



Messing About In Boats

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

April 2021

Hello Fellow Members,

Well, it's officially springtime as marked by the vernal equinox and the pollen all over everything (at least here in the east). This means it is time to ready our boats and ourselves for what we hope will be a more normal year. As more and more of us are receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, a generally less fearful atmosphere is starting to pervade us. However, we must still be careful in our interactions because we ain't got this thing licked just yet.

We are going to kick off the year with workshop at John Justice's Piglet in Pittsboro on April 17th. To those of you who have never been there, it is a

wonderful place with lots of room and in truth, just visiting there anytime at all could be considered a workshop. Plan to get there 10:00-10:30 and bring what you like to drink. We'll grill up something for lunch.

Next month (May 15th) we will be returning to Hyco Lake for a "get 'em wet" day. Lonnie and Carol Sieck have a home there and invited us up last year and all of you who couldn't make it missed a great day of playing with our toys and warm fellowship. Lonnie has reserved a picnic shelter for us and we do hope you will join us for some fun.

This month marks the debut of my random call out to a mem-

ber to provide an article for the newsletter. Peter Krause has the honor of being the first to step up to the plate. There's no telling who I am going to pick next, so I'd like all of you to be thinking about something you would like to contribute.

That's all I really have for this month. However, would like to thank you ALL for your continued support of this chapter and I do hope to see most of you at one of our upcoming events.

Best regards,

Alan



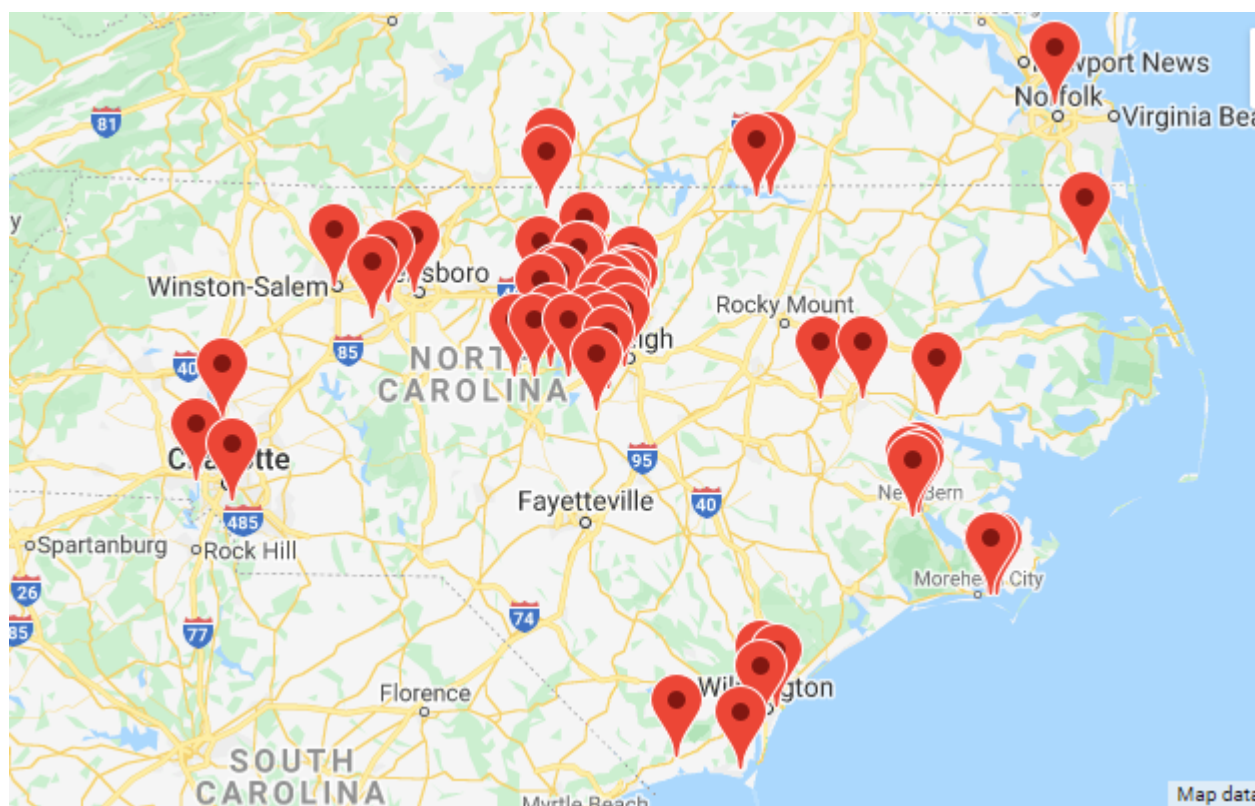
Fostering Comradery in the Chapter by Judy Hills

Why do I bring this up? The members of our chapter are far-flung. Just look at the map below. When we were held quarterly in-person meetings, only a few were able to attend because of this.. At least now that we are meeting virtually, it gives every member the opportunity to participate and we hope you will. But meeting virtually is also a challenge. How do we really get to know each other to create a sense of belonging—a sense of comradery? As per my routine, I did some online reach on this topic. Here are some ideas for consideration.

