



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Message from Chapter President Jeff Martinson

Greetings fellow boat enthusiasts!

It is with great pleasure and a sense of accomplishment that we present this annual chapter report for the past year, 2023. Written by Judy Hills and reflecting the spirit and dedication of our members, it is a testament to another fantastic year.

Highlights have included both the familiar and the new, as we continued to enjoy treasured venues and events like the annual boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club or as we ventured out into new territory like the trip to Ken Tatum's sawmill.

As we reflect on the achievements and milestones of the past year, we also look forward with anticipation to more adventures in 2024. As always, you're invited to make this chapter whatever it is you feel it needs to be. Pursuant to that, reach out to let us know your thoughts and get involved! It's a great group to work with.

In conclusion, I offer a hearty thank you to all the members for being integral parts of the NC Coastal & Piedmont chapter's journey. May the coming year be another one filled with laughter, learning and lots of fun messing about in boats!

Cheers,

Jeff



2023 in Review

Officers for 2023 included: Jeff Martinson, President; Alan Hills, VP; Kevin Leiner, Treasurer; and Judy Hills, Secretary. **2023 Directors** included: Jim Alexander, Dan Bixler (resigned), Bill Conley, John Justice, and John Dougherty.

Committee Chairs for 2023 included: Jim Alexander-Scholarship and Membership; Judy Hills—Web Master and Newsletter Editor.

Here is an synopsis of our chapter's meetings, events and activities for 2023.

14 January A few members of our chapter attended a workshop sponsored by the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter in Wirtz, VA.



25 January Zoom chapter meeting.

28 January Chapter member Jim Moores was mentioned in the Weekly Web Watch

25 February Workshop for the guys at Bill Conley's Boat House. The gals headed to the State Farmers' Market for shopping and lunch.



Jean, Judy & Sharon

10 March Chapter outing to Phillips Plating in Bridgeton, lunch at the Hills' home and a quick visit to Alan's workshop. The group then visited Brian Connolly at the SeaDek factory.. SeaDek is a surface protectant.



23-26 March Sunnyland Boat Festival in Tavares, FL. Our Chapter was represented by John Justice, Neal Keeter, Jim and Linda Alexander, and Judy and Alan Hills.



1 April Members John Dougherty, John Tinney, and Jim Dean attended the Cape Fear Community College's Boat Show in Wilmington.



22 April We originally were to have gone on a run on the Trent River followed by lunch at the Saltwater Grill, but that got cancelled due to inclement weather—the Croatan Forest fire rained ashes from the sky. Jim Dean and his Wilmington cohorts, Richard Reed and Stan Thorpe, decided to drive up to New Bern anyway to pay an impromptu visit. They arrived at Leif Eriksson's place and were met by Leif, Alan Hills, Jim Hartman, and Austin Lewis. A tour of Leif's 36' Grand Banks "Trilogy" and Austin's Marine Trader "Alana" followed with some story swapping, information sharing, and lunch at the nearby Bear City Bistro.



26 April Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom

6 May The Beaufort NC Maritime Museum is always held the first Saturday in May. This year the following chapter members brought one or more boats to the show: Bill Ward, John Tinney, Joe Peacos, Brad Hedrick, John Peck, Bill Conley and Alan Hills. Several co-members were also there. Member Dave Mahoney displayed his collection of miniature, working outboard motors in the Watercraft building. Those members who just came to support the show included: Leif Eriksson, Austin Lewis, Jim Hartman, Jim Dean and Stan Thorne. Member Jim Moores was one of the show judges. Member Joe Peacos won Best of Show and Best Rowboat. Member John Tinney's 1930 Elco won two awards: Best Classic Inboard Power and Captain's Choice.



