



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

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of the ACBS

April 2024



Hello Mates,

March has been quite a month for our chapter. We started out with the trailer maintenance/safety workshop at the Piglet, a dry run test of our April cruise route, the Sunnyland pre-show cruise, the Sunnyland show and a trip to the Mariner's Museum Park in Newport News, VA. Throw in some boat maintenance and a whole lot of pollen, and I'd call that a pretty busy month!

The trailer workshop featured lots of good maintenance and safety tips, along with some hair-raising tales of mishaps and malfunctions. There was also several boxes of various used trailer parts and some giveaways. Of course, no Piglet outing would be complete without a lunch. In this case, John prepared a Low Country boil for us that we all enjoyed.

The following Wednesday saw members Jim Hartman, Neal Keeter, John Justice, Larry Lettick and myself embark on a trial run for our chapter overnight cruise next month. We launched Hunkey Dory in the Pamlico River at Washington, NC and proceeded to the Tar River to check out what was there. We were very fortunate to have Larry with us because he volunteers at The Estuarium as a tour boat captain and knows the area quite well. After reaching Bear Creek, we headed back to the city docks in Washington and had lunch at one of the local eateries. Following that, we steamed on down to Bath Creek to Cindy Jordan's family retreat. We were greeted by Cindy's cousin Bubbs, a very interesting fellow, who lives next door and showed us where the good water was and

places we could dock for the night. This outing is going to be a lot of fun, so sign up!

As most of you know, the Sunnyland show is a bucket list event that un-officially kicks off the new boat show season. I was fortunate enough to secure a crew position on John Justice's Chris Craft Continental "Fins" for the four day pre-show cruise on the St. John's River. Neal Keeter, Nate Justice and Jim Hartman rounded out the crew. The cruise started out in Palatka, FL and moved on to Astor FL, visiting places in between. There were about a dozen boats participating and we were treated to the beauty and wildlife of the area. We also had some good food....lots of it. The joke among us became "We are an eating club with a boating problem!" There was also a post-show cruise offered. I would highly recommend attending this for the fun and fellowship that that it provides. Of course, there's a very cool boat show too.

We had a very nice turnout for the Maritime Museum event on March 30th, but since this edition is already packed, we'll save the article and pictures for the May newsletter.

Alan Hills, President



Looking for Ideas & Members who need help fixing their boats

We have tentatively put some dates on our chapter calendar, but we don't have any place or topic yet. Below are the open dates. If you would like to volunteer to set something up, please let [President Alan Hills](#) know .

June 1—Saturday. Suggest Wilmington area

July 17—Wednesday 5 PM—need to pick a lake or other place with a picnic area for a meeting and a ride on the water.

October 26—Saturday. An afternoon lunch and annual meeting at a restaurant.

November 16—Saturday. A workshop or outing.

We are looking for members who need help with their boats—maintenance or restoring. Are you stumped? Reached a plateau? Need inspiration? We have skilled members who are

available to consult and provide hands-on assistance. This could be a pop-up event. If you need help—please reach out! [Contact John Justice.](#)



National Superhero Day April 28th—the Justice League



OK, so we are still having fun using AI to create images. Here are some Superheros in a classic boat. A little comic trivia: There were originally seven members of the Justice League of America. And we just so happen to have **John Justice** who heads his own league of superheros—those in our chapter that are regular attendees at chapter events, that support ACBS chapter boat shows, that represent the chapter at non-ACBS boat shows, and that are the first to show up when help is needed. So to our Chapter Superheros—we say a big:

THANK YOU!!!

Trailer Maintenance Workshop a Success!

Saturday March 9th was a good day to be in John Justice's workshop AKA The Piglet. It was a rainy day so there wasn't much you could do outdoors anyway. The following members joined in on the fun: **Jim Alexander, Jacob Smith, Jeff Gelm, Neal Keeter, Bill Baker, Bill Conley, Austin Lewis, Rob Weller, Jim Hartman, Leif Eriksson, Bob Banta and Alan Hills.** Since we have 50 members that call ours their primary chapter, this represents 22% of our membership attending which is a nice core group. Alan was the instructor for the session. A tasty low country boil was prepared for lunch by Jeff and John—something a little different from what is normally served at our workshops.

Alan used the [trailer maintenance checklist](#) provided to the attendees (posted on our website). He went over the "how to" of each "what to" item. He demonstrated techniques. Each attendee was given a small packet of di-electric grease for the bulbs and connectors. Alan also demonstrated the use of a grease wheel bearing packer and gave two of them away to attendees.

