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*The Southwest Chapter-Antique & Classic Boat Society  
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# A message from your Southwest Chapter President

## **Season's Greetings,**

I hope this edition of our Chapter Newsletter finds you all healthy and enjoying the season. Our Lake LBJ Show in October was great fun, but we could have used more Boaters & Boats. Planning is already well underway for our 2024 schedule of shows and events.

The 2024 Lake Conroe Rendezvous is scheduled for April 12-14th. We have blocked 10 units with boat slips again at The Landing at Severn Coves. Detailed information will be provided in January.

The 28th Annual Keels & Wheels Concours at Lakewood Yacht Club here in Seabrook is scheduled for May 4 & 5. We will be celebrating 60 years of the Ford Mustang and 60 years of Donzi Boats. If you know any Donzi owners or Mustang owners, spread the word. The Keels & Wheels Uncorked Gala Charity Dinner is scheduled for January 19th at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Houston. Details, tickets, and registration information for both are available on the website - <https://keels-wheels.com>.

The ACBS Annual Meeting and International Boat Show for this year will be at Gull Lake, Minnesota on September 8-15th.

The 2024 Lake LBJ Show will be in October as usual at the Horseshoe Bay Resort. As soon as we have the exact date nailed down, I will let you know.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of boating in 2024.

Lindy Robinson





## Lake LBJ/Hillcountry Ride n Show by Lisa Robinson

**Lake LBJ....what a wonderful weekend in October! Many of us got there Thursday** (or earlier!), making a 4 day weekend. Friday was the Colorado River Cruise to lunch in Kingsland. Saturday, the Ride-n-Show out of Horseshoe Bay Resort. Dinners were both Friday and Saturday nights. More boating on Sunday. There was a selection of woodies, classic glass, outboards, and inboards with several brands represented.

Lindy and I took our 24 foot Sportsman, Class of Fifty Nine, to the event. The Chris Craft met up with one of her previous owners - Jim Frechette. A photo of him behind the wheel is included here. I hope he approved of our stewardship!

Next year, we anticipate an even bigger event. More details and dates to follow as we firm plans up.