18 May We held the Trent River Run which had been rescheduled from April. Jim Hartman was joined by new member Stan Thorne and member Jim Dean. Stan and Jim drove up from Wilmington for a ride in Boo Boo, Jim's Chris-Craft Continental. Judy and Alan Hills also rode in Jim's boat. Jim and Sharon Conley launched Blue Tango, their Chris Craft Special Runabout. Jim Alexander had driven here from Raleigh and he rode with John Peck in Pecker's Woody, a classic kit runabout. John Justice brought his helper, Jacob. Jacob brought his 3-year old son Cooper and his 2-year old daughter Finley along for the ride in Fins, a Chris-Craft Continental. President Jeff Martinson and Mike Triplett drove in from Raleigh and rode in Fins as well. The ride on this wild river was perfect. The group ended the outing with lunch at the Saltwater Grill.



24 June This was the date of the Wilmington Road Show. It was the American Pickers' show—an outing to Ted Hewlett's collection. We had 16 people show—about half from our chapter and half from the Outboard Motor Club. After that we visited Ken' Tatum's saw mill in Burgaw. Attendees from our chapter included: Jim Dean, Stan Thorne, Austin Lewis, Neal Keeter, John Justice, Jim Hartman and his wife Ann Marie, as well as Alan and Judy Hills.



11 July We held our chapter business meeting in conjunction with an evening picnic and outing on Jordan Lake. Attendees included: John Dougherty, John Justice, Neal Ketter, Jeff Martinson and his twin daughters, Sharon & Bill Conley, Alan & Judy Hills their daughter Stephanie and their granddaughter Emily and her boyfriend Tye.



28-30 July Member John Dougherty and his brother Jim took Clippin' Along, John's Barbour boat to the Skaneateles Boat Show. Members Jim Hartman and his wife Ann Marie also attended that show..



4-6 August Eight of our members and co-members attended the boat show in Clayton, NY: Ann Marie and Jim Hartman, Alice and Jim Dean, Judy and Alan Hills, John Dougherty and Jim Alexander. That is quite a showing for an event that this far away from their homes. The Hartmans rented a house on the St. Lawrence River and the Hills and John stayed there. Jim and Alice camped and Jim Alexander stayed nearby. Jim H brought his new boat, Loon, to use and the Deans brought their C-Dory. The rest of us were just along for the rides.



30 September This was the date of our chapter boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. Those who arrived early on Friday afternoon went on a run on the Neuse River up to downtown New Bern. Later that afternoon there was a welcome party on the deck. Those entering boats in the show included • Alan Hills (2) • John Dougherty • Jim Dean • John Peck • Michael Schneider (new member) • John Tinney • Joe Peacos • Jim Hartman (3) • John Justice • Ted Clark • Scott Tinney • Jeff Gelm • Ken McCotter (Mike Webber) • Kevin Leiner. We wrapped up at 2:30 PM with the awards ceremony. President Jeff Martinson presented the trophies made by Alan Hills to the following: • Best Non-Wood—Jim Hartman's Donzi • Best Sail—Ted Clark's Edey & Duff • Best Wood Outboard—Joe Peacos—Barbour • Best Wood Inboard—John Tinney—Elco • Best Staging—Alan Hills—hydroplane The public voted on their favorite boat. That award went to Jim's Donzi. Boat Show Chair Alan Hills thanked everyone that helped make this year's show a success.



25 October We held the chapter's annual meeting and elections at the Abbey Road Grill in Cary. Officers elected for 2024 by acclamation: • President Alan Hills • VP Jeff Martinson • Sec Judy Hills • Treas Kevin Leiner • 2024 Directors • Jim Alexander • Bill Conley • John Dougherty • Jim Hartman • John Justice.



26 October Impromptu workday at John Justice's workshop, the Piglet, in Pittsboro. Of course John was there as was Alan Hills, Jeff Gelm, Jim Alexander, and Michael Triplett.



4 November Robert and Patsy Blanchard invited our chapter members to attend their annual homestead event at their property in New Hill. They have a very interesting collection of all things old, including two Chris Crafts: a Sea Skiff and a Constellation. Judy & Bill Baker, Sharon & Bill Conley and Judy & Alan Hills attended.

