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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

Greetings Southwest Chapter Members,

The spring boating season for 2026 is now upon us. The Sunnyland Chapter's Florida Show has just occurred, and *Keels & Wheels* is coming up very soon (April **25th & 26th**). **If you haven't registered for *Keels & Wheels* yet**, get on the website www.keels-wheels.com and get your registration in now. Registrations are coming in, but very slowly. We need you and your boat at the show.

The Heartland Chapter has the *Hot Springs Classic* at Hot Springs, Arkansas on the first weekend of May, and our North Texas friends will be supporting the Eagle Mountain Boat Club's *Wood, Waves & Wheels* near Fort Worth the weekend after that. You can contact Clay Thompson for information on the Hot Springs show, and Trey Bull for the Fort Worth show.

The Lake LBJ Rendezvous is scheduled for the weekend of October 10th. I am already working with our contacts at the Horseshoe Bay Resort. I will put out updates as we get closer to the date of the show.

The ACBS International Show in Port Huron, MI is on track for September 13-20.

Have a great spring of safe boating. We look forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Lindy Robinson







**Keels and Wheels
2026! The 30th,
coming April 23rd (for
the EarlyBird Cruise)
to April 26th.**



Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival

Several of us Southwest members attended the first event of the year, the Sunnyland event. Its held the last end of March annually. Enjoy the photos.





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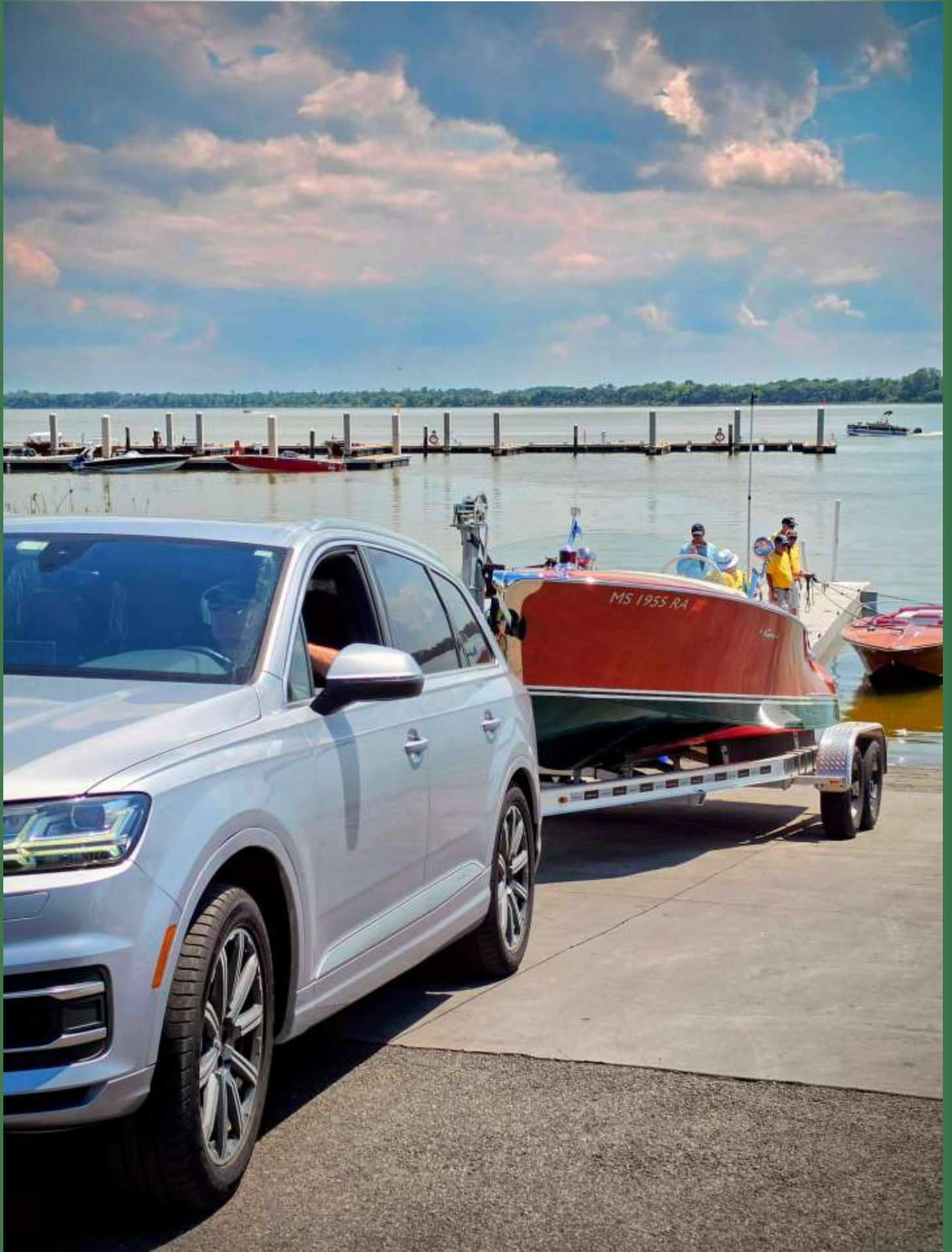
**A toast to a lost friend.....Scott
“MadPoodle” Baxter. And below, a
sampling of the Donzis that he
loved.**















