The Antique & Classic Boat Society & The Thousand Islands Chapter Invites You To...

THE 44TH ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY’S ANNUAL MEETING & BOAT SHOW
September 16-21, 2019

Photo Credit George Fischer
The Thousand Islands Chapter Welcomes You to the Pre-Events
September 15 – 19, 2019

The bi-national Thousand Islands Chapter is excited to host the 2019 ACBS International Boat Show and Meeting in Alexandria Bay, New York, in the heart of the Thousand Islands on the St. Lawrence River.

The Thousand Islands archipelago presents a unique boating experience with more than 1,800 islands filling the freshwater, international waterway along the first 50 miles of the upper St. Lawrence. From small rock shoals to large landmasses with communities and farms, the islands create thousands of different channels to explore. The granite geology is impressive; the natural surroundings are stunning, and the human history is rich and deep. It offers a fantastic boating experience as what better way to explore the geology, ecology and history than by boat?

We hope you’ll take full advantage of the innumerable opportunities for cruising among the islands, either on your own or as part of several guided or self-guided tours that we have planned for you. You’ll have a chance to visit two castles in one day, mysterious Singer Castle on Dark Island and world-famous Boldt Castle on Heart Island. You’ll see stately mansions and modest cottages, hotels, bridges and beautiful parks. And you’ll come up close with ships from all over the world on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In addition, you can plan your own optional side trips to Kingston, Brockville or Gananoque, Ontario—the latter being home to the Thousand Islands Boat Museum (bring your passports for trips to Canada). Or play a round of golf, or enjoy a few hours on the River with a professional fishing guide.

On the landside, we have planned a number of interesting activities for our ACBS-colleagues over the days leading up to the Show, including a special day at the Antique Boat Museum, visits to boatbuilding shops, several receptions and informal social gatherings for us. The ABM is right at home in one of our two partner communities, Clayton, NY. Clayton and Alexandria Bay offer a friendly and inviting “open house” atmosphere with plenty of boating activities, culinary adventures and history to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you in the Thousand Islands amidst the largest assemblage of antique and classic boats in one place—nearly 700 to view at the Antique Boat Museum, the Antique Boat America showroom, and the ACBS Boat Show.

Frederick H. “Fritz” Hager, President,
Thousand Islands Chapter

The Antique and Classic Boat Society Welcomes You to the 44th Annual Meeting & International Boat Show
September 19-21, 2019

Each year we look forward to this event and the fact that this year’s event is a “home game” for ACBS, with headquarters located just 11 miles south of Alexandria Bay, makes it especially exciting. On Wednesday, September 18th we invite you to visit the ACBS office as our day’s events will take place in Clayton.

In addition, we hope you have time in your schedule to participate in the Chapter Roundtable and the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 19th at the Riveredge Resort. The Chapter Roundtable and Annual Membership Meeting are opportunities for ACBS members to be part of the process of change as we move the organization forward.

The U.S-Canadian Border zigs and zags through the Thousand Islands Region from Cape Vincent, NY 50 miles downstream to Morristown, NY. We recommend that attendees bring a passport in order to take full advantage of the many opportunities also found in Gananoque and Kington, just across the river in Ontario, Canada.

ACBS and the Thousand Islands Chapter are working closely with the Village of Alexandria Bay and the Alexandria Bay Chamber to create a festive atmosphere and we look forward to drawing thousands of spectators and boating enthusiasts to the boat show.

We look forward to seeing you in New York this September.

Stan Struble, President and Dan Gyoerkoe, Executive Director

Photo Credit George Fischer - Antique Boat Museum
Event Descriptions

Note: Boldt Castle, a major landmark and tourist attraction, is must see during your stay in the Thousand Islands. Uncle Sam Boat Tours will offer a discounted price on tickets (Boldt Castle Shuttle and all tour options) to all ACBS members from Monday, September 16th through Saturday, September 21st.

Monday, September 16th – Singer Castle on Dark Island

Departing Alexandria Bay at 10:30am, a narrated boat ride on an Uncle Sam tour boat will allow you to enjoy the 12-mile journey downstream to one of the famous attractions in the Thousand Islands Region. Singer Castle is the only remaining/existing castle on the St. Lawrence River to be completed, fully furnished, and resided in during the heyday of the great builders and industrialists in New York. The Castle remained in the possession of the original owners, the Bourne family, from its construction in 1905 until the mid-1960’s. Frederick Bourne was the fifth President of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, which is where the name “Singer Castle” came from.

The return trip from Dark Island will feature a narrated boat ride, box lunch, and stop at Boldt Castle on Heart Island. Uncle Sam Boat Tours operates a boat shuttle from Heart Island to Alex Bay. Take your time at Boldt Castle and return to Alex Bay when you are ready.

Interested in driving your own boat? A limited number of spots are available for a guided flotilla to Dark Island. Your event ticket includes the narrated boat tour, box lunch and admission to Singer Castle. Admission to Boldt Castle is paid onsite.

