



Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter of the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS

April 2019

It's Official: We are now the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter

Yes, it is—got the official email notification from national ACBS on Thursday March 21st that our chapter has its new name: NC Coastal and Piedmont Chapter. We are working on the new logo for the new name tags and will have to have made along with shirts and caps. As soon as we have the details on this, we'll let you know.

We are reaching out to our neighboring ACBS chapters (Blue Ridge and Smith Mountain Lake)—inviting them to attend our outings and reciprocating by inviting our members to join in on their events. In this edition of the newsletter you will note that the SML Chapter has invited us to join them for a workshop later this month. We encourage you to participate if you can.

We have a new member—Brian Roberts of Bahama, NC. Brian wrote a few paragraphs about his "project boat." Please join us in welcoming Brian to our club. We hope he is one of many new members to join this year.

Our second outing of this year was another rousing success. Those who were at Lowell Boats in Greensboro enjoyed touring Gary's shop, exchanging boat talk with those

who attended, partaking of the food and drinks that Gary provided, and learning some tips and tricks on painting. We have set the bar high for future events of this type. Please join us!

We had a short business meeting in Greensboro. See the minutes of that meeting on the next page. We decided to go ahead with our next outing at Lake James in Nebo, NC on the weekend of May 18th and 19th. We plan to invited both Blue Ridge and the SML ACBS chapters to join us. See the detail of this outing on page 2 of this edition. This is going to be a lot of fun and hopefully the weather will cooperate. If it does not, we'll do what we boaters always manage to do—we'll improvise and find ways to have fun!

Our next business meeting will be on Tuesday April 30th at 6:30 PM at Trali Irish Pub 3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville. It is primarily for officers and directors, but members are always welcome.

Please take note of the events listed in our calendar. The Oriental Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market is April 12-14 and the

NCMM Boat Show is in Beaufort on Saturday May 4th. We are encouraging our members to enter their boats in this show so we can have a good representation. Member Bill Conley is coordinating our spots in the show so register ASAP and let Bill know. Even if your boat is not what you might consider "show ready" people may be interested in learning about your restoration. It is highly unlikely that my Barbour will be ready by that time, but I plan to show it anyway. This is our chance to attract some new members.

I would like to commend you all for contributing articles for the newsletter. The response to the newsletter has been overwhelmingly positive and your contributions will help ensure it remains that way.

So, in closing, I hope you are enjoying messing about in your boat as the weather is warming. That's why we have them!

Best regards,

Alan

Minutes of Meeting March 23, 2019

Finance: \$7,013.38 in checking.
Membership: 71 members, 52 current.

President's Report: Newsletter going well—caption contest not so much. Excellent meeting in February at Jim Moore's.

Old Business: New name of chapter approved by National; need volunteer to create new logo; Alan Hills and John Justice

are selling shares in the ACBS annual raffle at \$20 each—contact them if interested (drawing is later in year).

New Business: Register ASAP for the NCMM Boat Show in Beaufort (contact Bill Conley); Lake James weekend May 18-19 is a go—we'll invite Blue Ridge and SML to participate. So far there are 9 Barbour boats (some belong to our

members) and 2 of our boats registered.

Next meeting: Officers and directors are meeting on Tuesday April 30th at Trali Irish Pub in Morrisville at 6:30 PM.



May 18-19 weekend outing: Lake James in Nebo, NC

It is disappointing that only two persons responded to the poll on the Lake James weekend outing. We plan to go ahead with this anyway. Those who attended Lowell Boats workshop agreed that we should open this event up to the Smith Mountain Lake and Blue Ridge Chapters of the ACBS to get a better showing.

This is a beautiful area and mid-May will be a nice time to visit as it is before the madness of Memorial Day weekend. Alan and Judy will be staying at the [Linville Falls Lodge](#)—about 30 minutes from [Lake James](#). The lodge is owned by friends of theirs and it is very comfortable and clean.

