



NC C&P CHAPTER
Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

NC COASTAL & PIEDMONT CHAPTER

Antique & Classic Boating Society

Nomination for ACBS 2025 Chapter of the Year Award

This is a comprehensive account of our chapter's accomplishments
between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025

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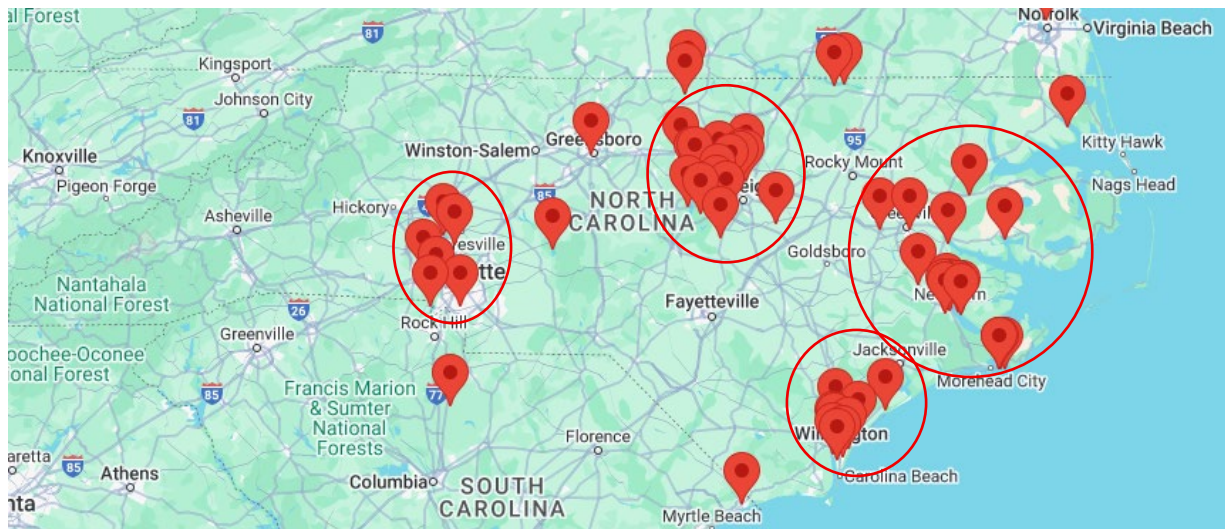
INTRODUCTION & BRIEF HISTORY

The Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society was officially formed on January 15, 2005, to provide a means through which individuals sharing a common interest in antique and classic boats can meet, share experiences and information, exchange ideas, and generate enthusiasm for all aspects of these unique boats. **2025 is our 20th year of operation as an ACBS Chapter.**

On March 21, 2019, the ACBS officially sanctioned the chapter's new name: NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter. The new name better reflects the location of our chapter members. There are a total of 77 (out of 100 NC counties) in the Coastal Plain and the Piedmont region of North Carolina. **The Piedmont and Coastal areas combined cover 80% of North Carolina's 53,819 square miles (43,055 sq. mi.).** There are some areas of North Carolina that overlap with the Blue Ridge Chapter. The Smith Mountain Lake Chapter and the Tidewater Chapter territories abut our northern boundary. Our chapter serves both the yellow and blue counties in this map.



Our members boat in the saltwater of the bays and sounds, in the brackish and freshwater of rivers and creeks, and in the many natural and man-made lakes, large and small, in our service area. Here is the map of where our NC chapter members live. There are four areas of member concentration: New Bern, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Charlotte (Lake Norman).



On August 24, 2022, the chapter was incorporated in the State of North Carolina under its new name, NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter ACBS.

Our chapter combined its constitution and bylaws into one document. The **combined and restated Bylaws were approved on October 4, 2024**. A copy was conveyed to ACBS Headquarters, and they are posted on our website. <https://vintageboat.org/by-laws/>

On **March 19, 2025**, the IRS authorized us to use our new name with our old EIN.

On **March 17, 2025**, we applied to the IRS for **designation as a nonprofit 501(c)(3)**. We received confirmation of their approval on **May 17, 2025**. We did this primarily to be able to receive funds from the estate of a member who died in 2024. We provided ACBS Headquarters with a copy of the IRS designation letter on **May 18, 2025**. [Click here](#) to view the letter.