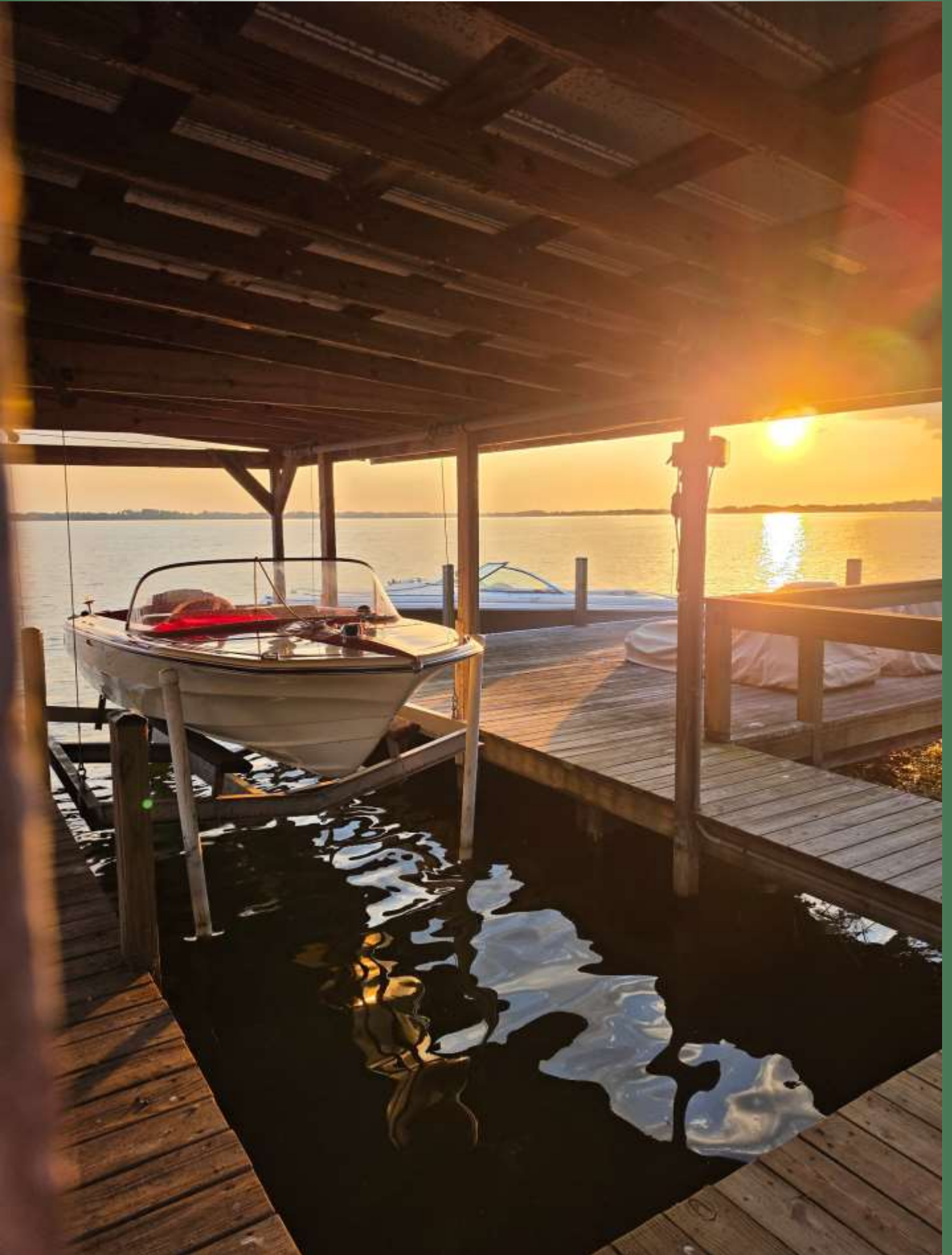


























***Keels and Wheels
weekend!***

**Friday morning cruise
to breakfast...leaving
inner harbor 830ish.
Details to follow.**

Southwest's Safety Corner

Clean Water by Craig Stanfield

Sometimes things are easy, but sometimes they are not. Like docking in a heavy wind. Or piloting a narrow passage with current. Or getting along with others!

On my BossaNova, I found myself changing the oil pan while the boat was in the boathouse over the water. Oil pans being oil pans, and boats being boats, the aftermath was a mess. Safety wise, we must protect the waters we so enjoy.

