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2018 Lake Ray Hubbard Ride-N-Show

The Bow ... A short message from our president

Errr, from the *Vice President.....*

Fellow members:

I hope you-all are in the midst of a great holiday season. I know Lisa and I are. In addition to the normal hubbub of this time of year, we are currently planning for our keynote show in May. Some tweaking is afoot!

As some of you may already know, the 2019 Keels and Wheels **Concours D'Elegance in Seabrook is coming up this May 4-5.**

Exhibitor registration for the 2019 event will be done online this year. Instructions on filling out the registration and registration form can be found on the website

(Keels-Wheels.com)

under the "Entry info"

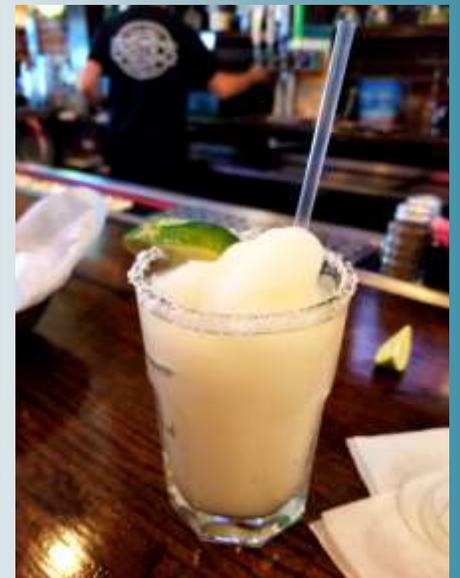
page. Registration is now open and will close March 1st, so get your registration in soon! See you at the show.

Lindy Robinson
VP, Southwest Chapter
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Lake Ray Hubbard Ride-N-Show ...with the North Texas WBA folks. Enjoy the photos and the memories. June 2018. The 2018 June WBA Ride N Show was held at the Bass Pro Shop on Lake Ray Hubbard in Dallas, Texas. Antique boats were exhibited on both land and water.







The wind was howling all **weekend, but this didn't** deter a wide selection of vintage craft and a ram-bunctious group of revel-ers!



The host was the spec-tacular Bass Pro Shop.

The hotel was a gen-tle walk away.



Right, folks milling about on the apron of the entrance to Bass Pro Shop.



Below Chris Craft and Century owners telling lies.

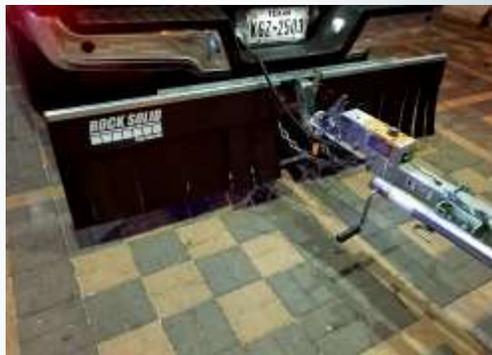






Above, a classic Cowell. Below, folks enjoying their Chris.





Above, A 16 foot Gar-Wood tied up on the calm side of the floating docks.

Left: Sometimes, its interesting to see who has better ideas in trailering!



2 beautiful **Donzis... a Sweet 16** on the trailer, and an 18 bobbing in the water.

Don Aro-
now—the colorful boat racer, builder, and icon—started building them in 1964. They are still being built, with the same classic good looks and performance.





Beautiful pre-war Chris Craft 18 from Lake LBJ. Antique and vintage boats were exhibited on both land and water.



Other locations have been tried in the past, but this venue has the most to offer. Shopping, restaurants, hotels, docks, the lake. All within a short stroll.

Here you can see,

amidst the beautiful Chris Craft, quite the crowd milling about. Ample room was available on the apron to the Bass Pro entrance, the huge parking lot, and the terrific floating docks just steps away.





Dinners were held both Friday and Saturday nights, and a Sunday brunch at the Hilton followed. All for the club members and their friends.

The Sunday brunch was sandwiched between the running shots of the boats in formation, and the good-byes of the attendees.



We are certainly looking forward to this event next year!

Right and below, a spectacular Chrysler outboard with a very interesting console layout.