The following ACBS Awards have been won by our chapter/chapter members:

- 2020 ACBS awarded our chapter the Chapter Growth Award--greatest number of new members
- 2020 ACBS awarded our chapter the Chapter Growth Award--greatest percent increase
- 2020 ACBS awarded our chapter's President Alan Hills the Broken Gunwale Award ([Click here](#) to read about his misadventures at the Lake James event--pg.7)
- 2021 ACBS awarded our chapter the small chapter publication award for our monthly newsletter "Messing About in Boats" editor Judy Hills
- **In 2024 ACBS awarded** our chapter the small chapter publication award for our monthly newsletter "Messing About in Boats" editor Judy Hills
- **In 2024 ACBS awarded** our chapter the Chapter Growth Award--greatest percent increase.

We offer the following evidence that our chapter has been “particularly outstanding in their development, activities, member participation, and other areas of improvement during the year” and reflects how our chapter fulfills the ACBS Mission through the planning and execution of our activities and events. Almost every item listed in this application can be referenced in our chapter newsletters in editions July 2024 to July 2025 (published July 1). [Click here](#).



CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	June 1 to December 31, 2024	January 1 to June 30, 2025
President	Alan Hills	Alan Hills
Vice President	Jeff Martinson	Jeff Martinson
Treasurer	Kevin Leiner	John Dougherty
Secretary	Judy Hills	Judy Hills
Director	Jim Alexander	Jim Alexander
Director	Bill Conley	Bill Conley
Director	John Dougherty	Jim Hartman
Director	Jim Hartman	John Justice
Director	John Justice	Kevin Leiner

Our Board meets a minimum of four times a year, three regular meetings and one Annual Meeting. We have two meetings via Zoom, one in-person summer meeting that includes a picnic and cruise, and one in-person Annual Meeting. If action is needed between meetings, we either hold a called Zoom meeting or handle it via email voting. Our agendas and minutes are posted on our website for all to see. <https://vintageboat.org/agendas-minutes/>

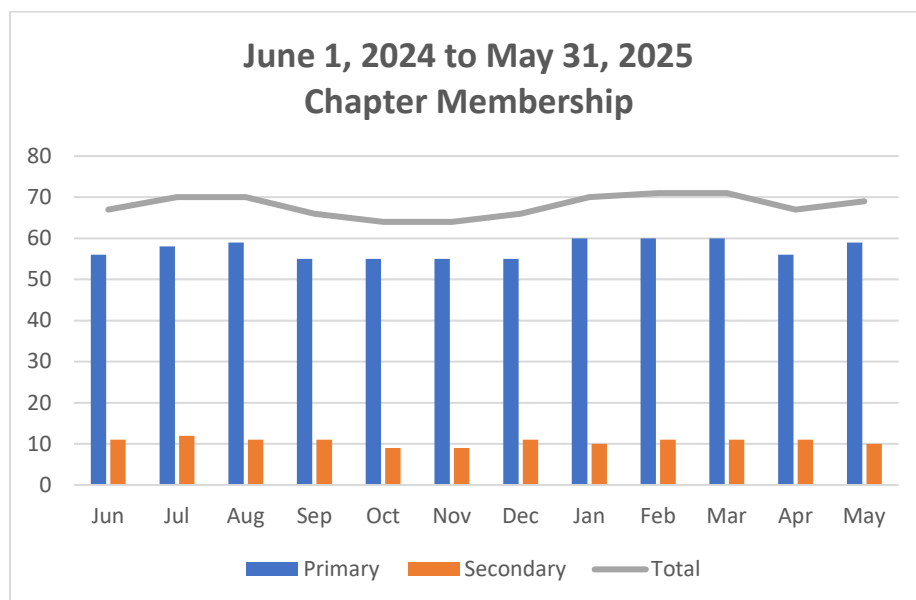
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Percent change

On June 1, 2024 our chapter had 67 members. On May 31, 2025 our chapter had 69 members. The percent change for that year was 5.1%. The average number of members for the period of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 was 58.4. The average number of members for the period of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 was 67.9. The percent change between those two time periods was 16.27%.

New members

Between June 1, 2024 and May 31, 2025 we gained 12 new members.



