



North Coast Ohio “Beacon” *September 2026*

‘FROM THE HELM’

Congratulations NCO on the 50th Annual Portage Lakes Show!

The 50th annual show was really a spectacular celebration that brought 50 registered boats to the delight of hundreds of spectators and the new management of the Harbor Lighthouse Grille. For many months the boat show team has done our chapter proud by raising more sponsorship donations than ever, recruiting interesting boats from as far away as New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and southern Ohio, expanding advertising coverage and blitzing social media, and arranging fantastic food for 2 sold out parties where the participants enjoyed Ashley Ritchey’s “Works of Art” deserts and Mayura Pierson’s delicious Thai dumplings. Many of our members pitched in to make the weekend more like a vacation for the visitors. Special thanks goes to Deb Rutherford who did a great job of managing our T-shirt, poster, and hat sales and all those who took time assisting with sales. John and Kim Vorhies did the complex job of managing every registrant’s boat information and hundreds of special requests for meals, lodging, t-shirts, and gift bags. Walt Stashkiw covered multiple media needs and the complicated job of getting our show and sponsors names on 4 radio stations, while Dan Ritchey assisted in the judging and arranged our DJ. Dave Rosenberger, Doug Brooks, and Bud Long did a superlative job of contacting the sponsors. Ted Hall, Joe Hodges, Gary Kosiba, and Gary DeShetler assisted with dock help and Pat Gramley helped with assembly of the viewing stands and organizing the land display participants. And let’s not forget all those who brought their boats, some as many as 3 boats for display.

Be sure to check out Dan Ritchey’s photos and narrative of the show that was shown around the whole country on the Woody Boater webpage. Listed below are the Official Judging Results. Way to Go, NCO!

Gil Maringer, President

**THE 50TH ANNUAL PORTAGE LAKES
ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW
OFFICIAL JUDGING RESULTS**

AUGUST 22, 2026

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

Resto-Mod: An original wood boat that has been modified with modern power/design

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

NED MOHRMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY, 2026 BEST PORTAGE LAKES BOATER: DAVE ROSENBERGER

Outboard Motors: First Place – 1959 Evinrude 3 hp

Owners: Jeff and Gail Angeletti, New Franklin, Ohio

Antique Runabout: First Place – 1939 Gar Wood Speedster

Owner: Bob Joynt, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Late Classic Launch: First Place – 2001 Canadian Electric, “Pea Pod”

Owners: Brian and Christy Morgan, Mineral City, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Outboard, Under 20’: First Place – 1989 Boston Whaler, “Mischief”

Owners: Dave and Annie Rosenberger, N. Canton, Ohio

Late Fiberglass Outboard, 20’ & Over: First Place – 1980 Baja

Owner: Mike Sheaters, Akron, Ohio

Classic Fiberglass Outboard, Under 20’: First Place, 1968 Checkmate “Team Trotter”

Owner: Donald Trotter, Canfield, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Runabout, Under 20’: First Place, 1984 Century Arabian

Owner: Joe Hodges, Coventry, Ohio

Late Classic Fiberglass Runabout 20’ & Over: 1985 Elite Craft, “JenEric Riva”

Owners: Jen and Erik Ekh, Coventry, Ohio

Classic Fiberglass Utility, Under 20’: First Place – 1968 Century Resorter

Owners: Ron and Jean Hodges, Coventry, Ohio

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

Owners: Mike and Bonnie Hakes, Rocky River, Ohio

Classic Wood Outboard: First Place – 1958 Pen Yan Captivator

Owners: Jay and Beth Austin, Green, Ohio

Second Place – 1957 Thompson, “Lady Laker”

Owners: Jeff and Gail Angeletti, New Franklin, Ohio

Classic Wood Utility, Under 20’: First Place – 1964 Chris Craft Golden Arrow, “Miss Adventure”

Owner: Ben Harris, Uniontown, Ohio

Second Place – 1948 Chris Craft, Deluxe Sportsman, “Bianca”