Here is the basic plan (and you can do as

much or as little of it as you care to): Friday night arrive in the area; Saturday morning launch the boats at the Black Bear Access (across from Bear Creek Marina) and ride Lake James; eat lunch at Bear Creek Marina in [Nebo](#)—it has a waterfront restaurant; pull the boats out around 3:00 PM; dinner at 6:00 PM at Judges' Riverside Restaurant in Morgantown; launch the boats again Sunday morning for a last cruise; pull the boats at 11 AM; eat lunch together and then depart for home. Accommodations are available in Marion—5 miles away; in Morgantown—13 miles away; or any number of other options within 30 minutes or less driving time. Let chapter president [Alan Hills](#) know if you plan to attend.



Thoughts & Observations on Using an Unusual New Varnish

The following article was submitted by member Leif Eriksson.

Over the past sixty years, I've laid down a few quarts of the mysterious brown liquid commonly known as Varnish. I've used single part tongue oil types, two part catalyzed systems, varnish that had to be cooled in ice water before being applied, and a lot of good old Captain's Varnish.

My current restoration project, a Grand Banks 36' Trawler, has acres and acres of exterior teak moldings which have been allowed to go gray. In order to pick his brains on many aspects of the restoration, I invited one of the former owners (Doug Walling) aboard to see what we were doing to his old boat and get his advice on a number of time consuming projects. One of the most interesting, and I think best, pieces of advice he gave was to check out a French varnish called Le Tonkinois (pronounced Le TON-kin-wah). I read everything on the web site (www.tarsmell.com), talked with the owner of American Rope & Tar, LLC, Bill Rickman and decided to give his varnish a try on my three aft deck hatches.

The product comes with a "how to apply" page of instructions and advice. To summarize, it says to apply the varnish in very thin coats well brushed out. Put down at least six coats, and keep the ambient temperature at least 60 degrees F. for the next 24 hours. Twenty Four hours is the required minimum between coats.

I found the varnish very easy and fast to apply. It leveled out nicely and felt more like an oil than a varnish as I applied it. I wet sanded with 220 grit wet or dry paper after the second and 320 after the fifth coat. The appearance of the sixth coat next morning was nothing short of amazing.

A few quotes from the Application guide follow:

* Le Tonkinois is an all natural product that applies and maintains like an oil, but produces a rich and durable varnish finish.

* Le Tonkinois should ALWAYS be used as it comes out of the can, from first coat to last. Solvents or thinners will degrade it, possibly to the point of ruining the job.

* Le Tonkinois needs very little sanding. Use a fine grit (220 or 320). I like to wet sand using a wiping motion. Sand only until the surface feels smooth. Le Tonkinois does not need to be sanded to adhere to itself, the sanding is used only to clean the surface. More sanding will only remove perfectly good varnish.

* Generally, sanding is only needed after the first couple of coats. If the dry surface feels smooth, just wipe down with a WATER dampened rag (no solvents) to clean the surface, then apply the next coat.

* Humidity does not affect Le Tonkinois.

* Thin coats are better than thick coats, just cover the wood. Because there are no evaporating solvents, everything you put on the wood will STAY on the wood. Thin coats will build very quickly.

* Since there is little or no sanding between coats, they build up quickly.

♦ Le Tonkinois can be used on decks, it will not be slippery.

♦ * Le Tonkinois is not brittle like synthetic varnishes. It will not crack or peel, or allow water to get under the finish. It will "move" with the natural expansion and contraction of the wood.

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- To maintain, WATCH the finish. When the gloss becomes dull, clean the surface and apply one or two more coats. If this schedule is followed, stripping varnish will become a part of your past.
- Scratches and dings are easy to fix, just clean the surface and touch up. No need to feather, etc.
- Le Tonkinois is a tough, durable, amazingly beautiful and extremely user friendly. It provides a professional finish with little effort and little talent.

My experience, so far, has been very good. The material is easy, fast, and pleasant to use. The results to date have been very good. I will be trying several of them out and reporting on them during the year. (see photo at right)



Welcome New Member Brian Roberts!

This month starts what we hope will be an on-going trend—a new member has joined our ranks! We asked Brian Roberts who lives in Bahama, NC to tell us a little about himself.

"I have recently bought a 'project' wooden runabout that was advertised as a Chris-Craft, but I had some doubts. I started a thread over on CCABC Boat Buzz, and the current consensus is that it may be a home built boat. Since I am in NC and the boat appears to have come from there as well, I was wondering if any of the other members might be able to help shed some light on what it is, or may even recognize the boat. Is there a way I can get some photos and info out to the other members and ask for their help?"