We have devoted a page on our website in the **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) format listing the benefits of ACBS and the benefits of belonging to our chapter. A potential member could link to the ACBS Join page from the FAQ page or from a direct link join button on the ACBS Information tab on our website. <https://vintageboat.org/acbs-definitions/>

To help our members recruit, we have **chapter business cards** that include our chapter's contact information. Additionally, we have **mailing envelopes** that are pre-addressed to ACBS headquarters, which include a hard copy of the latest ACBS application. We have pre-populated the name of our chapter and the dues amount for our chapter. The envelope also includes the most recent ACBS membership brochure. We have these available at our boat show, and we take a supply with us to distribute when we go to boat shows that are not sponsored by other ACBS chapters. We give our members these recruitment tools whenever we gather and provide tips on recruiting. When we have a laptop and internet access available, we also do ACBS and chapter membership directly online.

Awards

We provide chapter awards to encourage and reward our members (a **member retention strategy**). The list of awards and past recipients can be seen on this page of our website: <https://vintageboat.org/awards/>

The following chapter awards were given to the following chapter members at the **December 9, 2024** annual awards dinner and Christmas party:

- Special Recognition
 - Sharon Conley received a funny award "Crabby Award" for her inability to catch a crab during our Bath, NC cruise.
 - Another funny award, "The Hostess with the Mostest" went to Cindy Jordan for hosting members at her family home in Bath, NC.
- Rookie Award--New members Larry and Eileen Lettick have been active in the chapter since they joined. They show up at as many events as they can and offer to assist.
- Cal Jordan Spirit Award--Cindy Jordan's husband, Cal passed away in 2012 after a battle with cancer. As a gesture of goodwill and remembrance from his friends in our chapter, we decided to carry his enthusiasm for all things wooden boat-related forward with a special award called the Spirit of Cal Jordan Award. This award is given to the club member each year who most resembles Cal's spirit and passion for wooden boats, the boat show, and the chapter. The person who receives this award each year has added value to not only the club and its members during the year, but has lived the mission statement of the chapter, "To provide a means through which individuals sharing a common interest in antique and classic boats can meet, share experiences and information, exchange ideas, and generate enthusiasm for all aspects of these unique boats."



As the years have passed, this award has morphed slightly. The Board felt that this award was so special that it should not just be given out each year for the sake of giving the award. It is reserved for an individual who truly embodies the Spirit of Cal Jordan in the year it is awarded. This special award is only given once to an individual.

This year, President Alan Hills selected Jim Hartman for this award. Jim has stepped up when needed at the shows, bringing several of his boats. He takes people for rides in his boat and stages it. He attends every chapter event that he can. His wife, Anne Marie, documents Jim's boat show excursions and is a regular contributor of material and photos to the newsletter as well.

- Kevin Leiner, outgoing Treasurer, received an award for his long-time service as Treasurer, show chair, and board member.



- John Justice received an award for his continued service to the chapter by allowing the chapter and members to utilize his workshop in Pittsboro.
- Newsletter Award. We gave our newsletter editor, Judy Hills, the ACBS 2024 newsletter award plaque because it was due to her efforts that we received it.

- Member Growth Award--We gave member Jim Dean the ACBS 2024 member growth award plaque because his efforts helped us receive it.



- President's Award--Cindy Jordan was this year's recipient of this award. "The Hostess With the Mostest" award was just for fun, but because Cindy has been so generous to our chapter members this year—allowing us to use her family home in Bath in April and September, we presented her with the President's Award for 2024.

Member Recruitment

We have an outstanding “membership recruiter” in Wilmington, NC, named Jim Dean. We presented Jim with the ACBS 2024 Membership award plaque at the Awards Dinner in December 2024 because it was largely due to his efforts that we received it. Jim also won a membership contest we held in the latter part of 2024. He received an ACBS printed Membership Directory.

Member Retention

We have an outstanding “membership guy” named Jim Alexander. Jim tracks new and renewing members. We believe that **member retention begins when the member joins our chapter**. Jim sends a personalized email to every new member inviting them to the next chapter event. He also follows up with every member whose membership has lapsed, reminding them of that fact and encouraging them to retain their ACBS and chapter membership. In January 2025, Jim also identified twelve ACBS members with no chapter affiliations who live in our service area. He contacted each of them about joining our chapter. Jim is a big help in retaining members.

