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A message from your Southwest Chapter President

Greetings,

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Keels & Wheels. We had a successful show and a great time thanks to all the exhibitors and volunteers. If you were not able to attend this year, please put us on your schedule for next Year. Next year's show will be held May 4th&5th.

This year's ACBS International Show will be held September 10th-16th at Bay Harbor, Michigan. Information is available on the ACBS website. I'm hoping to see many of you there. This will be the first time we judge rest-mods...

International Vintage Boating Day is August 19th. This is a growing event where local clubs meet and go boating, or individuals take their boats out for a run on their favorite lake. Be sure to take photos and send them to our Newsletter Editor for inclusion in our next newsletter.

We are still working on the Lake LBJ Show. The date is set for October 14th. Further details will be forthcoming soon.

Lindy Robinson



In the photo to the right, Lisa and Lindy are passing out shot glasses to toast the **members we've lost in the last year.**

Several of us spoke of the **characters of the 3 Ji's (Jim, John, and Jon)** that we had lost over the winter. There **weren't many dry eyes in the tent.** This was done after the closure of our annual meeting at Keels and Wheels this past May.

To Jim Blair,
John Platou, and
Jon Stroble,
*Fair Winds and Following
Seas*



Keels & Wheels 2023



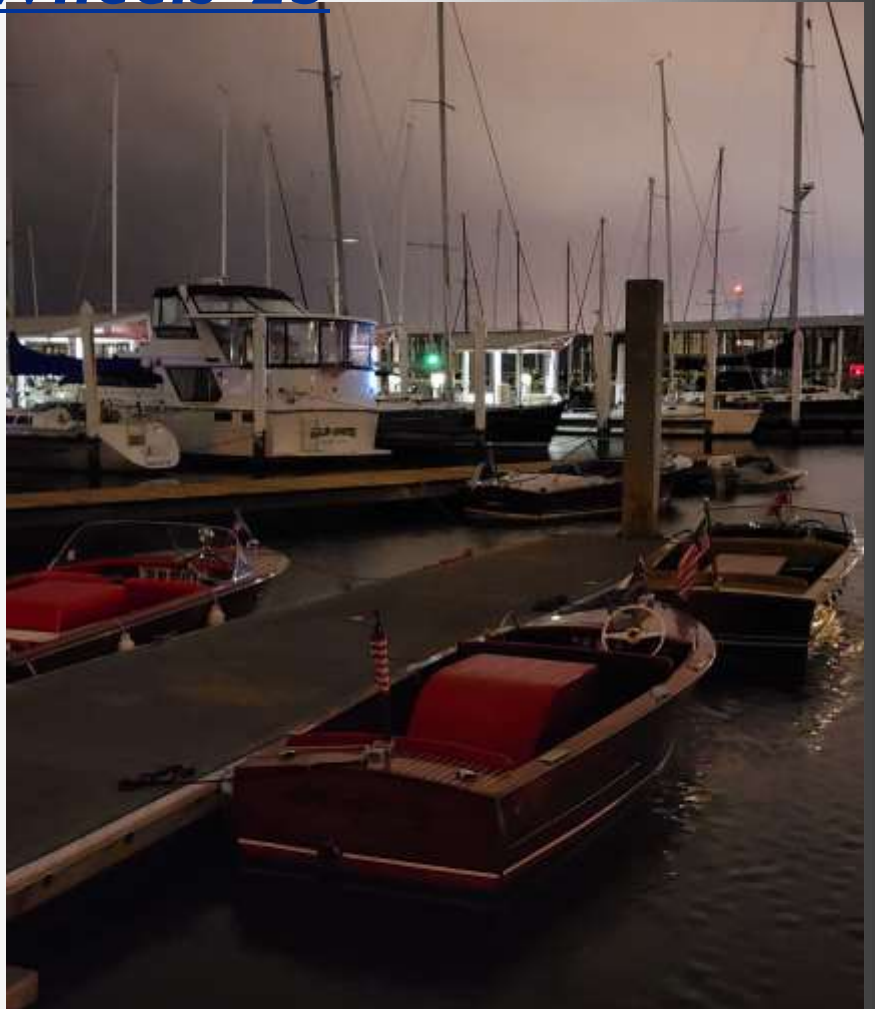
Keels and Wheels day 1, Thursday.

The Pre-Cruise to Sunset Grill to get the party started. Several boats, and many revelers. We packed the venue. **The esteemed editor was “that close”** to being towed back to Lakewood by the saviors on the Lyman 26. Ignition bugs that wouldn't be sorted for another thirty days.





Keels & Wheels '23



Friday was spent launching, and socializing. Careful placement on the docks were also an agenda item, thanks to our esteemed dockmaster.



