

NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS

Agenda April 29, 2026 via Zoom at 7 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Jim Hartman, Director

John Justice, Director

Jim Alexander, Director

Bill Conley, Director

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1. Welcome by President Alan Hills
 2. Call to Order
 3. Establish a quorum
 4. Approval of Agenda.
 5. Approval of minutes of the last meeting 28 January 2026.
 6. Reports:
 - a. John D.:
 - i. First quarter finance report was sent out with bank statements on 4/26. March 31, 2026 bank balance: \$10,818.30
 - ii. IRS 990N form has been filed for 2025
 - iii. Documenting the email vote on sponsorships—both approved unanimously:
 1. \$500 for the NCMM Boat show in Beaufort on May 2nd
 2. \$250 for the CFCC show on May 30th
 - b. Membership—Jim Alexander
 - c. Scholarship—Jim Alexander

We are still processing the portion of Bill Baker's estate that he left to us. We expect this process to continue for the immediate future before we will be in possession of money Bill directed to us. We will manage Bill's money separately from normal Chapter monies. In the meantime, the Bill Baker Estate committee has:

- established contracts with two local colleges to establish Bill Baker Memorial Scholarships. Carteret Community College Foundation and Beaufort Community College Foundation have both agreed to establish scholarships which we intend to fund at \$2,000 annually using funds Bill left us. These contracts specify selecting students enrolled in programs most closely related to the wooden boats we all love. The Board of Directors approved the contract terms prior to final signatures.

We continue to fund a \$2,000 annual scholarship from Chapter funds at the Cape Fear Community College.

- Solicited requests for funding to the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort to provide funding in support of ongoing public programs. Two suggestions for shop equipment for use in public educational programs have been received and are under consideration.

d. ACBS Headquarters—Judy

- i. Judy assisted in developing and presenting an online roundtable PPT on member retention. The session aired on 4/16/26.
- ii. Documenting the email vote on signing the ACBS Affiliation Agreement. Vote was six in favor of signing and two opposed. Chapter President signed and returned the document. It is posted on the chapter website under club documents.

e. Chapter—Judy

- i. Completed and posted the 2025 Annual Report
- ii. Good turnout for the three regional gatherings in February: thanks to the Deans for hosting in Wrightsville Beach, Jim Hartman for hosting in New Bern, and Rob Weller for setting up a breakfast for those in the Lake Norman area.
- iii. Excellent turnout for the steam bending workshop at Cape Fear Community College on Saturday March 14th. 25 attendees.

7. Old Business

- a. Bill Baker's Estate update—John Justice
- b. June chapter workshop
- c. July 22nd Chapter Board meeting and picnic—what body of water?
- d. Location of annual meeting—Proposed date Saturday, November 21st (weekend before Thanksgiving)
- e. Christmas party update
We have secured a nice waterfront location: the new Fairfield Harbour Community Center in New Bern for our chapter Christmas party on

December 12, 2026 (12/5 was not available). We have also begun a conversation with a potential caterer. This will be a dinner event as we have had in the past two years. Lots is going on in New Bern, so we are encouraging members to make a weekend of it.

f. Events

Encouraged members to attend the 50th anniversary of the NCMM Boat show in Beaufort on May 2nd and the CFCC show on May 30th.

g. Sea Scouts

Several ships were invited to the CFCC workshop, but unfortunately they had a big regional meeting that same weekend. We hope to do more in 2026 with the various ships.

8. New Business:

Buddy program for new members—Jim Alexander

A program for consideration by Board members--The Buddy Program concept:

A simple member-to-member connection program for new members

Each new member is assigned a volunteer “Buddy”. That Buddy receives the new member’s name, phone number, and email address and is encouraged to check in periodically over the next two years. The role is informal and flexible — inviting the new member to meetings, boat shows, swap meets, cruises, social events, answering basic questions about the club, and generally helping them feel welcome and connected.

9. Comments/announcements

Anyone have any?

10. Adjourn

Next Board Meeting July 22, 2026

Attached:

Minutes of 28 January 2026 meeting (attached)

1st quarter financial report and bank statement (sent 4/26/26)

Buddy Program information (attached)

NCMM equipment needed information (attached)