Throughout the year, our chapter provides opportunities for chapter members to participate in a variety of meetings, workshops, boat shows, and events, sometimes several times a month. We move these opportunities around geographically to encourage all members to participate.

Our chapter's awards program is also part of our member retention strategy. We want members to know that their engagement is appreciated and rewarded.

One of our members, John Justice, has a very large, free-standing workshop in a central location. He allows members to use his tools, to bring boats and motors there to work on them, and to store boats there temporarily. This is a huge member benefit that helps with retention.

New Member Welcome & Orientation

Our membership guy, Jim Alexander, when he sends that first welcoming email to a new member, ensures that they know they can request a chapter name tag. **The first name tag is free to the new member**. Members may order additional name tags for themselves or their co-member at cost. He also reiterates chapter membership benefits. The first time we see a new member at a chapter event, we make sure to engage them in conversation and welcome them to the chapter.

Involving Co-members: Our chapter makes a concerted effort to engage co-members. We warmly welcome the co-member the first time we encounter them at chapter events. On occasion, we plan a co-member event in conjunction with the member event. For example, in January 2025, while the guys were in the Cape Fear Community College Workshop, the gals went across the street to a small shopping mall for retail therapy and lunch. They rejoined the guys in time for the facility tour.



Affiliations with nearby ACBS chapters: We have a good working relationship with the Blue Ridge and the Smith Mountain Lake ACBS chapters. We attend each other's events and workshops and promote their boat shows. One of our members has been the presenter at a workshop hosted by the Smith Mountain Lake ACBS chapter.

Chapter member Rob Weller lives in the Lake Norman area of North Carolina. It is located in the Piedmont (central) area near Charlotte and close to the South Carolina border. It is a place where ACBS members of both our chapter as well as the Blue Ridge Chapter reside. Rob, with our blessing, is working to engage these members. He has identified six ACBS members in that area. They include Rob, Ken Fleming, **Jim Barrick**, **Terry Feist**, Randy Vogel, and Jaime Allan. He sent an email to these individuals on **June 9, 2025**, to inquire as to their interest in having activities on Lake Norman and engaging with the local Sea Scout Ship in Denver, NC.

YOUTH MENTORING/ENGAGEMENT

Sea Scout Ships

- **244 The Dawn Treader in Cary, NC**

In 2025, we are reaching out to the 13 Sea Scout Ships operating in our service area. Because we have a personal connection with Ship 244 located in Cary, NC, we invited the Ship's members to attend the **January 9, 2025**, workshop our chapter held at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC. Two adult leaders and two Sea Scouts attended. We plan to have ongoing discussions about ways we can collaborate.



- **Sea Scout Ship 459 Calypso in Denver, NC**

Member Rob Weller has contacted Sea Scout Ship 459 Calypso located in Denver, NC, near where he lives on Lake Norman. He is working to engage them in our chapter

events. Rob attended their meeting on **June 11, 2025**. The following is from Rob's report: "There are two main areas where our ACBS Chapter members could potentially offer education and outreach to the Sea Scouts. A motorboating merit badge is offered for Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts, and it requires some on-water skill demonstration. Making a few boats available for this training would be of value to the Ship, which has access to only a limited number of powerboats, mainly outboard-powered pontoon boats. The Leaders also felt there would be significant value in receiving some on-land (trailered boat) education in basic boat systems, engines, maintenance, and wood-working and repair of wood or fiberglass hulls. The hands-on experience would generate interest and enthusiasm for boating amongst the Scouts, and hopefully also some interest in vintage boats." We plan to follow up.

- **Royal Rangers**

The Royal Rangers Outpost 91 located in Washington, NC, is an adventure-based, merit-driven, faith-based, church ministry and mentoring program for boys led by Lee Godwin. This group participated in the cleanup of the Tar-Pamlico River on **May 17, 2025**. They were so excited that they wanted to do this again with us next year.