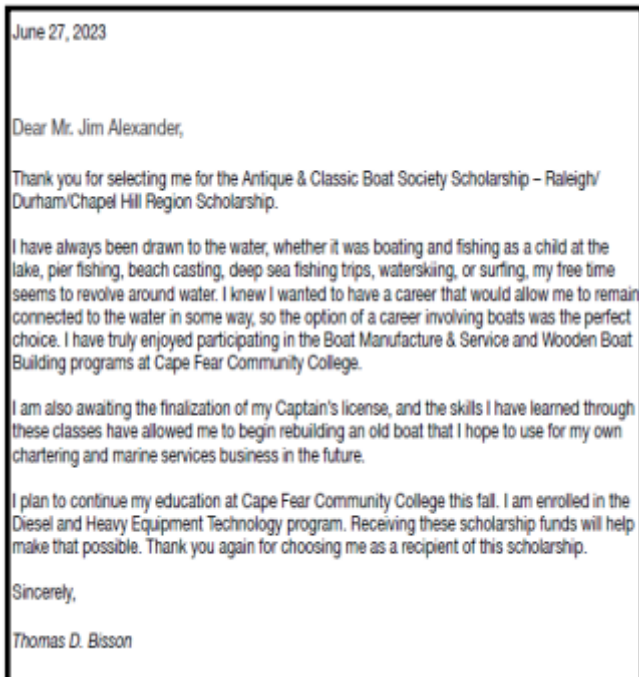


December 9 Christmas Party and Awards Dinner at the Conley's in Raleigh. We had 18 members and co-members participate. The food was wonderful, the games were fun and a good time was had by all. Jeff recognized Alan and Judy Hills for their continued strong support of the Chapter. He also presented John Justice with some edibles in recognition of his willingness to open his shop (The Piglet) for members to work on their boats and to hold workshops for the Chapter.



CFCC Scholarship awarded by Jim Alexander

During the last (summer) award period, Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) was able to award one \$1,000 scholarship funded by our chapter. The award went to a student in the Boat Building Program, Mr. Thomas Bisson. Tom is finalizing his captain's license and hopes to begin rebuilding a boat to be used in establishing a chartering and marine services business.



Membership Report 2023

We began the year with 61 members. 50 of those listed our chapter as their primary chapter and 11 did not. We ended the year with 58 members, 47 were primary and 11 were not. There were 36 co-members listed and of that 18 had provided their email address. We welcomed new members Murray & Janet Baldwin (Rougemont), Christian Fouchée Green (Durham), T. Stan Thorne (Wilmington), Scott Tinney (Rocky Point), Michael Schneider (Rocky Point), Kenneth Fleming (Kernersville) and Charles McCotter (Trent Woods). During 2023 we had 19 members that did not renew their membership and a number of new members who listed our chapter as their primary chapter, did not participate in any chapter events (that we know of).

Our chapter is only as good as its active members and co-members make it. If you don't participate, you are not truly taking advantage of your membership. If you need help with your boat or trailer, reach out to the chapter. If you are presently without a boat, that is no reason not to ask to hitch a ride with a member who has one. We hope to see you in 2024!

Welcome!

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2023 End-of-Year Financial Report

2024 Officers & Directors

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Membership Chair:

Jim Alexander

Scholarship Chair:

Jim Alexander

Web Master:

Judy Hills

Newsletter Editor:

Judy Hills

2023 Year-End Report:

Balance (Jan 1, 2023)

\$7,493.71

Receipts

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Membership Dues	\$720.00	\$1,160.00
Ship's Store	\$50.00	\$150.00
Reimbursements	\$0.00	
Boat Show / Donations	\$745.00	
Total Receipts	\$1,515.00	\$1,310.00

Expenses

Operational

Awards	\$0.00	\$150.00
Website	\$23.17	\$25.00
Name Tags	\$106.50	\$75.00
Ship's Store	\$0.00	\$120.00

Boat Show

Ven-	\$0.00	
Advertising	\$0.00	
Food & Bever-	\$480.64	\$500.00
Awards	\$0.00	
NCMM Sponsorship	\$300.00	\$300.00
Events & Workshops	\$0.00	\$500.00
CFCC Scholarships	\$0.00	\$1,025.00

Total Expenses **\$910.31** **\$2,395.00**

Balance (Dec 31, 2023)

\$8,098.40



Submitted by Chapter Treasurer Kevin Leiner