



Our Scholarship Endowment Fund is Growing Again

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Enclosed in this issue of *Rudder* is your copy of our 2008-2009 Scholarship Endowment Fund-raising brochure. It has four key elements—Tradition, Heritage, Preservation and Education—that describe why each of us should consider making a donation to our Scholarship Endowment Fund either this year or next year, or more importantly, in both years.

The endowment, which provides financial assistance to deserving individuals, was established in 1998 by two board members; they clearly saw the need for and had the foresight to fund a way to train students who in turn would help preserve, restore and therefore protect antique and classic boats. The fund has assets of almost \$140,000 and has had wonderful support from many members and chapters over the last ten years.

So far, the fund has donated more than \$8,000 to four schools that teach students to preserve and restore historic, antique and classic boats.

“Our first class of seven “boat builders” graduated recently. We already have 10 students registered for the next nine-month session, which begins in September 2008. Your organizations generous contribution to our scholarship fund is a great help to deserving students seeking the education necessary for a career in boat building or restoration.”

Dave Lesh, Director, Great Lakes Boat Building School

The ACBS wants to donate more than \$8,000 a year to schools with deserving students who show a keen interest and have the skills to help us fulfill a significant part of our Mission Statement: “To protect the heritage of boating by promoting first, the preservation and second, the restoration of historic, antique and classic boats.”

“On behalf of The Landing School, I would like to thank ACBS Inc. and their members for their generous donation to our scholarship fund. Your contribution of \$2000 will provide tremendous support to one or two of our boatbuilding students enrolled in our 2008-2009 program.”

Jade Elliott, Director of Student Services, The Landing School

To increase our annual donation level we need to increase the assets of our Endowment Fund. We need you to help the Society reach its goal to build the Fund to \$300,000 by the end of 2009. At a \$300,000 level we can increase the size of our donations and/or provide more donations to deserving individuals.

You can help grow our Scholarship Endowment Fund by completing the return card attached to the brochure. Please give generously today and send your donation to: The Antique and Classic Boat Society, 422 James Street, Clayton, NY 13624.

A charitable contribution tax receipt in the amount of your donation will be sent to you for your 2008, your 2009 income tax return...and beyond!

Help us get to our goal!

If you have any questions please call Jamie Smith, 705 645 1991.

ACBS EARLY YEARS HISTORY REQUEST

We here at the *Rudder* are pleased to help Dave in his search for historical information concerning the early days of our organization. We’re looking forward to reporting on his results in a future edition.

David Kidd, ACBS past president, has been asked by several people to write the history and events of the early years of our Society. Before undertaking what could be a year-long project, Dave asked several people who attended last year’s Annual Meeting in Lake George if they thought there was sufficient interest in such a publication and the response was very positive.

Since being introduced to ACBS in 1976 and serving as its third president, Dave’s own files contain a wealth of information of the early years and beyond. What’s missing is information about the experiences of others who were a part of those years. Dave would like to hear from past presidents, officers, board members, chapter presidents, founders, charter members...in fact anyone who has a story to tell or an interesting anecdote from 1975 to 1985. He would appreciate any contribution that others are willing to share; due credit will be given to all contributors. Dave’s address is: 608 Michelle Way, Schenectady, New York 12304

CRUISE TO BAHAMAS WITH YOUR BOARD

In a break with tradition, our Board of Directors recently voted to hold next winter’s meeting at sea...aboard the Royal Caribbean ship the *Monarch of the Seas*. This four-night cruise will leave Port Canaveral, Florida, on Monday, January 19, 2009—the Martin Luther King Holiday. We will spend a day at a private island and a day in Nassau, Bahamas. The BOD meeting will be on Thursday, during our day at sea; disembarking will be on Friday morning.



For those of you who will fly into Orlando on Sunday, arrangements are available for lodging, with transportation to the ship on Monday.

Upon Friday’s return, there is a special excursion to tour the Kennedy Space Center with transportation to the airport later that day; this shore excursion can be booked directly through Royal Caribbean online. Any information you need can be answered by contacting: Lynne Steidle, AAA Travel Agent, (925) 808-6263, e-mail: Lynne_Steidle@csaa.com

This meeting afloat will be a unique team-building experience and family and guests are encouraged to participate. Please e-mail me with

any questions you may have: ACBS Meeting Coordinator Cynthia McMillen; Cynorinda@aol.com