SCHOLARSHIPS TO MARINE TRADES & BOAT BUILDING PROGRAMS

Each year, our chapter offers two **\$1,000 scholarships** to needy students in the marine trades and boat building program at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC. Because there have not been any applicants for these funds in the past few years, we modified the criteria in January 2025 with input from the CFCC Foundation that administers these grants. We also encourage scholarship donations at our annual boat show and have received many donations from our members, which help to sustain our scholarship program. One of our members, John Olsen, is an instructor in this program. <https://vintageboat.org/scholarships/>

CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA FORM	
Cape Fear Community College Foundation, Inc.	
NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP:	NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society
AREA OF STUDY:	diploma program in Wooden Boat Building
AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:	\$1000 - \$2000 per student as funds allow
SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:	
1)	Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0
2)	Applicant shall be considered without regard to race, religion, creed, national origin, age or handicap.
3)	Any additional criteria exceptions or additions requested by donor are listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A recommendation from a faculty member. b. Student must be enrolled in a Diploma Wooden Boat Building Program. c. Email or correspondence from the recipient to include a photo of the student or work in a representative class. d. Funds may come from the CFCC Foundation or from the scholarship fund itself. e. It is our intention to fund this scholarship on an every year or every other year basis. f. Donors may choose to be part of the scholarship applicant review committee for this scholarship each spring under Fall cycle. g. CFCC Foundation agrees to publish the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society scholarship award in the appropriate social and news media. h. Qualified scholarship applicants to be awarded a minimum of \$1000 with a maximum award of \$2000. Funds may be split between two qualified applicants as long as available above.
Criteria met and approved by: _____ Date: _____	
Signature of CFCC Foundation Staff: _____ Date: _____	
Donor Contact Information:	
Name:	John Olsen
Address:	NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter, Antique & Classic Boat Society
Phone:	910-440-1234

EVENTS

All our events are documented in our monthly newsletters, the month after they occur. Links to all newsletters we have produced are available on this page of our website:

<https://vintageboat.org/newsletter/> Please review the newsletters for pictures and articles that document the events listed here.

Given the large geographic area we cover, members who live more than a two-hour drive from a chapter event rarely attend. We strive for 10 members to attend. The number attending each event is in parentheses. Events in chronological order **July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025** which our chapter sponsored include:

- *July 17, 2024, Chapter Board meeting, picnic, and cruise on Lake Jordan in Raleigh, NC (12)*
- *August 17, 2024, International Vintage Boating Day and Marina Day at Wilmington, NC Marine Center—our chapter hosted, along with several other organizations, displayed boats in and out of the water, and held a marine flea market. (21)*
- *September 16-24 Chapter members were treated to a stay at the family home of one of our members on Bath Creek in Bath, NC. We had three groups stay for a few days and nights each. Each group had a different experience. The event included cruises on the creeks and the Pamlico River. (13)*
- *October 4, held our Annual meeting, elected officers and directors, and approved changes to bylaws. (15)*
- *October 4-5, 2024 Chapter Boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern, NC. 13 boats, 22 members attended. The boats were not judged, but attendees could vote on favorites, and members could vote on their favorites as well. There were eight awards given. We collaborated with the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association—they sold lunch to attendees for donations, and they sold out. (150 est. attendance)*
- *October 11 we held a pop-up workshop to help one member turn his boat over. (7)*
- *November 16, 2024, held a chapter workshop at John Justice's workshop in Pittsboro, NC. The program was on tool sharpening. (14)*
- *December 8—Chapter annual awards dinner and Christmas Party at a member's home. (20)*
- *January 11, 2025—Workshop at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington. Sea Scout Ship 244 from Cary was represented by two adult leaders and two scouts. The co-members had an outing at the same time at a shopping mall across the street from CFCC. (20)*
- *January 30—Chapter Board meeting via Zoom. (10)*
- *February 8—held regional social Super Bowl events in three different locations. The members could attend the one closest to where they lived. They were held in New Bern, Raleigh, and Wrightsville Beach. These proved very effective in attracting members who live in remote locations. (30)*
- *March 8—held a chapter workshop at member Robert Blanchard's homestead in New Hill, NC. Presenter President Alan Hills discussed types of rope and demonstrated typical knots needed for our type of boating. Toured the homestead which has acres of antique and classic items and equipment, including boats. (18)*