John Justice gave an informative demonstration on the proper installation of bunk carpeting in such a way as to easily drain off the water to prevent rotting,

Some important bits of information that came out of the workshop:

- Always take the time to go over your trailering checklist. The old saying about an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure is especially true when trailering. You don't want to be that guy on the side of the road who lost a wheel, or worse yet, his boat.
- Be sure your tongue weight is sufficient to prevent your trailer from yawing from side to side at high speeds.
- Tires have date codes embedded in the sidewall. Average tire life is 5 years, shorter if the trailer is stored on grass or soft ground.



- If your trailer has hydraulic surge brakes, be sure your tow vehicle is equipped with a 5 pin plug that is wired to block the brakes when you are backing up.
- Check your mirrors frequently when towing; you can usually see something is amiss before it becomes a major problem.
- Every time you make a pitstop, take a minute to check on the boat and trailer and make adjustments as needed.

Of course, most of the guys had one or more trailer stories to relate. Some funny and some serious, but all informative—things we need to be aware of. Stuff happens!

The attendees also received a copy of the [trailer tips](#) that is available on our website.

Our thanks again to John for hosting, to Jeff for cooking, to Alan for teaching, and to all who attended that made this another great chapter workshop! And the bonus was getting to see all the boat projects underway at the Piglet.

Trailer Maintenance Workshop Photos by Jim Alexander



Pop-Up Test Run for Overnight Cruise in April

Alan Hills, Jim Hartman, John Justice, Neal Keeter, and Larry Lettick took Alan’s Chris Craft Dory on a test run. They put in at Washington, did a tour of the Pamlico River around Washington, grabbed a bite in town, then took Hunkey Dory to Bath. At Bath they met Cindy Jordan’s cousin and were able to scope out the docking situation on Bath Creek where Cindy’s house is located. Here are a few pictures from that run. (See below for sign up info and the next page for the plan)



SignUpGenius for Cruise

You only need to sign up if you plan to attend the cruise. **NOTE: This is not about accommodations—only how you are getting to Bath.** Select the total number attending. “Sign me up” for is a pull down menu . Select one: bringing a boat, want a ride on a boat or travel by car (this means you don’t plan to ride by boat to Bath). Example: Those in your party of two could have two different responses for Sign Me Up—the husband could want to ride by boat and the wife may want to go by car. Use the “My Comment” section to provide additional information. Questions? Email Alan. Or call him at 252.514.8525 [Click here](#) for form.

My RSVP

Will you be attending on Sat., 04/27/2024

Yes
No
Maybe

How many will be attending, including yourself?

Public Comment (Optional)

Sign me up for:

Available Slot	Quantity	My Comment
Select	-	

Name

Email

Already have a SignUpGenius account? [Login](#)

Overnight Cruise April 27-28 Washington to Bath

This is just the overnight cruise you have been waiting for—a first for our chapter. We have a good plan and if the weather cooperates, we'll have a wonderful experience with not too much effort. And if the weather does not cooperate, we have the same plan—just without the boats. Here's the skinny...

The Plan:

An overnight cruise between Washington and Bath on the Pamlico River. Adults, teens, and children are welcome.

Saturday April 27

- 10 AM Put in at Havens Garden Ramp 1053 E Main St. in Washington
- 10 to 11:30 AM Boat tour of Washington area led by Larry Lettick. Larry runs the tour boat for the Estuarium.
- 11:30 to 3 PM—We'll tie up at town docks and you are on your own until 3 PM when we'll head down river—Estuarium, lunch, shopping
- 3 PM. Cruise the Pamlico River to Bath (less than one hour run at speed). Explore Bath (walkable area). Hang out at Cindy Jordan's family house on Bath Creek—205 S. Main St. Can catch trout off the dock—bring your gear and your fishing license!
- 6:30 PM Dinner at Cindy's provided by the chapter and prepared by those attending (spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert). BYOB and mixers.

Sunday April 28

- Breakfast on your own. Explore Bath, hang out at Cindy's, or fish off the dock.
- Lunch on your own
- 1 PM tour [Harper's Boat Sales and Restoration Shop](#) 325 Clark Rd. in Bath. Just east of the Aurora/Bayview ferry landing on the Pamlico

River if coming by boat. ([not yet confirmed](#)).

- 3 PM Cruise back to Washington on Sunday after the tour of Harper's.