Owners: Heather and Jon Duer, Mentor, Ohio

Third Place – 1964 Chris Craft Super Sport, “Bella Vita”

Owners: Bill and Beth Padisak, Deerfield, Ohio

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

Owners: Nick and Mayura Pierson, Tallmadge, Ohio

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Classic Wood Runabout, First Place – 1948 Century Sea Maid, “Triple Crown”
Owners: Dan and Ashley Ritchey, Bolivar, Ohio
Second Place: 1948 Chris Craft, Deluxe R/A, “Easy Money”
Owner: Ken Lipovich, Painesville, Ohio
Third Place: 1947 Gar Wood Commander, “Pain Killer”
Owner, Byron Kruger, New Franklin, Ohio

Contemporary Classic, First Place – 2011 Garwood Speedster, “Real Class”
Owner: Jeff Hammerschmidt, Vermilion, Ohio

Captain’s Choice, Best of Show – 2011 Garwood Speedster, “Real Class”
Owner” Jeff Hammerschmidt, Vermilion, Ohio

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY, BEST RESTORED AWARD

1947 Chris Craft , Express Cruiser, “Another Nickle”
Owner: Randy Hart, New Waterford, Ohio

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

1948 Chris Craft, Sportsman, “Topridge”
Owners: Joe and Julie Fleming, Sparta, New Jersey

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY, BEST NON-WOOD BOAT

1968 Century Resorter
Owners: Ron and Jean Hodges, Coventry, Ohio

ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY – BEST RESTO MOD BOAT

1962 Chris Craft, Holiday, “Old Grand Dad”
Owner: Byron Kruger, New Franklin, Ohio

As seen in Woody Boater!

Meanwhile Up, Down, Or Over In Ohio

<https://www.woodyboater.com/classic-boat-shows/meanwhile-up-down-or-over-in-ohio/>



A huge thanks to Dan Ritchey for sending us in this report from Ohio. AND he wrote the captions. Oh HELL YA! Hit it Dan!

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This weekend was the 50th anniversary of the North Coast Ohio Chapter's antique and classic boat show which is held annually at the Portage Lakes in Akron.



1948 Century Sea Maid



1948 Sea Maid morning cruise to the show



In honor of the upcoming college football season this Buckeye fan is tryin gto figure out how a Rutgers drove a boat to Ohio

We had roughly 50 boats in the water and half a dozen in a land display. The event kicked off Friday evening with a Captain's dinner, followed by some boat rides around the lake.

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North Coast Ohio 50th Anniversary Show – Panoramic

Saturday the show kicked off at 9am and ran until 3pm. Despite the forecast for severe weather, everyone showed up with their boats ready for a fantastic show.



How did he get these lines curled in a perfect circle?

Hundreds of spectators showed up in force for a chance to see the beautiful antique and classic boats. We had the traditional wood runabouts and utilities, we had classic fiberglass boats, classic metal boats, antique and classic canoes and launches.



1917 Sea Sled – We are gonna need a bigger LAKE

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We even had some extremely rare boats like a 1917 Sea Sled, a 1939 triple cockpit Century Sea Maid, and a ACBS International platinum winning Red and White.



An amazing Red and White... and nobody goes hungry or thirsty at an NCO show

As a cherry on the day, the Goodyear Blimp graced us with her presence to take in the sites of the show. The blimp is based in Akron, Ohio which is known as the rubber capital of the world, and once features the head quarters of Goodyear and Firestone tires.



Alright maam show me where you hid the drugs and illegal aliens... in the picnic basket!



Look... the picnic basket was only big enough for my sandwich.. you cant have none



Inspecting-the-contents-of-another-picnic-basket



More picnic baskets... The NCO guys know how to eat

We were fortunate the rain and storms held off until the last 30 minutes of the show. Following the show we met at the historic Turkeyfoot Lake Island Club for a fantastic awards banquet. A special thanks to everyone who braved the weather to participate and make this our best show ever.



The slippery slop everyone is always talking about



Great location

We also had friends of ours at Buckeye Drones take photos and video of the show. You can share the link to their coverage if you like.