- April 12—Cape Fear Community College Boat Show on the Cape Fear Riverwalk in Wilmington, NC. Members also displayed boats, and the chapter had a membership tent to recruit new members. (14)
- April 23—Chapter Board meeting via Zoom (9)
- May 16-20—Chapter members were invited to use a member's family home in Bath, NC as a base of operations for a cruise of the Tar-Pamlico River and to experience the local culture. (3)
- May 17—Our chapter helped organize a cleanup of an area of the Tar-Pamlico River as part of National River Cleanup Day. We **collaborated with the NC Estuarium in Washington, NC; local kayakers; the Royal Rangers (a church-based ministry for boys grades K-12); and Sound Rivers (local Riverkeeper) (est.42 participants/helpers + 6 chapter members)**



Join Us for
**NATIONAL RIVER
 CLEANUP DAY**

NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the
 Antique & Classic Boat Society

NC Estuarium -- River Vibes -- Royal Rangers -- Sound Rivers

	MAY 17, 2025 FROM 10AM TO 12PM	Sign Up 
	223 E. WATER ST WASHINGTON, NC	HTTPS://SOUNDRIVERS.ORG/EVENTS/SAW-THE-DATE-NATIONAL-CLEAN-RIVERS-DAY-CLEAN/

FREE kayaks available for cleanup.
 Must reserve when registering.

Clean up with kayaks: Volunteers requested for trash collection along waterfront

Published 1:00pm Tuesday, May 13, 2025

By Clark Curtis



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Everyone is encouraged to come out and do their part to help clean up the Pamlico River this Saturday.

The project is the brainchild of Judy Hills with the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society.

"Judy first approached us and Sound Rivers about the idea of doing something to celebrate National River Cleanup Day," said Katie McCullough, curator of the North Carolina Estuarium. "We, of course, were all for the idea and formed a little group which also includes River Vibes and Royal Rangers. We all came up with the idea of doing the cleanup work with kayaks."

June 7—chapter poker run, cruise, and lunch at a waterside restaurant in New Bern. We had six boats participate. We cruised past the Great Trent River Raft Race event that was at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent Rivers. There was a huge gathering of boats and many spectators on land. We turned heads when we went past twice (going and returning). (21)



Events sponsored by others, which our members either participated in or attended, and reported on, or that our chapter actively promoted, include:

- July 27, 2024, Chapter members attended the Skaneateles, NY Boat Show
- July 21, 2024, Members attended the Keuka Lake, NY Boat Show
- August 3, 2024, Chapter members attended the Clayton, NY Boat Show
- September 7, 2024, Chapter members attended the Niagara, NY Frontier Boat Show
- September 14, 2024, Chapter members supported the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter's Boat Show in Moneta, VA
- October 19-20, Chapter members supported the Georgetown, SC Wooden Boat Show
- November 2, 2024, Chapter members supported the Southport Wooden Boat Show
- January 4, 2025, members attended a celebration of life for Jim Moores hosted by his widow, Margaret.
- March 20-23 Sunnyland Boat Festival in Tavares, FL. Four of our members attended both the festival and the pre-show cruise on the St. Johns River.
- April 12—Chapter members support the Cape Fear Community College Boat Show by bringing boats to display, attending the show, and providing a \$250 sponsorship benefitting the marine trades program.



- May 3—Chapter supported the NC Maritime Museum at Beaufort Boat Show by bringing six boats to display, by attending the show, and by providing a \$300 sponsorship benefitting the museum. Museum staff publicly recognized our chapter at the awards ceremony.
- June 13-15—Chapter members attended the Chesapeake Bay ACBS Boat Show

COMMUNICATION WITH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP



Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

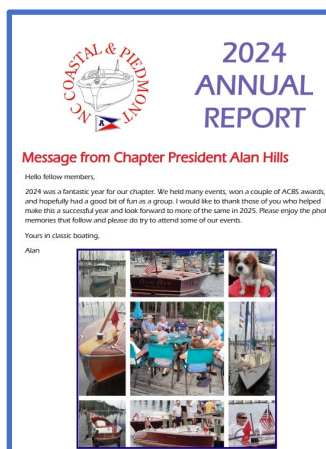
April 2025



Newsletter: Since February 2019, our chapter, without fail, has produced, distributed electronically, and posted to our website, our monthly newsletter. We encourage our members to submit articles, comments, and photographs. We also have periodic contests that we encourage them to enter. Links to our monthly newsletter are available on this page of our website: <https://vintageboat.org/newsletter/>

Emails: Whenever there is a change to an event or other noteworthy item, the President or Secretary sends an email to the chapter via the ACBS portal.