Keels & Wheels '23

Saturday morning is always frenzied. Good day-break, followed by breakfast and **judges' meeting.**

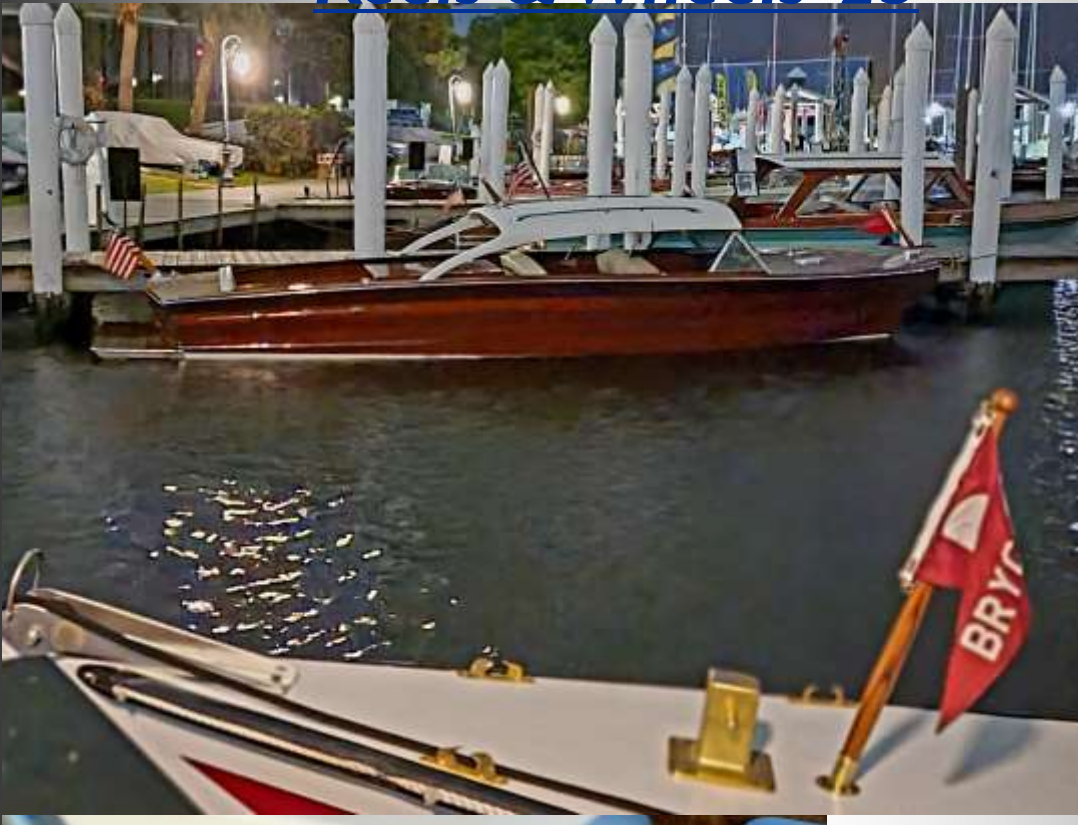
Before and after, **the judges' meeting,** the captains were found getting waterspots removed from their gleaming decks, putting Windex on the glass, and installing their favorite burgee.

The judges start making their rounds about opening time of the show (9am) and spend their attention equally between the beautiful vessels and their knowledgeable owners.





Keels & Wheels '23





More Saturday. With judging over, the day became more relaxed and lended time for reminiscing, talking of future cruises, and admiring **others' boats.**



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Sunday, day 4. A final time to catchup with others, have our chapter meeting, toast our fallen comrades (always too many, but especially this year), load up and a final traditional Mexican fiesta.





With Sunday came precipitation. Our boats are built for the water, and so are we (note gear one participant was wearing). Lower right, Sunday's farewell dinner



Southwest's Safety Corner

State Boater Safety Classes, who needs them? By Craig Stanfield

I do. And folks born after 1993. And, like me, those a little rusty in the skills department.