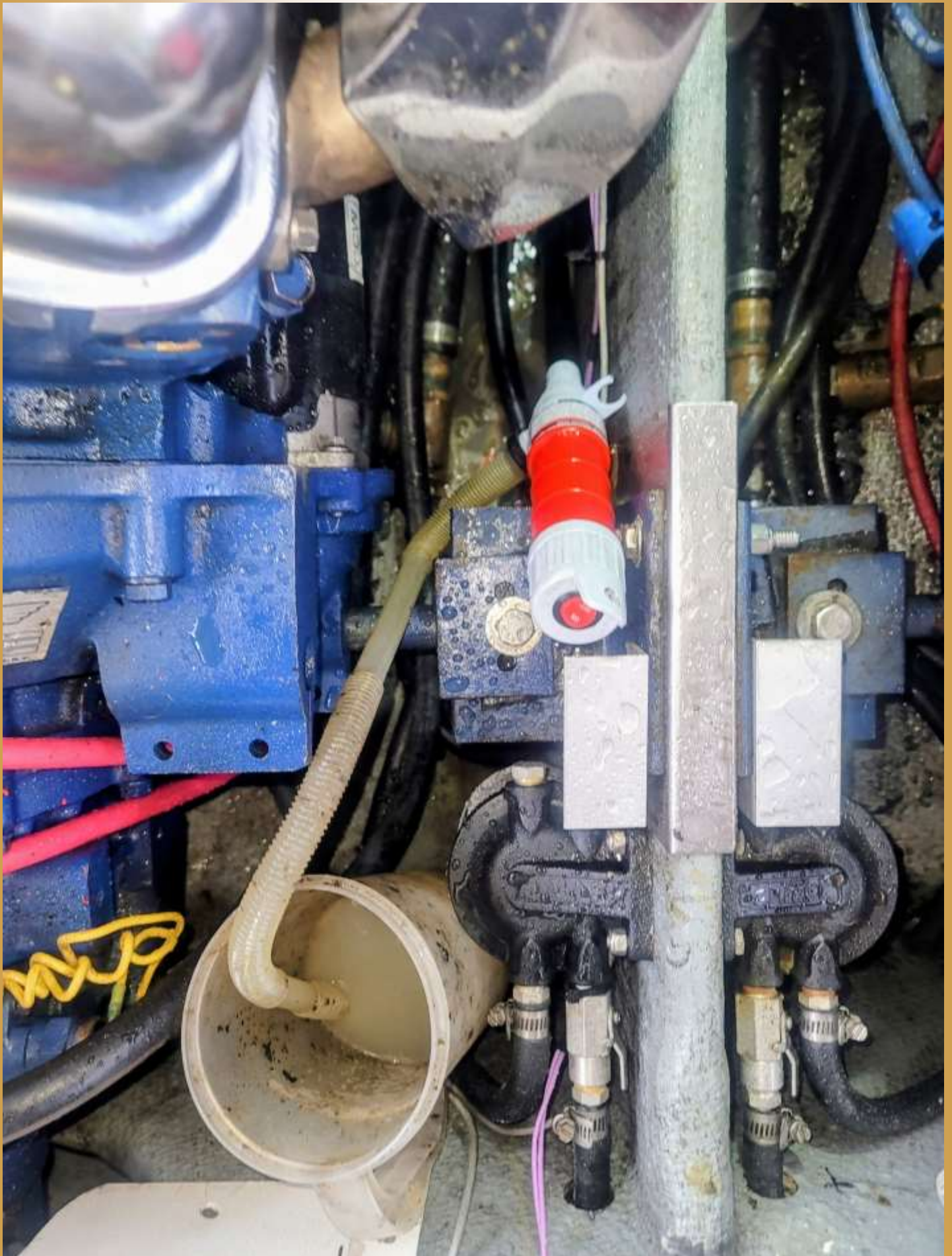
I couldn't flush the bilge, as the Nova wasn't on a trailer. I looked online and in at the big box stores and at Harbor Freight. I found this self powered (two D cell batteries) that did the trick. I first passed on it because, at \$13.99 plus batteries, it was too pricey to experiment.

However, when I noticed it went on sale (and my bilge still looked like the Exxon Valdez), I went for it.

This transfer pump allows me to remove the water by situating the pickup where needed. Its fast, easy, fairly sturdy, and \$5.99 when on sale. It does require batteries, and their life is relatively short. Im ok with that.

My two cents.
Criag





Upcoming Events

**April 23-26, 2026*

Keels & Wheels

Seabrook, Texas

**May tbd 2026*

Lake Conroe Rendezvous

Postponed until 2027

**May 1-3, 2026*

Hot Springs Classic

Hot Springs, Arkansas

**May 9, 2026*

Wood Waves, and Wheels

Fort Worth Boat Club

**September 13-20, 2026*

ACBS International Show

Port Huron, Michigan

**October 8-11, 2026*

Lake LBJ Rendezvous

Details to follow

**As always, please confirm with a board member. These are tentative dates, especially those furthest away.*

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Members
 Current 71
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For individual contact information, go to

Southwest-acbs.org

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

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Musings from the editor...

*Roses are red,
 Violets blue
 Im so glad my user boat
Doesn't have the flu.*

*I need some words,
 Ples too
 Help me get the
 Next newsletter
 Through.*

*Keels is this month
 I can hardly wait
 If the boat runs
 And im not late.*

Craig