First begin with interesting conversation. If this results in dead silence, try ice breaker questions. Given that we are boat owners, here are a few suggestions: What's the worst boat restoration outcome you've ever had? If you could give advice to a new ACBS member, what would it be? What's your dream boat?

Another option is to create a virtual scavenger hunt. This could be something you do in the chat feature of Zoom. Consider the members attending and give a hint about that person and see who can name him or her. For example, if John Justice is attending, ask, "Who has The Piglet?" This helps members learn more about each other.

A neat feature of Zoom is the opportunity to share documents and pictures during the meeting. "A picture is worth a thousand word" it is said. So for a program, one member might share the pictures of his most recent outing, or a component of his boat restoration project. If you are struggling to solve an issue, share this with the members. Do join us on April 28th for our next zoom chapter meeting.



Used Boat—New Name?

To rename or not to rename, that is the question when you buy a used boat. Sometimes the old name just won't do (e.g., "Clara" when your wife's name is "Nancy"). Sometimes the name has a negative connotation that you'd just as soon avoid (e.g., "Leaky Bucket"). Or maybe you just don't get it (e.g., "Silly Willy"). So, you make the decision that she really, really needs a new name.

No name should not be an option, although we do know that some of our members have boats with no visible name. You wouldn't do that to your child, and isn't your boat like a family member? Do you say, "Let's take no name out for a spin today?"

Now some of you might have heard that it is unlucky to give a boat a new name—the God of the Sea, Poseidon might bring down his wrath. So, to appease Poseidon and to ensure that the new name is entered into his "Ledger of the Deep" there needs to be an official renaming ceremony along with a process for doing so.

Several sources agree that the following steps are required:

- Remove every trace of the old name.
- Conduct a purging ceremony.
- Perform a renaming ceremony.
- Add the new name ASAP.

Caution: do not under any circumstance take anything on the boat with the new name until the process of purging is complete!

Remove the name

It isn't just the name on the transom or the side. What else has the boat's name on it? Throwables? Towels? Shirts? Caps? Papers? Décor? Get them off the boat and out of your life!

Purge the name

There are several options to symbolically purge the old name. These include: taking an object that

has the old name of the boat (e.g., shirt, cap, towel) and burn or bury it. You can also write the name on a small metal object and then throw that into the body of water where the boat is to be used. Gather many family, friends, and ACBS chapter members along with appropriate libations and conduct this purging ceremony. Address Poseidon with these words (or paraphrase):

"Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, I implore you in your graciousness to expunge for all time from your records and recollection the name (mention the old boat name), which has ceased to be an entity in your kingdom. Through your powers may this name be forever purged from the sea."

Distribute the libations. Then, burn the item or drop the metal piece into the water.

I'm grateful acknowledgement of your munificence and dispensation, we offer these libations to your majesty and your court."

Lift your glasses and toast the history of the boat and her former owners.

Ceremoniously rename the boat

Now, you need to call upon Poseidon to accept the boat's new name. Refill the glasses and offer the following toast:

"Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, I implore you in your graciousness to take unto your rec-

Used Boat—New Name? (Cont'd)

*ords and recollection this worthy vessel here-
after and for all time known as (say the name
you've selected), guarding her with your
mighty arm and trident and ensuring her of
safe and rapid passage throughout her jour-
neys within your realm.*

*I'n appreciation of your munificence, dispen-
sation, and in honor of your greatness, we of-
fer these libations to your majesty and your
court."*

Lift your glasses and toast the boat's
new name. You may want to provide a short
explanation of how it was derived.

Add the new name

Now that the ceremony is over, your job is
to add the new name to the boat as quickly
as possible. You have assured the gods of
her new name and now you must follow
through. At a minimum add the new name
to the hull. Now you can bring items onto
the boat with her name. Some of you are
probably thinking—that's bunk! May be, but
do you want to tempt fate?

To learn more about how to name
your boat, [click here](#). To see comics and
funny photos involving the names of boats,
[click here](#).



Definitely not a way to rename your boat. Might make for a jealous wife or girlfriend!

Getting to Know: Kevin & Jen Leiner

Every once in a while we get a glimpse into our members' lives beyond just what we know from interactions at chapter events. Here is a short piece on Kevin and his family.

Sailing is primarily my interest, although my wife Jen enjoys going with me. Our son, who is now 19 years old and in college, also enjoys sailing. I have been interested in boats in general and sailing in particular most of my life and like many, I started sailing Sunfish dinghies as a kid in summer camps. As a teen I would sail with my friend on his Sunfish off the beach in the ocean on Long Island, NY.

For a couple of years after college, I became an opportunistic "guest" sailing with other friends and acquaintances, including crewing on an Ensign during a race series one summer on the Hudson River and joining my former boss for day sails on his Sweden Yachts 37.