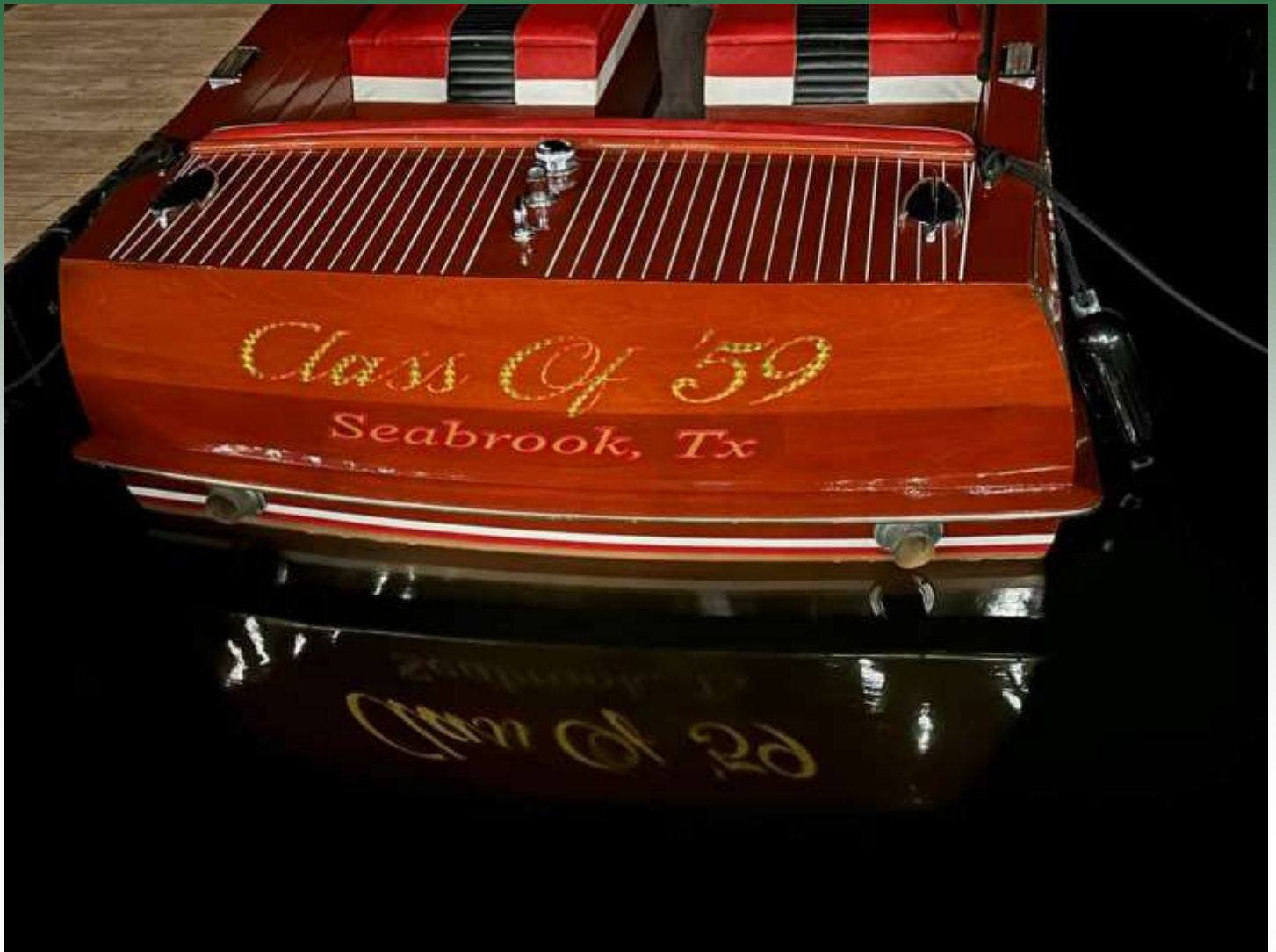




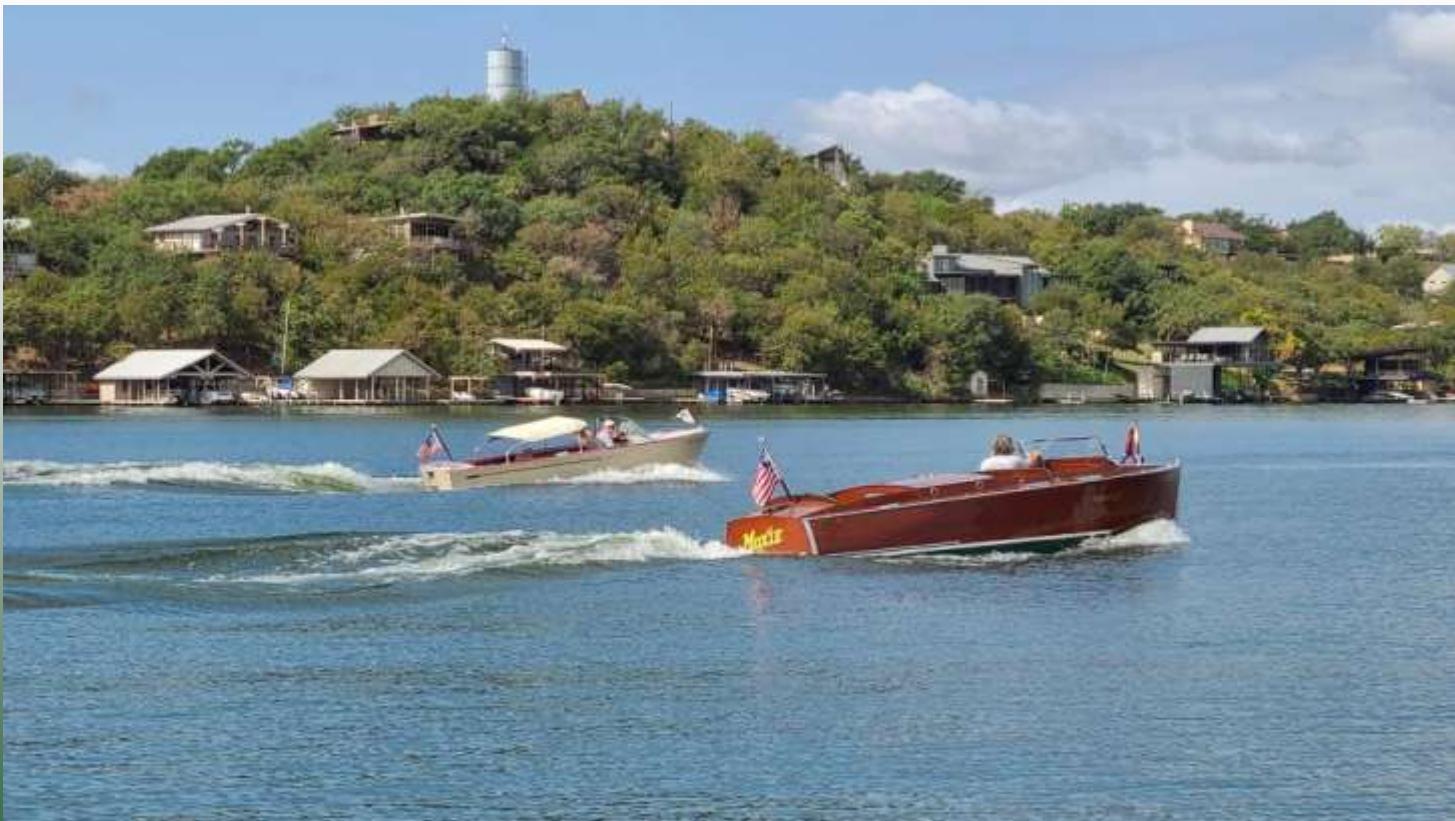













# Southwest's Safety Corner

## What size bilge pump do I need? By Craig Stanfield

Sometimes, on those long winter nights, we turn to our smartphones for diversion. Recently, I found myself doing that very thing.