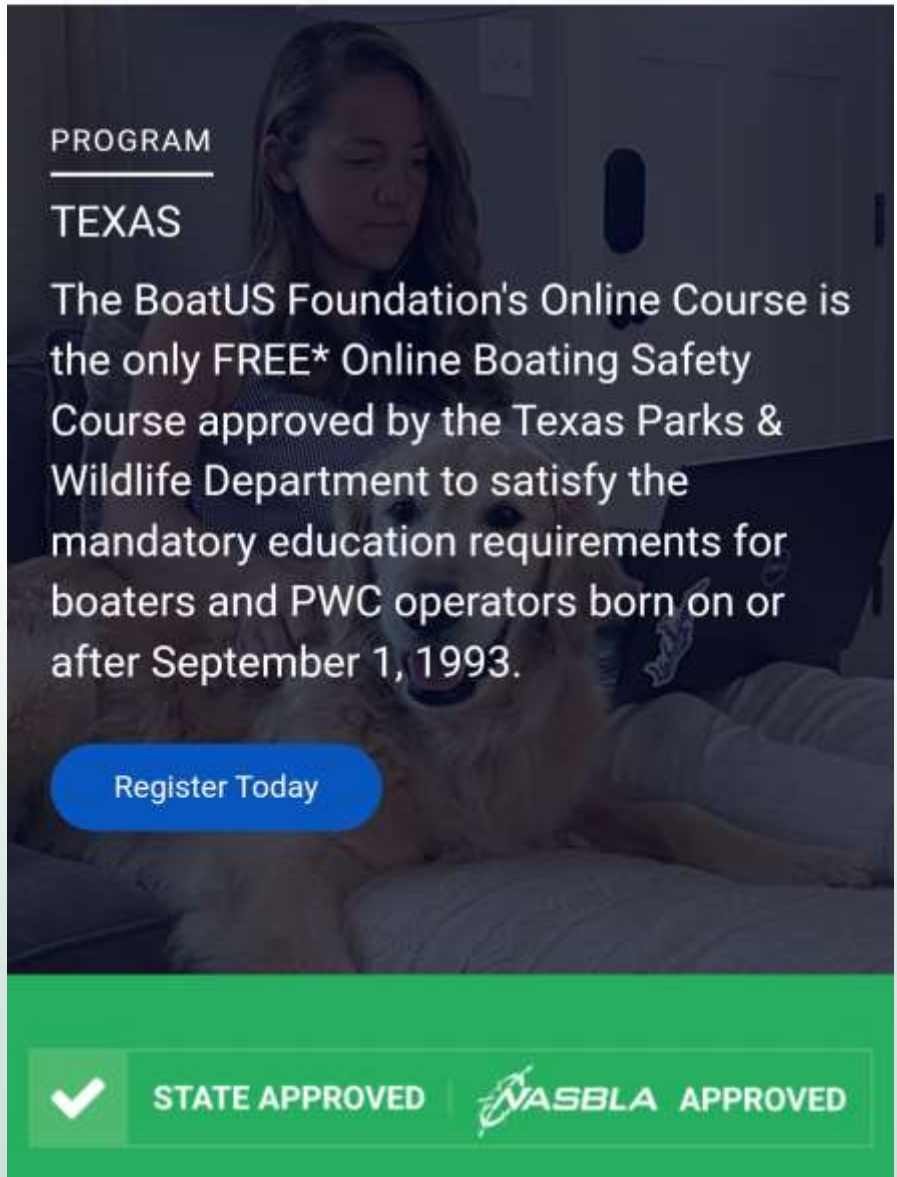
So, who doesn't like to go to school? (everyone raises their hand!).

Here I was, whining with my State Farm agent over the cost of liability **insurance, when they said "be sure and take the Texas Boater Safety Course to get your discount."**

That certainly got my attention. As I was at the time on alligator watch in Florida, I went online and found that I could take the class free (well, plus a few bucks to the governor for state auditing) thru Boat US. It saved me 10%. Every little bit helps!

Btw, yes some were very easy. But **some questions weren't.** I didn't get every answer right. I passed by my chinky chin chin.

I'd like to think I'm smarter for it.



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 of

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A few questions answered from tpwd.texas.gov

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.



Upcoming Events

August 19, 2023 see the president's message.

International Vintage Boating Day

September 10-16, 2023

ACBS International Show

Bay Harbor, Michigan

October, 14-15, 2023 details to follow

Lake LBJ Hillcountry Ride n Show

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

March tbd 2024 dates and details to follow

Sunnyland boat Festival

Tavares, Florida

April tbd, 2024 dates and details to follow

Lake Conroe Rendevous

The Landing, Lake Conroe, Texas

May 2-5, 2024

Keels and Wheels

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas

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Musings from the editor...

Roses are red
Jeez its hot
My fingers are burning
Michigan this is not

Me? I try and leave the dock at ten
at a tic over 90 degrees to lunch I arrive
She takes me back home
To the to the truck's ac to revive

However your boat
She does need taken
Part of the family
Shouldn't be forsaken

a hot boating day
as bleak as it may sound
is always far better
than the alternative, I have found

So time your departure
To be buttoning her up
Before the sun's zenith
Makes our skin erupt

So get a plan
after you've submitted me an article
lets get off our duffs
—— don't be a barnacle