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COOT CALENDAR 2023 OF NW BOATING EVENTS



Western Oregon Messabouts, also known as the “Coots”, is an unorganized group of boat nuts who have been getting together as often as possible since 2001 to float our boats, and stand around talking about boats. We give support to each other as we deal with building and messing about in odd little boats. We plot our get-togethers and share our adventures on the Western Oregon Messabout discussion group, which is accessible through the Coots’ Web page. The Oregon Coots TSCA Chapter is a subset of the Coots affiliated with the Traditional Small Craft Association. All Coots events are also Oregon Coots TSCA events.

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Dan “Dan from Almostcanada” Rogers’ Frankenboot, *Walkabout*, At Speed on Fern Ridge Reservoir

JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day Port Townsend Pocket Yachters Ratt Island Messabout	2	3  7:32 PM	4	5	6 Coots Beaver Creek Messabout, Oregon Coast
7	8	9	10	11  3:58 AM	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17  7:53 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Burns Night  9:54 AM	26	27
28	29	30	31		Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	



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1 New Year's Day Port Townsend Pocket Yachters Ratt Island Messabout	2	3	4	5	6 FULL 3:09 PM	7 Coots Beaver Creek Messabout, Oregon Coast Salish 100 Registration Opens: 12:00 PM
8	9	10	11 Portland Boat Show Begins	12	13	14 6:13 PM
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21 NEW 12:55 PM
Portland Boat Show Ends						
22	23	24	25 Burns Night	26	27	28 7:20 AM
29	30	31				Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .






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Pete & Helen Leenhouts’ 1927 Schertzer, *Riptide*, off Port Townsend during the Wooden Boat Festival




DECEMBER 2023

Pearl Harbor Day SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Phil Bolger’s Birthday	4  9:51 PM	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9
10	11	12  3:32 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19  10:40 AM	20	21 Hibernal Solstice 7:27 PM	22	23 Festivus
24	25 Christmas	26  4:33 PM	27	28 Flounder’s Day Flounder's Day Feast, Walery’s Pizza, West Salem	29	30
31 Hogmanay					Be sure to check the organizer’s Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn’t been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	



The Ericson Scorpion, Chasing the Scorpion, *Legacy*, during a Wednesday Night 5.5 Metre Race on Fern Ridge Reservoir

FEBRUARY 2023






SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div></div>			1 <div>Vancouver International Boat Show Begins</div>	2 <div>Groundhog Day</div>	3 <div>Seattle Boat Show Begins</div>	4 <div>Fern Ridge Dam Closing Party, Orchard Point Park, Near Eugene</div>
5 <div>FULL 10:30 AM</div>	6	7	8	9 <div>National Pizza Day</div>	10	11 <div>Coots Video Messabout, Albany Seattle Boat Show Ends</div>
12 <div>Lincoln's Birthday</div>	13 <div>8:03 AM </div>	14 <div>St. Valentine's Day Oregon's Birthday</div>	15	16	17	18
19 <div>NEW 11:09 PM</div>	20 <div>Presidents' Day</div>	21	22 <div>Washington's Birthday</div>	23	24 <div>Coots Columbia River Maritime Museum Field Trip, Astoria Astoria Fisher Poets Gathering</div>	25 <div>Port Townsend Shipwrights' Regatta Astoria Fisher Poets Gathering</div>
26	27 <div>12:06 AM </div>	28			Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	

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Dan Mulholland’s Rowboat, *Lady* and Bob Larkin’s Pygmy Pinguino Sport, *Wavelet III*, on Triangle Lake

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Pickle Night (Observed)
5 Guy Fawkes Night Daylight Savings Time Ends  1:38 AM	6	7	8	9	10 US Marines’ Birthday	11 Veterans Day
12	13  1:27 AM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 David Graybeal Awareness Day  2:50 AM	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 Yaquina River After Thanksgiving Float, Cannon Quarry Ramp to Toledo Airport Ramp
26	27  1:16 AM	28	29	30 St. Andrew’s Day	Be sure to check the organizer’s Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn’t been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	



John Kohnen's Bolger Oldshow, *Pearl*, and Mark Neuhaus' Tracy O'Brien Kaylaigh, *Moonlit Turtle*, at the Fern Ridge Small Boat Messabout

MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div></div>	Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					International Bagpipe Day	National Worship of Tools Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Commonwealth Day				St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Vernal Equinox 2:24 PM					Coots Season Opener Messabout, Triangle Lake
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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90-Year-Old Retired USCG Master Chief Tom McAdams Powers his Boat to a Win in the Toledo Boat Show Cardboard Boat Race

OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 <div>6:49 AM</div>	7
8	9 <div>Indigenous People's Day Leif Erikson Day Thanksgiving (Canada)</div>	10	11	12 <div>Columbus Day</div>	13 <div>US Navy's Birthday Coots Oregon Coast Messabout, Florence</div>	14 <div><div>NEW</div>10:55 AM Coots Oregon Coast Messabout, Florence</div>
15 <div>Coots Oregon Coast Messabout, Florence</div>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <div>8:30 PM</div> <div>Trafalgar Day</div>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <div>1:24 PM</div> <div>Yaquina River Halloween Float, Elk City to Cannon Quarry Ramp</div>
29	30	31 <div>Halloween</div>		Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .		



Coot Boats Rafted Up in Depot Slough Waiting to Go Upriver to Elk City the Day After the Toledo Wooden Boat Show

APRIL 2023





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Marine Thrift Swap Meet, Port Townsend
2	3	4	5	6 National Tartan Day	7	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13 Jefferson's Birthday 2:12 AM	14	15 R2AK & Seventy48 Application Deadline Coots Depoe Bay in Toledo Messabout
16	17	18	19 NEW 9:15 PM	20	21	22 Earth Day McKenzie River Wooden Boat Festival, Nimrod
23 Shakespeare Day	24	25	26	27 2:21 PM	28 Arbor Day	29
30						

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Fern Ridge Spring Small Boat Messabout


SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Be sure to check the organizer’s Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn’t been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .				1 Victoria Classic Boat Festival Olympia Harbor Days	2 Victoria Classic Boat Festival Olympia Harbor Days
3 Victoria Classic Boat Festival Olympia Harbor Days	4 Vancouver Wooden Boat Society Small	5 Deer Harbor Wooden Boat Rendezvous	6  3:22 PM	7	8 Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival	9 Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration & Canoe Races, North Bend, Oregon Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival
10 Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration & Canoe Races	11	12	13 Wooden Canoe Heritage Assoc. NW Fall Meet Begins, E. C. Manning Provincial Park, BC	14  6:40 PM	15	16 National Cleanup Day
17 Wooden Canoe Heritage Assoc. NW Fall Meet Ends	18	19 Int’l Talk Like a Pirate Day	20	21	22  12:32 PM Autumnal Equinox 11:49 PM Coots Fall Messabout Begins Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival Begins, Seattle	23 BC Rivers Day NW Steam Society Snohomish River Delta Mini Meet New Westminster RiverFest Vancouver Wooden Boat Society Small Boat Rendezvous
24 World Rivers Day NWSS Mini Meet New Westminster RiverFest Coot Messabout Ends Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival Ends	25	26	27	28	29  2:58 AM	30



John Kohnen's Redwing 18, *Lazy Jack*, at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 1 May Day	2	3	4	5 FULL 10:36 AM	6 Opening Day of Boating Season Celebrations, Port Townsend & Seattle	7
8	9	10	11	12 7:29 AM	13	14 Mothers' Day Wooden Canoe Heritage Assoc. NW Spring Meet Ends Olympia Wooden Boat Fair
15	16	17	18	19 NEW 8:55 AM Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day NW Steam Society Sammamish Slough Mini Meet, Kenmore Coots Spring Messabout Triton YC Dinghy Dash, Fern Ridge National Safe Boating Week Begins	20	21 Coot Conception Day Coots Fern Ridge Lake Spring Small Boat Messabout Big Lagoon Messabout Ends Wooden Canoe Heritage Assoc. NW Spring Meet Ends Olympia Wooden Boat Fair
22 Victoria Day National Maritime Day	23	24	25	26	27 8:23 AM	28
29 Memorial Day	30	31			Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	29 Salish Sea Small Boat Society Montague Harbour Small Boat Rendezvous

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Kirk “Cap’n Kirk” Gresham in His Melonseed, *La Vits e’ Bella*, off Port Townsend during the Wooden Boat Festival

AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <div><div>FULL</div><div>11:33 AM</div></div> <div>Port Townsend Pocket Yacht Palooza Crooza Continues</div>	2 <div>Barefoot Raid Ends, Heriot Bay, BC</div>	3	4 <div>US Coast Guard’s Birthday</div>	5 <div>Drayton Harbor Days, Blaine Great Oregon Steam-Up, Near Brooks</div>
6 <div>Drayton Harbor Days Great Oregon Steam-Up</div>	7 <div>British Columbia Day National Lighthouse Day</div>	8 <div><div>NEW</div><div>3:29 AM</div></div>	9 <div>Astoria Regatta Begins</div>	10 <div>National Lazy Day</div>	11	12 <div>Lower Columbia TSCA Cathlamet Wooden & Classic Boat Festival Northwest Steam Society Annual Meet, Blaine Astoria Regatta Boat Parade</div>
13 <div>Lower Columbia TSCA Cathlamet Wooden & Classic Boat Festival Northwest Steam Society Annual Meet</div>	14	15	16 <div><div>NEW</div><div>2:38 AM</div></div>	17	18 <div>Port of Toledo Wooden Boat Show</div>	19 <div>Port of Toledo Wooden Boat Show Oregon Coots TSCA Annual Meeting, Toledo</div>
20 <div>Port of Toledo Wooden Boat Show</div>	21 <div>Senior Citizens’ Day</div>	22	23	24 <div><div>NEW</div><div>2:58 AM</div></div>	25	26 <div>National Dog Day</div>
27 <div>Lake Oswego Antique and Collector Car & Wooden Boat Show</div>	28	29	30 <div><div>FULL</div><div>6:37 PM Once in a Blue Moon</div></div>	31	Be sure to check the organizer’s Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn’t been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	



Doug Brusa and a Colleague in the Recycled Cardboard Research Vessel, *RCRV*, in a Toledo Wooden Boat Show Cardboard Boat Race

JUNE 2023

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<div></div> <div>Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/.</div>				1 The Glorious 1st of June	2 Seventy48 Pre-Funk & Start, Tacoma	3 Learn to Row Day Classic Mariners' Regatta Port Townsend Anacortes Waterfront Festival National Fishing and Boating Week Begins
4 Race to Alaska Pre-Race Ruckus, Port Townsend Classic Mariners' Regatta Port Townsend Anacortes Waterfront Festival	5 Race to Alaska Stage 1 Starts, Port Townsend	6 D Day, Normandy	7	8	9 NW Steam Society Lake Klamath Falls South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium, Twanoh State Park	10 NW Steam Society Lake Klamath Steam Meet South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium
11 NW Steam Society Lake Klamath Steam Meet South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium National Fishing and Boating Week Ends	12	13	14	15	16	17 Classic Yacht Association Bell Street Pier Classic Weekend NEW 9:39 PM
18 Fathers' Day National Go Fishing Day Classic Yacht Association Bell Street Pier Classic Weekend	19	20	21 Estrval Solstice 7:57 AM	22	23 Lower Columbia TSCA & Coots Columbia River Summer Solstice Messabout, Cathlamet	24 Lower Columbia TSCA & Coots Columbia River Summer Solstice Messabout Summer Sailstice
25 Lower Columbia TSCA & Coots Columbia River Summer Solstice Messabout	26 12:51 AM	27	28	29	30	

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Dan Pence on his Way Across the Lake to the Fern Ridge Spring Small Boat Messabout in his Joel White Acorn Skiff, *Rose*

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Canada Day
2	3  4:40 AM	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Coots Hagg Lake Messabout Sucia Island Small Boat Rendezvous
9  6:49 PM Sucia Island Small Boat Rendezvous	10	11	12	13	14 National Tape Measure Day	15 Pacific City Dory Days
16 Pacific City Dory Days	17  1:33 AM	18	19	20 Salish 100 Starts, Olympia	21	22
23	24	25  3:08 PM	26	27 Barefoot Raid Starts, Fanny Bay, BC Salish 100 Ends, Port Townsend	28	29 Port Townsend Pocket Yacht Palooza Great Oregon Steam-Up, Near Brooks
30 Pocket Yacht Palooza Crooza Great Oregon Steam-Up	31 Pocket Yacht Palooza Crooza				Be sure to check the organizer's Web pages before finalizing plans to attend an event, to make sure that it hasn't been canceled or postponed. Links can be found at: www.coots.org/mb/ .	