Here is a link to the thread: <https://chris-craft.org/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=12&t=10705>

We encourage you to reach out to Brian if you have information that might help or even if you don't, just send a friendly email to say hi and to welcome him to our club.

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CFCC Wooden Boatbuilding Scholarship

Since 2015, our chapter has provide one \$1,000 to \$1,500 scholarship per year to a deserving student in the Cape Fear Community College's Wooden Boatbuilding program (Wilmington, NC). The Raleigh Durham Chapel Hill Triangle Chapter researched the CFCC program and began supporting the school in December 2015 with an annual \$1,000 scholarship. Since then the scholarship was first increased to \$1,500 and is currently \$2,000. The scholarship is based on criteria selected by the Chapter. CFCC does the advertising and selection for the award based on these criteria, which eliminates administrative burden on us.

We specified the following criteria:

- GPA 3.0, and recommended by a faculty member
- All actions conducted without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender.
- Student must be enrolled in a Diploma Program including BTB 105 Yacht Repair/Renovation or equivalent
- It is our intention to fund this scholarship on an every year or every other year basis. We must approve it's funding before every award.
- Email acknowledgement from the recipient to include a photo of the student at work in repair/renovation class.

We included the requirement of BTB 105 because it most closely approximates the skills we find most required in the maintenance and enjoyment of our fleets.

First awarded in early 2016, the scholarship was first increased to \$1,500 (July, 2017) and is currently funded at \$2,000 per year.



We usually vote on funding the scholarship at a membership meeting or by email each Fall. It has been sustainable thru donations and treasury receipts from ACBS from membership fees. Our usual big expense has been the show, but that has been self sustaining lately (thanks to Alan & Judy Hills)..

This was talked about for years. Finally, a committee of one looked at close by programs to see if one met what our members had expressed as desired. We developed the criteria and sent it to everyone and agreed on this program. The best part is we have no administrative overhead, except funding and keeping in touch with CFCC. I don't remember what other programs I looked at, but this one was easier and more closely aligned with what we were looking for.

A couple of years ago I sent an article to ACBS which they published in one of their weekly updates. Here is a list of awardees: Addison T. Palanza, 2016 ; Stephen North 2017 and Shane Horton 2018.. The 2019 award will be made in May.

Thanks to member Jim Alexander for this report.



March Outing: Open House at Lowell Boats in Greensboro

We had four of our club members and one member from the Blue Ridge Chapter join us for lunch at Natty Greene's and then there were about 10 of our club members that joined about 15 others for the tour of Lowell's Boats. We got some good tips on painting from Gary during the workshop portion of the tour. Another event that received high marks from the members who attended.





Picture above and ones below taken by Joe Peacos.



SATURDAY APRIL 27TH WORKSHOP
Smith Mountain Lake - ACBS

Where: 1100 Oakshire Lane, Wirtz, VA 24184

When : Doors open at 8:30 AM, Topics begin @ 9:00 AM ('till noon)

Cost : \$5.00 donation at the door which includes coffee, donuts,
and lunch with beverages.

Alan Frederick will talk about how to match stain colors on new wood vs. old wood on your boat. Just like a cook, it takes a little dash of this and a pinch of that to make it all happen.

Bill Garrecht will do a demo on Plexiglas windshield restoration. You can get that old windscreen looking brand new and it's easy to do.

Bill Caillet will give a talk on the operation and safety measures to be taken when operating a table saw. It's a machine that many of us have in our workshops but do we really know how to use it correctly without getting hurt? I thought I did, but I discovered the hard way that I really didn't.

Alan Frederick will also be doing a hands on demo on how to install a Pertronix ignition system in your boat. It's an easy DIY project for any of you who want to make your boat more reliable and more maintenance free.

And last but not least, some of you have watched TV and noticed that the latest fad is flipping homes for a profit, but here at SML-ACBS we flip boats for fun and probably no profit. It's time to flip the First Lady's 1948, 22 ft. Chris Craft Sportsman Sedan (with the top still in place) after a new 5200 bottom and transom has been installed.

Join in the fun and see how to flip a boat with hopefully no drama involved.