**Small Powerboats**



Planing runabouts and ski boats use one submersible pump located aft. Small boats with large cockpits or low freeboard need bigger pumps.

- Small internal volume means they can sink more rapidly than bigger boats
- Limited bilge capacity to hold water away from engine/electrical system
- Lower freeboard allows them to ship more water over the gunwale.

Boat Length	Pump Output - Gallons Per Hour
To 18'	300 to 500
18'-23'	450 to 700
22'-26'	700 to 1,100

My question? What size bilge pump is recommended for my boat. I went to 3 trustworthy sources. West Marine is a ship chandlery we all use. BoatUS has a 50% chance of towing us in. Jamestown Distributors sells those bronze screws we are usually searching for.

**West Marine....West Marine says don't worry about hull failure as its all but impossible to pump a boat with major hull issues.** They quote the American Boat and Yacht Council standards that electric pumps :are intended to control spray, rainwater, and normal accumulations of **water due to seepage and spillage."** **West also warns not to leave a boat with a known leak trusting an automatic pump to save the day.**

My assumption is their recommendations are more for fiberglass outboards depicted in the sample pic. Not plank on frame inboards.

[Www.westmarine.com/west-advisors/Selecting-a-Bilge-Pump.html](http://Www.westmarine.com/west-advisors/Selecting-a-Bilge-Pump.html)

BoatUS? They have much more information on their site. Videos, graphs, descriptions. One video in particular, the British author describes the importance of multiple pumps for redundancy. He says he has multiple 1200gph pumps, but I noted **that while talking in the salon of the sizeable yacht, he's clutching a Rule the size of a small car!**



They have great information on headflow and such, and the jest of their postings is more is better. More pumps and more gph, recommending 5500gph among 3 pumps on a 40 footer.

[Www.Boatus.com/expert-advice-archive/2022/april/everything-you-need-to-know-about-your-boats-bilge-pump](http://Www.Boatus.com/expert-advice-archive/2022/april/everything-you-need-to-know-about-your-boats-bilge-pump)



## Safety

Jamestown? Similar to recommendations from BoatUS, but they actually spell it out. I think they must have ridden on my boats!!! See chart at right.

Its certainly worth perusing their site (and the others). One thing they emphasize is the importance of compatible components in the pump system (the hose, the outlet flange) so that the pump is not needlessly reduced.

Here are some suggested pump capacities based on boat length. Understand that though these numbers may seem high, in the event that you need a bilge pump for an emergency, it's better to have more bilge pump capacity.

- 16-20 feet: 2500 gph total, using 2 pumps
- 21-26 feet: 3000-3500 gph total, using 2 pumps
- 27-35 feet: 3500-4500 gph total, using 3 pumps
- 36-42 feet: 6000 gph total, using 3 pumps
- 43-49 feet: 8500 gph total, using 3 pumps
- 50-59 feet: 9000 to 10,000 gph total, using 4 pumps

<https://support.jamestowndistributors.com/hc/en-us/articles/360055503513-What-size-bilge-pump-do-i-need->

My take on what these 3 authors have to say? Great information on all three sites. I am not the expert here, but they are. We as owners, however, need to know our boats and what kind of issues we need the pump(s) to insure against. What seems exactly right for my 17 foot fiberglass inboard Shamrock, is way off base for my 19 foot wooden vdrive Arabian.

We just need to give some thought when we plan such an important task.



# Upcoming Events

January 19, 2023

Keels & Wheels Uncorked

Lone Star Flight Museum, Houston, TX

March 21-24, 2024

Sunnyland boat Festival

Tavares, Florida

*April 12-14, 2024*

Lake Conroe Rendevous,

The Landing, Lake Conroe

*May 2-5, 2024*

Keels and Wheels

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas

*September 8-15th, 2024*

ACBS Annujal Meeting/International Show

Gull Lake, MiN

*October, 2024, dates and details to follow*

Lake LBJ Hillcountry Ride n Show

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

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

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**ACBS Southwest Chapter - Vintage Boating**

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## **Musings from the editor...**

**Roses are red, violets are blue  
Have you drained the block yet?  
When those blue northers hit  
Its way too late to fret.**

**January and February**

**Looms ahead**

**When some of those days**

**We'd rather stay in bed.**

**So give your baby**

**Some real love now**

**Look at the forecast,**

**And beat the snowplow**

**'cause Hagerty may**

**Cover a breeze**

**They certainly balk**

**Over a freeze**

**But if you're looking**

**For something for the editor**

**Just grab a pencil**

**And scribble an article together!**