maid "Triple Crown" being awarded Captains Choice.

This trip embodied all that ACBS has to offer: seeing beautiful new venues, a wide array of watercraft, and being with friends old and new.

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



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

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