So remember, workshop **knowledge** is a lot like a pile of manure. It does no good unless you spread it around.

March Madness will be all over so there should be no excuses not to attend. Bring a friend as they don't have to be a member to attend.

See you all on the 27th.

For more info, please call me @ (540) 352-8653

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Photo Caption Winners for March

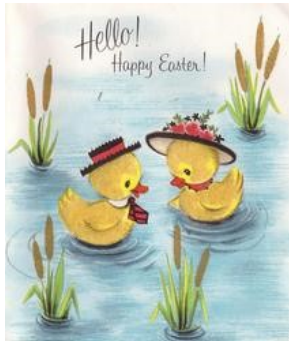
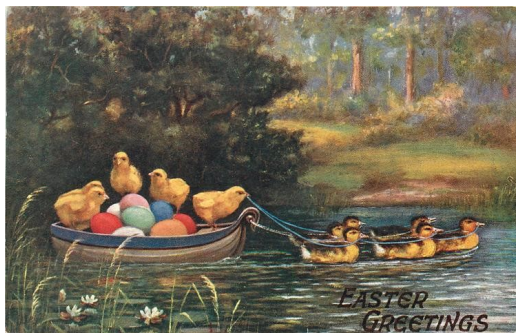


Well, we had hoped that by now there would be more interest in this fun game, but this month there were only two entries—by the same person—John Justice. John won another \$10 toward lunch at our outing in Greensboro for his entry, “If I have to sit here for the rest of the show, I’ll have sunburn and rope burn.”

John’s other entry was every bit as clever, however, it was a bit wordy, “Dorothy, stuck on the deck of Admiral Alexander, tries to recall what Cindy told her. Now what did she say? Click my heels three times. There’s no place like Rome? Uh, there’s no boat like a Chris Craft?”

Just for Fun: Caption for Photograph

On the right is a photo—send us your best caption. Judging will be done by President Alan Hills. We’ll keep your names secret from him so he won’t be prejudiced. We’ll print the top three captions next month and the winner will receive \$10 towards lunch or dinner if he or she shows up at the very next chapter meeting or outing after the winning entry is selected—we’ll email the winner. Email your caption or captions (submit as many as you like) to newsletter editor Judy Hills at jahnbnc@gmail.com. You are also welcome to submit photos for this column to Judy. This is all part of the “let’s have some fun in 2019” initiative. **Captions due by 4/10** Collect your \$10 prize at our next outing. You have to show up to claim your prize!





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The Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. 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. On March 21, 2019, the chapter officially changed its name to NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter.

We promote and sponsor classic boating events, as well as educate our membership and the general public about these great craft. We partner with other clubs and organizations to promote awareness and appreciation for the history, research, repair, and restoration of these grand old boats to preserve them for future generations.

Calendar of Events & Meetings

Please note that with the exception of the boat show dates, the places, dates and times listed for club events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Please add these dates to your calendar and participate as much as you can! Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.

Apr 12-14 Oriental Boat Show & Nautical Flea Market in Oriental, NC

Apr 30 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub 3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

May 4 NCMM Boat Show in Beaufort, NC. Coordinated by Bill Conley. 919.602.8264 bconley@nc.rr.com Get your applications in early as space is limited.

May 11 Lake Lure Boat Show in Lake Lure, NC

May 18-19 Lake James cruise and weekend in Nebo, NC

Jun 14-15 St. Michael's Boat show in St. Michaels, MD

Jun 22 Picnic & poker run by boat in New Bern coordinated by Alan Hills

Jul 30 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub 3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Aug 24 Plating Workshop at Phillips Plating in Bridgeton 1 to 3; Lunch 11:30 at Morgan's Restaurant in New Bern coordinated by Leif Eriksson

Sep 13-14 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show in Huddleston, VA

Sep 15-21 ACBS International Boat Show in Alexandria Bay, NY

Sep 28 Meetup at Lake Gaston coordinated by Jim Alexander

Oct 19-20 Georgetown Boat Show in Georgetown, SC

Oct 29 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub 3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Nov 2 Southport Boat Show in Southport, NC

Nov 16 Workshop & flea market & pot luck at Robert & Patsy Blanchard's property in New Hill. Coordinated by Robert & Patsy Blanchard.

Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party TBD