A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO JUDGING CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

The gleaming boats displayed at our show today represent five categories of Antique and Classic Boats. These categories include:

Historic	Built before 1919
Antique	Built between 1919 – 1942 inclusive
Classic	Built between 1943 – 1975 inclusive
Late Classic	Built between 1976 and 25 years prior to the current year. For 2023, the Late Classic periods ends with 1998.
Contemporary	Wood boat built in the last 25 years. For 2023, the Contemporary period begins with 1998.

Boats are judged according to ACBS sanctioned judging format. At the time the boat left the factory many years ago, it would have been considered a 100point boat. Today, points are deducted from that 100-point total in the following categories for inaccuracies in restoration such as incorrect hardware, engine or upholstery color and also for the overall quality of the restoration.

20 pts	Exterior – General Appearance
20 pts	Interior & Upholstery
20 pts	Engine Compartment & Engine
20 pts	Quality of Finish
20 pts	Instruments & Hardware
100 pts	TOTAL

There are 16 categories (see below)

- Preserved boats are those that retain at least 60% of their original deck and sides. Their bottoms can be replaced, but must be replaced using the original construction method
- Restored boats are those that retain less than 60% of their original deck and sides or are reconstructed using non-original methods
- The highest point preserved and restored boats will be awarded the "Best of Show".
- There is also a "Best Non-Wood" award for the highest point non-wood boat.
- There is an award sponsored by ACBS International for the boat that, in the judges' opinion, is the most original or best-preserved entry in the show.
- The highest point boat of those remaining in each category will receive the award for that category
- There are also marque awards for entries manufactured by certain builders such as Chris Craft, Gar Wood, Century, Lyman, etc.
- No entry will receive more than one award based on judging criteria.

16 Judging Categories:

Preserved Antique Cruisers
Preserved Classic Cruisers
Unmounted Outboard Motors
Restored Outboard Boats
Preserved Outboard Boats
Restored Classic Utility
Preserved Classic Utility
Restored Antique Runabout
Preserved Antique Runabout
Restored Classic Runabout
Preserved Classic Runabout
Classic Raceboat
Most Original Boat
Best Non-Wood Boat
Best of Show Preserved
Best of Show Restored