

# *Sou Wester*

*The Southwest Chapter-Antique & Classic Boat Society  
serving Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.*

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# A message from your Southwest Chapter President

*Hello all,*

It was a fun spring boating season this year. Lisa and I started with a trip to Florida for the Sunnyland Chapter's show at Tavares/Lake Dora in late March. This was our first time going to their show and we enjoyed it very **much. If you haven't been, it** is well worth making the trip. We are looking forward to returning next year. We signed up for the post-show St Johns River Cruise, and despite having engine problems with **Class of 59', we** managed to participate in the cruise by hitching rides **on other people's boats. The** generosity of our members is just one of the things that I love about the ACBS. We **hope to have '59 back in action** in time for the international show in Burlington Vt.





**In early April, we kicked off the Southwest Chapter's season with our inaugural rendezvous at Lake Conroe.** This was a joint activity with the WBA of North Texas and the Houston Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club. There were about 30 people and 12 boats for this **first event. We are hoping to have many more of these "Rendezvous" at the Margaritaville Resort on Lake Conroe in the years to come.**

April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> was the Keels & Wheels show in Seabrook. This was our 26<sup>th</sup> year to help with the show and it is always a good time. Thanks to all of you who volunteered with launching, placing, and retrieving the boats as well as setting up and taking down of the placard stands. And a special thanks to Lisa for organizing the Hospitality Tent. Thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers we managed to have another successful show this year despite the reduced number of exhibitors and attendees. The Keels & Wheels Board is already at work on next years show. Mark your calendars for the May 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 show now.

May 7<sup>th</sup> **was WBA's show at the Fort Worth Boat Club on Eagle Mountain Lake.** Though not an official Southwest Chapter event, this is always a fun show and there are a number of us who are members of both groups.

The ACBS Annual Meeting and International Boat Show will be September 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Burlington Vt. The annual meeting and show is a great event. If you have not attended one, you should consider doing so in the near future. As with all our activities, it is not necessary to bring a boat to attend and enjoy the company of your fellow Society Members and see all the interesting boats that show up.

The final Chapter event for the year will be the Hill Country Show at **the Horseshoe Bay Resort on Lake LBJ. This "Ride & Show" is another joint venture with the WBA and is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. The "Show" portion of the event will be on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, the informal "Ride" portion usually begins on Thursday and continues through Sunday.** You are welcome to come for as much or as little of the event as you can. For more information about this event, you can contact Scott Reichardt.

# Lake Conroe Rendezvous

Lindy Robinson

In early January Lisa Robinson and Mark Betner began discussing organizing a Chapter Rendezvous at Lake Conroe. Mark began checking out potential venues since he is a Conroe resident. He came back with a recommendation that we pursue scheduling an event at the Margaritaville Resort. Mark and Lisa sched-

uled an appointment to meet with the Manager of the resort, and he agreed to allow us use of their launch ramp and boat slips for the weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup>. He also agreed to discounted room rates for our members. I sent out an announcement and an entry form to the Chapter Membership and asked the President of the WBA of North Texas and the President of the Houston Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club to forward both to their membership as well.

We had about 30 people and about 12 boats that came to the event. Some of us arrived on Friday afternoon and others arrived on Saturday morning. About 10 - 20 of us stayed one or two nights at the resort. On Friday evening several of us went to Fajita Jacks for dinner.





On Saturday morning boats were launched and brought around to the slips in the lagoon behind the resort. The morning was very windy so most of the boats remained in the shelter of the protected lagoon. A few brave souls did venture out into the Lake for a morning run. We had lunch at the Landshark Grill on the property, and more boats ventured out onto the Lake in the afternoon. Some of the boats pulled out and went home late Saturday afternoon. A number of us who stayed went to the Pizza Shack for dinner on Saturday.