Tuesday, September 17th – Wellesley Island

Departing Alexandria Bay at 9:30am, you will enjoy a guided cruise around Wellesley Island, one of the largest islands in the St. Lawrence River. Originally named Wells Island, the name was changed during an 1815 survey of the U.S.-Canada border by Captain William Fitzwilliam Owen to honor Arthur Wellesley.

The cruise will begin from the A-Bay Village docks after picking up a box lunch, guide book, and being matched with a guide boat for the trip. Participants will be treated to spectacular views of castles, cottages, and summer mansions while weaving in and out of hundreds of islands.

Boat captains will receive a custom-designed book guide book with charts, photos, historical information, and a box lunch. Passengers will receive a box lunch. After a day of boating, the Thousand Islands Chapter will host a reception from 5:30-7:30 at the Boldt Castle Yacht House (cost $20 pp).

Wednesday, September 18th – Visit Clayton, NY, and the Antique Boat Museum

A guided flotilla will launch from Alexandria Bay at 9:00am and travel upstream on the St. Lawrence River approximately 11 miles to Clayton, NY. Boats will dock at the Antique Boat Museum. If you prefer, you may drive your car to Clayton. Free admission to the Antique Boat Museum will be given to all registered ACBS members, including access to the off-campus Doebler Storage Building. The Village of Clayton offers museums, shops, restaurants, winery and distillery tastings, and more. The Clayton Chamber of Commerce will host a Fashion Show and Lunch at the Clayton Opera House. Enjoy a light lunch while viewing a variety of ensembles and accessories presented by local businesses. Cash bar will be available. Doors open at 11am. Please visit the unique stores in Clayton!

The Antique Boat Museum will host the ACBS Welcome Reception from 4:30-8:00. The Antique Boat Museum will surprise and delight you with a variety of opportunities to explore the Museum and meet our staff team and trustees. Enjoy swapping your favorite boating stories while taking in the views of the St. Lawrence River from the ABM’s 4.5-acre waterfront campus. Bask in the shine of the varnished mahogany that surrounds you while enjoying libations and hors d’oeuvres of the 1000 islands. The Museum is honored and excited to be part of the largest gathering of classic boats with our fellow boaters.

The guided flotilla will depart the Antique Boat Museum at 6pm for arrival in Alexandria Bay before sunset.

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Thursday, September 19th – ACBS Roundtable and Annual Membership Meeting

The Chapter Roundtable is from 8:30-10:30. The Annual Membership Meeting is from 10:45-2:00.

Boat Show Judging will begin at 2:00pm (and conclude by 5pm on Friday).

- Dinner on your own - Enjoy the local restaurants!

Friday, September 20th – ACBS International Boat Show

The Boat Show is open from 9:00am-5:00pm

Boat Show Judging will conclude by 5pm.

The Annual Scholarship Auction will be held at the Riveredge Resort starting at 6:00pm. A fireworks display will start at 8:00pm

Saturday, September 21st – ACBS International Boat Show

The Boat Show is open from 9:00am-4:00pm.

The Boat Show Class Awards Breakfast will be held from 10:30am-11:30am. Enjoy a light continental breakfast during the presentation of the Platinum, Gold, and Silver Award winners.

The ACBS Symposium will feature presentations on the history of boat building in the Thousand Islands Region.

The Awards Banquet will be held at Bonnie Castle Resort starting at 5:30pm. Live music will available in the lounge after the awards program.

Looking for area information, need a cup of coffee, or a drink before dinner? Are you interested in looking at more than 100 classic boats?

Antique Boat America will serve as a Hospitality Center from 7am to 7pm September 16th-20th.

Photo Credit George Fischer - Thousand Islands Sunset
Registration Form

Member:______________________________________ Guest:_______________________________________________

Additional Guests:________________________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone:________________________ Email:__________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:_________________________________________________________________________________________

ACBS Member Number:_____________ Primary Chapter:_________________________________________________

Pre-Event Registration Fee (required for each adult attending any Pre-Event) #____ X $20= ________
Singer Castle @ Dark Island  (Tour boat ride, Box Lunch & Castle admission) #_____ X $40= ________

Cruises:
❑ I will need a ride for the cruises
❑ I will use my own boat for the Pre-Event Cruises   ❑ I can host additional riders on my boat #__________
   • Singer Castle Cruise (space is limited - Box Lunch and Admission) #____ X $20=_______
   • Wellesley Island Cruise - Boat Captain (includes Guide Book & Box Lunch) #____ X $20=_______
   • Wellesley Island Cruise - Passenger (includes Box Lunch) #____ X $10=_______
   • Clayton Cruise (must register) #____

Thousand Islands Chapter Welcome Reception #_____ X $20= ________
Clayton Chamber Ladies Fashion Show & Lunch #_____ X $25= ________

ACBS Registration Fee (One Person NO BOAT) # $49
ACBS Registration Fee (Two People NO BOAT) # $98
   • Additional People (all adults must pay the ACBS registration fee) #_____ X $49=_______