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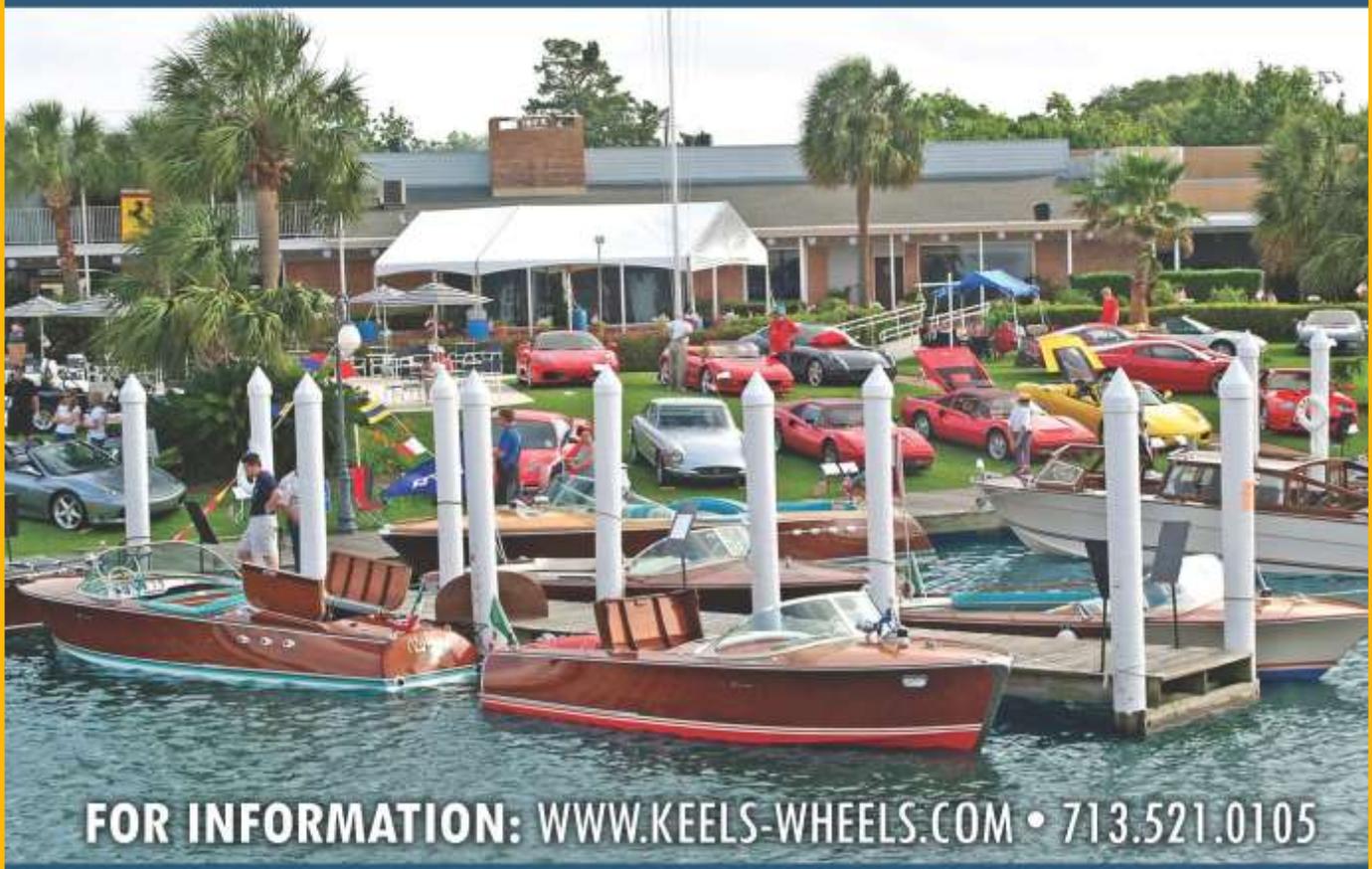
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IN DEFENSE OF BILGES

**And so, from hour to hour, we ripe and ripe
And then, from hour to hour, we rot and rot
And thereby hangs a tale.**

Wayne Elliott

The Bard must have owned a classic wooden boat if one has a bit of imagination. Our boats come out of restoration, “ripe and ripe”, to then “rot and rot”. No modern day mycologist could have scarcely said it better.

Living in the deep South we are constantly aware of this silent cause of death to our wooden craft. The advent of “5200 bottoms”, cold molded construction and modern day coatings have been truly miraculous in putting off this day of reckoning.

The existence of rot depends upon the presence of proper fungus spores, adequate moisture and susceptible types of wood. Oddly enough, complete immersion or one hundred percent humidity actually inhibits rot. When the wood moisture content exceeds thirty percent or the relative humidity exceeds eighty five percent then the fungus spores will replicate and rot becomes a problem.

The term “dry rot” is the appearance of rot with no apparent source of moisture.

The species of fungi responsible for this phenomenon has the facility to transport moisture over considerable distances into areas of no apparent sources of moisture.

It is *Serpula lacrymans* (Latin: the “weeping snake”), a common species of fungus which has this pernicious ability.



Right: Wayne aboard his 1967 Century in happy times.

Unventilated “crawl spaces” in buildings are well known harbors of rot and therein lies one problem in our frequently unventilated, tarp covered boats which are usually suspended in boat houses over water.

Let's be practical; leaving an unattended, uncovered boat in Southern climes is an invitation for all sorts of detritus and uninvited varmints to inhabit one's bilges.

There are several methods which I have found to be effective keeping my boat clean and sweet smelling.

First, a linear split in the boat cover with closure snaps and Velcro edges will allow the boat to be covered during winter storage for replacement of humidity which prevents plank warping. The ventilation split in the cover is bridged with ordinary flexible vinyl screening for summertime storage.

Next, a discount store plastic fan on a household timer will reduce the heat and humidity during the warm hours of the day.

Lastly, a couple of handfuls of granular copper sulfate in the bilge will help sterilize any remaining garden spots for fungi.

Copper is close enough on the periodic charts to commonly used boat hardware to not be a problem – except for galvanized parts.

While I do not pretend to be an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of wood rot I can say confidently that the above suggestions have been successful in avoiding this problem in my '67 Century for over twenty years.



Above: Wayne checking the bilge of his '67 Arabian, before judging.

Related BoatUS article

<https://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2011/january/freshair.asp>

Upcoming Events

January 4-13, 2-19

Houston Int'l Boat Show

NRG Center, Houston, Texas

March 21-24, 2019

Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival

Tavares, Florida

May 11, 2019

Eagle Mountain Classic

Fort Worth Boat Club

May 2-5, 2019

Keels and Wheels

Seabrook, Texas

*** Get your hotel reservations asap!

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From the Editor...

Craig here. One of the ways we correspond with our membership is through this newsletter. We all like to here about stories, dramas, and tales our fellow vintage boaters have run across. Please, if you're willing, share it! Send me an email or call me and I'll write a quick story for you to review before publishing. Your peers want to hear from you!

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Craig