Annual Report: In January, our chapter produces an end-of-year Annual Report that reflects our activities for the prior fiscal year. We have produced one every year since 2020. The current edition includes a table on membership and a graph of our finances over the past five years, as well as an accounting for the current year's finances vis-à-vis the budget approved for the year. To view our 2024 Annual Report, produced in January 2025, go to this web page. <https://vintageboat.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-Annual-Report.pdf>



Website: Our website is updated monthly and more frequently when indicated, and it is very clear that the information is current. Pictures rotating on the home page are from the current year's events. Here is the link: <https://vintageboat.org/>

Board Agendas & Minutes: Our Board meeting agenda and the minutes of those meetings are posted on our website: <https://vintageboat.org/agendas-minutes/>. We encourage all our members to attend via Zoom. We publish the Zoom link and call-in information on the home page of our website prior to the meeting date. In the newsletter, we publish a synopsis of the minutes of the Board meeting that was just held.

Safety articles: Periodically, we include safety articles in our newsletter. Here are a few:

- [August 2024](#)—Boating Ramp Safety Tips (p.14)
- [December 2024](#)—Ladder Safety (p.10)
- [January 2025](#)—Spoofing (p.15)
- [May 2025](#)—Tips to Start the 2025 Boating Season Safely (p.7)
- [May 2025](#)—Hurricane Preparedness (p.8)

Other notable developments:

Our chapter developed written guidelines for assisting those who ask for our help selling boats, motors, boating equipment, tools, etc.

Our chapter developed a policy on how we will handle the deaths of chapter members or co-members, for consistency.

One resource that we developed for our members is entitled "[Preparing for the Inevitable](#)." It provides helpful information for winding down one's active participation in boating. As co-member Eileen Lettick noted, "I found this newsletter (June 2025) particularly interesting, especially due to the articles about what a widow needs to know about selling a boat. Very informative."

Other publications/websites:

Whenever one of our members has something published in print media, we alert our members.

- Member Larry Lettick had an article published in Classic Boating Magazine **Mar/Apr 2025** edition, "One Lucky Guy."
- Member Judy Hills added to the Woody Boater Blog discussion on **March 13, 2025**, on the topic of sustaining our boats in perpetuity.
- The **April 2025** edition of Power & MotorYacht had an extensive article on boatbuilder and recently deceased chapter member, Jim Moores, entitled, "Legends Never Die, Jim Moores propelled yachting's past into the present" by Vince Daniello.
- We submitted articles and photos on our boat show to online community calendars and local media for publication.

NC Coastal and Piedmont Chapter
Antique & Classic Boat Show
Saturday October 5, 2024 10 AM to 2 PM
Blackbeard Sailing Club, 1215 Barkentine Drive, New Bern, NC
FREE TO THE PUBLIC



Come one, come all! This is your opportunity to see some beautiful and unusual boats. You might even get a ride in one. We anticipate that we will have 25+ antique & classic boats displayed in water and on land in addition to all the sailboats at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Show will go on come rain or shine!

<https://vintageboat.org>

- We display our boat show poster at many businesses in the local area where the boat show is held.



- Our boat show information was displayed on the electronic bulletin board of the community where it was held.
- The Washington Daily News published an article in its May 14, 2025, edition on its front page entitled, "Cleanup with Kayaks: Volunteers requested for trash collection along waterfront."



CHAPTER SUPPORT OF ACBS HEADQUARTERS MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

- We held a Chapter & ACBS membership contest July 1 to December 31, 2024. Won by member Jim Dean.

- In the December 2024 edition of our newsletter, we encouraged the gifting of an ACBS membership.
- We submitted our EOY Summary and report of new officers to ACBS in early January 2025, prior to the deadline
- Chapter member Judy Hills served on the ACBS Membership Committee.
- Chapter member John Coffman serves on the ACBS Membership Development Committee.
- Chapter member Judy Hills drafts the Chapter Leadership Update for Ed Andrews.
- Chapter member Judy Hills has provided input on various ACBS organizational and operational issues.
- Chapter member Judy Hills has assisted in creating two ACBS Roundtable topics:
 - November 13, 2024—Creating a Promotional Exhibit with Kathy Rhodes and Austin Berndlmaier
 - January 29, 2025—Developing Chapter Workshops with Neil Satterly
- Member Judy Hills has provided ideas for celebrating the ACBS 50th anniversary at both the International and chapter levels.
- In April, our chapter provided a chapter boat show t-shirt for the ACBS quilt.
- In April, we identified a port captain (current chapter President) for the chapter and communicated that information as requested to the Chapter Development Committee.
- On June 2, 2025, our chapter mailed our chapter's new burgee (created in May 2025) to headquarters.