Sunday morning arrived with calm winds and several boats went out for a morning run before loading out and heading home. Overall, it was a successful and enjoyable weekend and we hope that this will become an annual event. The Margaritaville Resort is an excellent venue with very good facilities for this type of event and they have the space for us to grow the event in the future.

















































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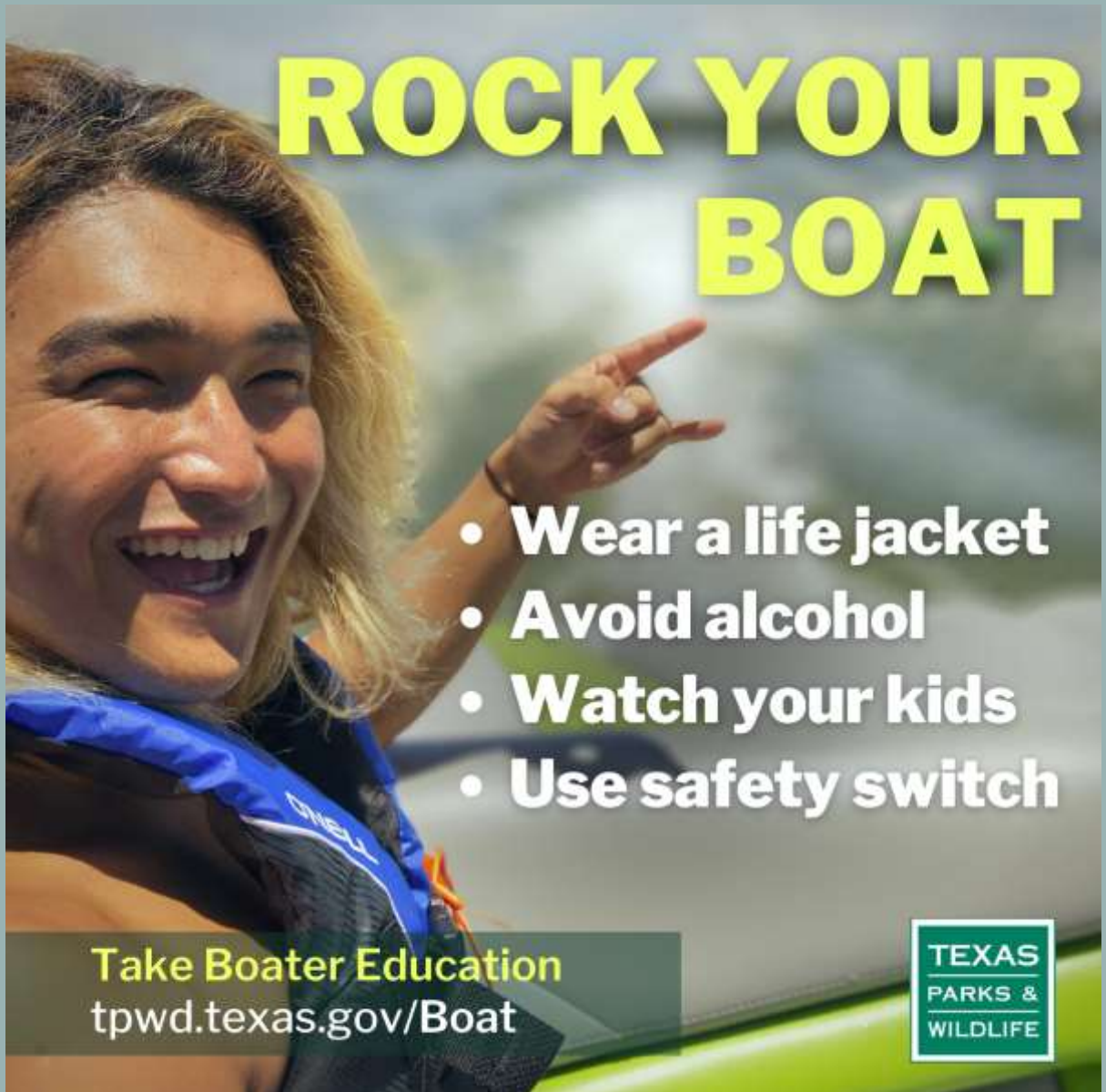


# Southwest's Safety Corner

*By Craig Stanfield*

Most members of the Southwest Chapter live in the Texas area. For this newsletter, we will briefly discuss The Texas Boater Education Certification Course.

The Texas Water Safety Act is renewed every 2 years (apparently when legislature meets). Therefore, there are new regulations that have gone into effect for 2021-2023. Basically, anyone that was born after September 1st, 1993, is required to hold a Boater Education Certification from an authorized vendor.



## ROCK YOUR BOAT

- **Wear a life jacket**
- **Avoid alcohol**
- **Watch your kids**
- **Use safety switch**

**Take Boater Education**  
[tpwd.texas.gov/Boat](http://tpwd.texas.gov/Boat)

TEXAS  
PARKS &  
WILDLIFE



## Safety

### **Who must take boater education?**

Anyone born on or after September 1, 1993 who operates any vessel over 15 horsepower, wind-blown vessel over 14 feet and all personal watercraft. Boater Education is also required for certain violations of the Texas Water Safety Act.