Hit it Buckeye Drones. mmm I thought all the drones were being used up in Russia and Ukraine. Watch out below! No I mean below here. Just links so its safe..ish.

Boats launching in the morning: <https://www.clifffranks.com/Events/Portage-Lakes-Ohio-Events/PLX-Antique-Boat-Show/2026-Antique-Boat-Show>

Boats arriving at the show location: <https://www.clifffranks.com/Events/Portage-Lakes-Ohio-Events/PLX-Antique-Boat-Show/2026-Antique-Boat-Show-BT>

Footage from the NCO 2025 show: <https://www.clifffranks.com/Events/Portage-Lakes-Ohio-Events/PLX-Antique-Boat-Show/2025-Antique-Boat-Show>



Honoring the Past and those who have Passed – Dan and Ashley Ritchey

We often hear that we're just custodians of the boats we love and care for, but what does that really mean? We live in a throwaway society where the things we buy are not made to last. Modern items don't have the quality or craftsmanship we've come to appreciate in older things; we don't fix things or preserve them to pass down to future generations. We simply buy the newest version when we're done with the old.

But antique boats are different. These are not things to be thrown away. They harken to a time when people took pride in creating them. They became works of art. And the people who were lucky enough to purchase them took pride in caring for them and sharing them with others. As these boats pass from one owner to the next, we become stewards of the past and take responsibility for preserving them for future generations. That sentiment had never resonated with me more than it did in April when I received a message from the previous owners of our boat "Triple Crown".

In 2023, we bought a 1948 Century Sea Maid from Joe & Donna Vesely — a boat that had been in Joe's family since his parents first owned it. She was called the "Katy B," named after Joe's mother, Kathryn. From the moment we started talking to Joe about buying her, it was clear this wasn't just a boat. It was his pride and joy. We knew what that first conversation really was. Joe wasn't just answering our questions about the boat. He and Donna were quietly deciding if we were the right people to carry on her story; to be the future custodians of his prized boat.

This January, Joe passed away. A little while later, Donna reached out and asked if we'd bring the Katy B home to Cheat Lake, West Virginia, one more time — for Joe's memorial, to lead a flotilla of boats full of friends and family, to spread his ashes at his favorite spot on the water. There was no version of this where we said no.

We didn't get the chance to know Joe well ourselves, but that weekend we were welcomed like family. Joe's siblings each took a final ride on the boat that meant so much to them & their brother. We met so many of Joe's family, friends, and neighbors, and everyone had a story — stories & memories about the boat; about a kind, patient, and funny man who loved boating; and loved sharing this boat with others most of all.

When we pulled up to the Vesely's lake house, neighbors came down to see the boat again, pointing out it was affectionately known as "the oldest boat on the lake". One of the exchange students hosted by Joe and Donna traveled all the way from Canada and told us stories of how Joe was extra patient with her as she learned to water ski behind this boat. A friend told us how he and Joe would work on the engine in his garage late into the night. Another friend jokingly said that Joe's love for this boat kept the Miklos family and Rolling Rock beer in business. It was clear the Katy B was more than just a boat to everyone; it was the way in which Joe shared his life with others.

We've since renamed her "The Triple Crown." But make no mistake — the Katy B, and Joe, will always be part of who she is. Thank you, Vesely family, for trusting us with something so special. What a weekend it was. Fair winds and following seas my friend Joe...





A FREE BOAT and TRAILER has been offered to any deserving member or someone who knows someone who would like a “Project Boat” that had a lot of work already done to it. The boat is a 1958 Chris Craft 18’ Sea Skiff that has a unique Chrysler six cylinder engine that has a closed cooling system. The boat comes with a decent trailer and was in the Portage Lakes show 6 or 7 years ago. The owner is Dave Ross from the Kenmore area of Akron and can be reached at 330-310-7283.

**THERE IS NO CHAPTER MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.
CONTACT DAN RITCHEY IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE
ATWOOD LAKE FALL FESTIVAL LAND DISPLAY OCTOBER 4!**

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

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)