

Sixth Pend Oreille Rendezvous Glengary, Lake Pend Oreille, North Idaho August, 2002

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Our first rendezvous had the largest turnout... Things dwindled to five boats by event number five – still fun, but disconcerting in view of originals intent... Other activities were calling, so I gave it a bye in 2001... Come Spring 2002, people started bringing it up again, so I gave mail list and latrine folks' phone number to Bill Brusstar and Herb and Merla Barberie... They secured the property owner's approval and Merla, naturally, did most of the work...

New blood pumped up the 2002 'rendy' to (I think) thirteen boats... A couple dozen folks participated in the weekend—messing, camping, going about as they could or wished to... Glengary owners had a family reunion underway and another gathering was as hand, too... There were comments on the activity level: up from dead quiet to calm!

Note in pics how a careful selection of slip tenants who seldom use the boat (but who pay regular) keeps a marina happy and quiet... The background of woods to the shore is certain to change: messers might continue to be welcome...

Our emphasis has been small row, sail, and paddle craft... No paddle folks in '02 (well, only the Bonners Ferry Flattie) and only two plastic boats, I think... Tho there never has been a thing about materials, the drift seems to be toward boats you could or did build yourself... Unique little low-power stinkpots get space too...



This self-designed boat came out of a three-door geo dead flat; has a flexible tape at edge, and a spacer pushes top and bottom apart... Should be no problem banging paddle on deck edge.... There's a pair of logger boots in there somewhere, and yes, this is how far they got from the dock...



Bill Brusstar and Libby returning from a row-sail in one of his beautiful free-form lapstrake boats... Here and there we saw three boats from Bill this year... He has other stuff to do, too...

Rob Ringer pulling,
Victoria Paulson
driving, in their Duck
Trap Wherry...
Framless glued ply lap
clipperised version of
the traditional Walter J
Simmons design...
Sweet as can be,
detailed and finished
way beyond gnats ass
or Steinway... I'm
proud of them in that I
saw it laying on a
gravel shore and
hauled on a flat trailer
without a velvet
cocoon... dedicated
messers.





Steve Paulson & Sue Nelson in modified Oughtred *Willy Boat* design, Bolger style flat white all over...(not a bad idea for a first boat!) They have camped up and down the lake and are rough water enthusiasts.

The beer –
getter...
Gorden
Gleason and
new boat built
to lines of
Weston
Farmer *Poor
Richard*...
Westy would
recognize the
Chesapeake
deadrise
workboat
shape he
copied down
so long ago,
but all the rest
is Gordon's.



Not pictured, nor forgotten...

The Rann Haight outfit brought their Amsbury Dory skiff... Hosts Herb and Merla Barberie kept the Culler Catboat-Sloop going all weekend, along with the stewpot. Gleason's brought the sailing peapod too, and there were dockside gams around the mother boat 31 footer all weekend.

Phill and Sally Slocum brought a new Bolger Light Dory, leaving a pile of boats home... Mark Townsend and Donna Hime brought the Blue Jay and an ill-fated sailboard... Is Mark the only one person to make all six rendezvous?

And, the Renaud family returned dragging the Sea Pearl from Hailey, Idaho... Yes, thought to be in the same state but a solid two day drive (and a world) away... There were more, all enjoyed... We missed distant 'rendys' from other times; hopefully we'll see them all again...

Fair Winds, BS



Map view of Lake Pend Oreille situated in the Northern Panhandle of Idaho -- 110 miles of shoreline, 42 miles down the centerline, and over 1600 ft deep.