ACBS Registration Fee (One Person ONE BOAT) Note: $144 after 8/1 # $114
ACBS Registration Fee (Two People ONE BOAT) Note: $193 after 8/1 # $163
   • Additional Boats Note: $95 after 8/1 #_____ X $65=_______

Wednesday Welcome Reception Sponsored by Antique Boat Museum (must register) #_____ Free
Annual Chapter Roundtable & Membership Meeting (must register) #_____ Free
   • Thursday Breakfast #_____ X $15=_______
   • Thursday Lunch #_____ X $20=_______

Friday Scholarship Auction (Enjoy Food Stations and a Cash Bar) #_____ X $40=_______
Saturday Boat Show Class Awards Breakfast (Light Continental) #_____ X $15=_______
   • Judged boats will receive 2 free tickets (must register) #____

Saturday Awards Banquet _____Prime Rib _____Rosemary Chicken _____Stuffed Sole #_____ X $40=_______

TOTAL (enter payment information bottom of next page) $___________
Boat Show Registration

Registration deadline for judged boats is August 31, 2019 (No Exceptions)

PLEASE MAIL YOUR PHOTO WITH YOUR NAME TO HQS@ACBS.ORG WHEN REGISTERING

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE ENTERED

Owner (only if different from member): __________________________________________

Boat Name: __________________________________________________________________ Year: _______ Length: _______ Beam: _______

Manufacturer: __________________________________________________________________ Model: __________________________________________________________________

Engine Make: __________________________________________________________________ Engine Model: __________________________________________________________________ Cyl: ______ Hp: ______

Please check: [ ] Wood   [ ] Non-Wood   [ ] Water Display   [ ] Land Display

Judge my boat: [ ] Yes   [ ] No   If yes, please check one [ ] Thursday (after 3pm) [ ] Friday

[ ] Preserved or [ ] Restored  * See Note below for rules and regulations

Please check category:
[ ] Utility   [ ] Runabout   [ ] Launch   [ ] Cruiser   [ ] Outboard with steering   [ ] Outboard without steering   [ ] Sailing
[ ] Inboard Race   [ ] Outboard Race   [ ] Rowing   [ ] Canoe

[ ] Unmounted Engine. Unmounted engines may be entered for judging. The limit is 3 engines per registration fee. List on separate sheet of paper

[ ] Diamond Circle (must have won best preserved, or best restored, or best non-wood between 2014-2018)

I have read and agree to the Insurance Waiver on pg. 7 (must be signed to place boat in show):

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________________

*Note: A preserved boat has at least 60% of the original deck and topside wood remaining, not including the bottom. A restored boat has less than 60% original wood remaining, not including the bottom.

Space in the boat show may be limited. Entries are processed in the order in which they are received. All boats must remain in place on Friday and Saturday (no launching boats after 8:00 am on Friday) All boats must be operational.

All boats to be judged must be in the water with the exception of canoes and small rowboats and boats subject to sinking, such as a Hydroplane with open spones, when not moving. An exception to the rule is boats damaged during the Pre-Events may be judged on the trailer if the damage creates an unsafe situation for the boats. All boats judged must come to the docks by their own power with the exception of direct drive boats, they may be towed to the dock.

Payment Information

[ ] Visa   [ ] MC   [ ] Discover   Card # _______ - _______ - _______ - _______ Exp Date: _______/______ CVV Code: _______

Name on Card: ____________________________________________ Zip code: __________________________

Card holder agrees to pay total amount due without signature. Receipt will be sent to the email provided.

Checks payable to ACBS should be mailed with registration forms to 422 James St. Clayton, NY 13624

Questions please call 315-686-2628 or email hqs@acbs.org
Insurance Waiver for All Boat Show Entrants

This statement certifies that I am the owner of the boat being registered. I am participating in the 2019 Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc’s International Boat Show and/or the Pre-Events sponsored by Antique and Classic Society and hosted by the Thousand Islands Chapter. This event will take place in the Village of Alexandria Bay docks September 20-21, 2019. Pre-Events during September 16-18, 2019 will be held at several Thousand Islands locations.

Owners who want boats judged are encouraged to be present at their boat when it is judged. By registering a boat to be judged, the owners explicitly grant permission for the judges to board their boat as may be needed to properly judge it, should the owner not be present. Judges are experienced in thee matters and take due care; however, owners agree that neither judges nor the sponsoring organization nor ACBS are liable for any damage that may occur during the judging process.

Further, I certify I currently have effective insurance to cover any damage to my boat, and to cover my liability for any damages to others, or their property, arising from any use of my boat during this event.

I hold free and harmless the officers and volunteers of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc., the Thousand Islands Chapter, Village of Alexandria Bay, any sponsors and/or advertisers, from any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability which in any manner arise, or be alleged to arise, from any and all activities, connected directly or proximately with the Boat Show or Pre-Events listed above.

Photo credit George Fischer - Boldt Castle on Heart Island