### **What does the course cost?**

Fees start at \$11 for a basic course and vary depending on in person or online courses.

### **Who must be certified to operate a vessel alone?**

In Texas a person cannot operate a windblown vessel over 14 feet in length, a motorboat with more than 15 horsepower, or personal watercraft if he/she was born on or after September 1, 1993: unless he/she has passed a boater education class or equivalency examination prescribed by the department.

### **Who can operate a PWC?**

NOTE: Children under 13 are specifically prohibited from operating a PWC unless accompanied on board by a person at least 18 years of age who is legally authorized to operate a PWC.

*To operate a PWC, the operator must meet one of the following:*

- Born on or after September 1, 1993 and passed a boater education class or equivalency examination prescribed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Persons requiring boater education who have not completed it must be accompanied by a person 18 years of age (who can legally operate) or older.

### **Is there a minimum operator age?**

To operate a vessel alone in Texas, a boater must be 13 years of age to operate a vessel of more than 15 horsepower; or windblown vessel over 14 feet in length; and meet the education requirements stated above.

### **What forms of identification does a person have to carry on board?**

Persons subject to this law must have a picture identification card and a boater education certification card issued by the department in their possession.

### **Are there any exemptions to the mandatory education law?**

A person may purchase a one-time 15 day boater education deferral at any place hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

### **Is there another way a person can get certified, other than taking an approved classroom course?**

A person may take an online certification course. Approved courses are listed on the Boater Education web page.

### **Can I be required to take a boater education course?**

Courts have the authority to require a boater education course for violators of certain offenses.

### **May I have an open container on a boat?**

Open containers are legal, but operators of boats are subject to boating while intoxicated laws, similar to driving a vehicle. Operators or passengers may also be subject to public intoxication laws. Drinking and boating is DANGEROUS and the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

### **Will my boater education from another state work in Texas?**

Boaters visiting from another state must follow Texas boater education laws. Texas does recognize and accept state approved courses from all 50 states. The operator must have proof of boater education and proper identification to meet Texas law.



## Safety

**The courses listed below are certified providers for the State of Texas.\***

Online boater education courses teach you necessary safety equipment, navigation rules, how to operate your boat and state laws for boating. We encourage everyone who plans to operate a motorboat, sailboat, paddle craft or personal watercraft to take a course. Anyone born on or after September 1, 1993 who wishes to operate certain vessels on the public waterways of Texas must take a boater education course and keep a copy of their certification with them while operating a vessel. See [Water Safety Act](#) for details

Choose a Course:

[BOATERexam.com](#)

[Boat-ed](#)

[BOATsmart](#)

[BoatUS](#)

[iLearnToBoat](#)





## Safety

The moral to this Safety Corner is to be safe, be vigilant, be legal, and be ready for the PoPo. The previous information was taken off the tpwd.texas site. The below photo was stolen off WeRateDogs on Twitter. His name is Duke.

**AND....I have read that BoatUS is the only FREE online Boater Safety Certification.**

Craig





# Upcoming Events

Sept 5-10, 2022

ACBS International Show

Burlington, Vermont

Oct 7-9, 2022

Austin/Hill Country Lake LBJ Show and  
Colorado River Cruise

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

April, 2023

Conroe Rendevous

Margaritaville, Lake Conroe

May 4-7, 2023

Keels and Wheels

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas

*As always, please confirm with a board member.  
These are tentative dates, especially those furthest  
away. And there's more to come for the summer and  
fall!*

## The Board....

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*For detailed information and vision of the Antique  
and Classic Boat Society, go to **ACBS.org**.*

**We're also on Facebook as ACBS Southwest  
Chapter - Vintage Boating  
And Instagram as acbssouthwestchapter**

## Musings from the editor...

Roses are red,  
The paints ah peelin  
Violets are blue  
The sun's affectin my feelin

If the weather's  
Got ya tied  
Jumble some notes  
On that perilous last ride.

It don't have to be pretty  
Good grammar and spelling are not a big deal  
The world wants to know  
Your stories, for real!

Ill fix it, Ill fake it  
For the world to see  
Just gimme something  
To put in this rag, that's the key.