- In May, our chapter provided five items for the ACBS 75th anniversary time capsule.



- In June 2025, our chapter submitted nominations for three ACBS Awards for 2025:
 - Broken Gunwale Award
 - New Communications Award
 - Chapter of the Year Award.

ACBS Awards: Our Chapter received two prestigious awards at the ACBS Annual meeting in September 2024:

- 2024 small chapter publication award
- 2024 Chapter Growth Award—Greatest Percent Increase in New Members.

We are proud of our chapter’s accomplishments and the fact that ACBS recognizes our achievements.

ACBS Chapter Roundtables via Zoom: Our chapter has had one or more representatives at every ACBS Zoom Roundtable held between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

ACBS Publications: Whenever we have members who are mentioned in an article or on a website, we send out an email and post it on the home page of our website.

- December 19, 2024—Chapter submitted our Chapter’s history, which was published in the Weekly Web Watch.
- January 29, 2025 – Chapter submitted an article on a workshop we held at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC, which was published in the Weekly Web Watch.
- May 20, 2025—Chapter submitted an article and photos on the cleanup we did of the Tar-Pamlico River in the area of Washington, NC to editor Amy Scanlin. It was printed in the Weekly Web Watch on Saturday, May 31, 2025. <https://acbs.org/north-carolina-coastal-piedmont-chapter-sponsors-national-river-cleanup-day-event/>

Promoting ACBS: In our newsletter, we post information about ACBS. For example:

- In every issue of our newsletter, we publish the ACBS definitions of antique and classic boats.
- October 2024—reminder about verifying and updating the member's ACBS profile.
- December 2024
 - purchasing ACBS memberships as presents
 - “Tips on using the ACBS Portal”
 - “How to Access and Use Map of Members”
- January 2025—reminder that ACBS dues have increased
- February 2025—promoted the ACBS 50th Anniversary SWAG
- April 2025—reminder about tutorial on the ACBS member portal on how to use the member database. Our website has a tab “ACBS Information.”
- June 2025—reminder about updating the ACBS member profile and boat/motor info.

OTHER--COLLABORATIONS

These collaborations have been mentioned above, but we want to highlight them again.

- Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC
- Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Beaufort, NC
At least six of our Chapter members are also members of the Friends of the NCMM Museum (Beaufort). The Friends of NCMM (Beaufort) are also members of our chapter.
- Sea Scout Ships in Cary, NC and Denver, NC
- Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern, NC
Six members hold dual membership in our chapter and BSC.
- Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association in New Bern, NC
- NC Estuarium at Washington, NC
- Kayakers in the Washington, NC area
- Royal Rangers (Christian Youth Organization) in Washington, NC
- Sound Rivers, Tar-Pamlico RiverKeeper

Promoted the following ACBS and ACBS Chapter Events and Boat Shows (see show notices and posters in our newsletters):

- Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Chapter workshops and boat show
- Blue Ridge ACBS Chapter boat shows
- Chesapeake Bay ACBS Chapter boat show
- Sunnyland ACBS Chapter boat festival
- ACBS International show

Promoted the following community boat shows and other related events (see show notices and posters in our newsletters):

- Wilmington, NC Cape Fear Community College Boat Show
- Beaufort, NC North Carolina Maritime Museum Wooden Boat Show
- Oriental, NC Boat Show
- Manteo, NC North Carolina Maritime Museum Boat Show
- Southport, NC Boat Show
- Reedville, VA Boat Show
- Topping, VA Wings, Wheels, & Keels Show
- Cornelius, NC Safe Harbor Peninsula Yacht Club Car & Boat Show
- Thomasville, NC T-Ville Vintage Power Show

In closing, we believe the evidence presented here provides more than adequate documentation of our chapter's worthiness in receiving the ACBS Chapter of the Year award, especially given our small size and the large geographic area we serve.

We thank the ACBS Awards Committee Members for taking the time to review this application.