It was not until I was 31 years old when I acquired my first boat, which I built in a storage unit outside of my apartment over the course of 18 months, a 14' glued-lapstrake dinghy. A couple of years later, I was able to commission a sailmaker and we rigged her for sailing (I had built in a centerboard case during construction with this plan in mind). We sail our dinghy primarily in Falls Lake (Raleigh), but also in the ICW behind Holden Beach and occasionally

around Beaufort. Since that time I have also rebuilt, over the course of 6 years, a 1958 Chris-Craft Sea Skiff Open 18 power boat from keel to gunwale, including all new steam-bent white oak frames, new bottom planks, new interior, and new decks. I have just entered into a partnership in an Ensign keelboat and I am looking forward to spending more time pursuing my sailing interest.



Outside of sailing, I am a scientist by trade and a woodworker by avocation – I have built additions on houses and built boats, fine furniture, and tons of trim carpentry including cabinets and other built-ins. My wife is an accomplished artist, primarily painting in oils but also sculpture in a variety of media,

and is a well-known and highly regarded set designer and painter in community theaters in the Raleigh, Durham, and surrounding areas.

We love Labrador retrievers and have an exceptionally awesome black lab named Clancy who loves to swim.

And one hidden talent that Jen has: finding 4- and 5-leaf clovers! We actually observed this skill recently.



Vessel Safety Checks

In mid-March, an article written by Judy Hills for the ACBS Blog several years ago was republished to remind ACBS boat owners that safety is important no matter what the age of the vessel. If you are using your boat on the water, we urge you to consider getting it inspected by either the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or the US Power Squadron. There is no consequence for not passing and it might save you from getting a ticket from Wildlife authorities. [Click here](#) to read the article..



2021 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION THEME: "TALL TALES"

In December we made this announcement. In case you missed it, here it is again. Well, not exactly a competition, just an opportunity for members to help add content to the newsletter each month. For 2021, you are invited to contribute your best "tall tale" of your adventures in boating. Don't have one, make one up! We just want to be entertained and we don't "fact check" submissions. Parodies and other funny material also come under this heading. The only criteria is that it has to somehow involve a boat. Send in your tall tale before the end of each month to [me](#).



2021 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION THEME: "TALL TALES"

Since we did not receive any "Tall Tales" from members in March, here is a "tall tale" cartoon.

We invite you to create a story about it.

[Click here](#) to submit your story by April 27th.



Time For a Workshop at John Justice's Piglet in Pittsboro

On Saturday April 17th John Justice has agreed to host a chapter workshop at his boat storage/restoration facility—10 Crosswinds Estates Dr. in Pittsboro. This is a great opportunity to get to know chapter members and you might even learn a thing or two about boat restoration. We have a multitude of talent in our club and members are more than willing to share their knowledge. "Learn from the mistakes of others—you can't live long enough to make them all yourself!"

The club will provide the plates, napkins, cups and utensils as well as the condiments, buns and meat. Please bring something to share (salad, fruit, dessert, leftover Easter candy—whatever). Bring your own drinks. We'll try not to set the facility on fire this time! We need a headcount for the food, so please [email Alan](#) by 4/12. Do come!



Here are some photos from the last workshop.



HYCO LAKE GET 'EM WET CLUB EVENT
SATURDAY May 15, 2021 LAUNCH 8 TO 9 AM
 Launch from 205 Kelly Brewer Rd, Leasburg, NC
 Launch fee is \$25 per boat
RIDE THE LAKE 9-12 Lonnie & Carol Sieck to lead
PICNIC LUNCH 12 PM at shelter #3



EVENT DETAILS

- There is generally heavy boat traffic on the lake on weekends. Strongly suggest you launch as soon after 8 AM as possible.
- Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, tableware, utensils, condiments.
- Members to bring: folding chairs, own drinks & ice, salad or side dish (last name A-M), dessert (last name N-Z)
- Directions and other details provided separately
- We are planning for media coverage of event so wear your best nautical attire!
- If the weather does not cooperate, we'll make the best of it.
- No boat? No problem! We'll hook you up.
- RSVP via email to ahills@suddenlink.net by 5/5/21 please. Tell us how many as well.



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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 business meeting dates, the places, dates and times listed for events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Please add these dates to your calendar and participate as much as you can! Support the boat shows listed and others. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold. **NOTE: COVID-19 is still impacting plans. These events are tentative—confirm before traveling.**

4/17	Chapter Workshop at the Piglet—Pittsboro
4/28	Chapter business meeting—Zoom
5/1	NCMM Beaufort Boat Show CANCELLED
5/14-15	Lake Lure Classic Boat & Auto Show
5/15	Hyc0 Lake Get "Em Wet Chapter outing
6/11-12	Thomasville, NC Vintage Power Show
6/18-20	St. Michael's MD Boat Show
7/28	Chapter business meeting

New Forum on Facebook for ACBS Members

Have a question about your project? Not sure how to fix an engine issue? Join the ACBS Members Group on Facebook! [Click Here.](#)



Request to Join

What are the ACBS Definitions of Antique or Classic Boat?

Historic: A boat built up to and including 1918

Antique: A boat built between 1919 and 1942 inclusive

Classic: A boat built between 1943 and 1975 (any material)

Late Classic: A boat built 1976 to 25 years prior to the current year.

Boats classified as Historic up through Late Classic will be judged separately as Preserved or Restored boats. For more information [click here.](#)