Email [Alan](#) to let him know if you plan to use your boat for the cruise and how many additional people can ride in your boat.

If you don't have a boat, but want to ride on one, let [Alan](#) know—or you can make your own arrangements with someone who is going—the sooner you let us know is you need a ride, the better.

If your spouse or significant other would prefer to drive, they can go to Washington and do the boat ride and then drive to Cindy's house in Bath. Judy Hills plans to do that so there will be at least one car at the house for transporting those who need a ride to/from their accommodations. Those interested can ride with her from Washington. **Those driving please note that the bridge to Bath will be closed for repairs now until Memorial Day—there will be a detour route so the travel time may be increased.**

Accommodations:

There are a limited number of slips and beds at Cindy Jordan's house. There are two rooms with Queen beds (couples only, please). and there is a bunkhouse-like room that will sleep 5 on cots and sofas (hey, it's only for one night—you'll live!). There are only two bathrooms. Lots of space to hang out. If you prefer more privacy or if we run out of accommodations, here are some options.—none cheap. **If interested in staying at Cindy's [email her ASAP.](#)**

B&B [Inn on Bath Creek](#)—116 S Main St. or

[Bath Harbor Motel & Marina](#) —101 Carteret St.—boat slip included in rate.

Suggest you make these reservations sooner rather than later. We hope you will join us! If you plan to attend [Click here](#) to tell us how you will get to Bath so we can get a head count for food. Questions? [Email Alan](#) or 252.514.8525

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2024 RIVERFRONT BOAT SHOW



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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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2024 Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat and Auto Show
 May 18 - 19, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

One boat per registration form - No email registrations accepted.



Antique and Classic Boat Society Boat Specifications: Any boat that is over 25 years old regardless of type of construction with the exception of pontoon boats or personal watercraft. Boats that are newer than 25 yrs must be of contemporary design.

CAPTAIN & MATE NAME(S): _____

ACBS#: _____ Email Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Boat Name: _____

Year: _____ Manufacturer: _____ Length: _____

Model: _____ Engine: _____ Cy/Hp: _____

One (1) Boat Registration (land and water display same rate) : \$50.00

Registered boats must conform to ACBS Classification Guide. Once capacity is reached, only on-trailer beach display or open water anchored boat spaces will be available. There are only 23 uncovered dock slips available. Spaces will be pre-assigned in order of receipt of registration. Proof of minimum of \$300,000 water liability insurance and current registration is required with application.

WATER BOAT LAUNCH: (Date and time confirmed 2 weeks prior)

Date Preference: _____ Thursday _____ Friday (Choose One)

Time Preference: _____ 9a-11a _____ 11a-1p _____ 1p-3p _____ 3p-5p
 (Choose One)

MEAL OPTION:

Lakeside Cookout Buffet / Friday, May 17 / 6pm Yes / No (Circle One)

If yes, # attending _____ Adults x \$30/pp = \$ _____

_____ Child (12 & under) x \$15/pp = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Special dietary requests, please notify Kathi Collins, kcollins@lakelure.com, 828-625-2525 Ext 119, 2 weeks prior.

Blue Ridge Chapter Members Only

Mexican Cuisine Dinner / Saturday, May 18 / 6:30pm Yes / No (Circle One)

If yes, # attending _____ Adults x \$40/pp = \$ _____ (Children 12 and under free)

BOAT SHOW / Saturday, May 18, 2024 / 10am - 4pm (No charge for access)

Are you interested in giving rides to the public? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like land display? _____ Yes _____ No

Display is on Lake Lure Beach; on packed sand (10' x 25' space provided)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (U.S. Funds Only) \$ _____ (totals from above)

REFUNDS: \$15.00 retained handling fee before April 19, 2024. No Refunds after April 19, 2024

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

To register: Mail completed form along with fees to Lake Lure Tours, P.O. Box 10, Lake Lure, NC 28746.

More info: Sonya Ledford, Office (828) 625-1373, Cell (828) 395-7230, Email sonya.ledford@lakelure.com

Additional BCRS info: John Heiderich (864) 231-9614

Sunnyland Boat Festival in Tavares, Florida

Our chapter had good representation at this first-of-the-season boat show. President **Alan Hiils** rode down with **John Justice** and **Neal Keeter**. John towed his boat "Fins" to use for the pre-show cruise. John did not enter Fins in the festival. They met up with **Jim and Anne Marie Hartman** and **John's son Nate** who flew in. John, Nate, Neal, Jim and Alan went on the 3-day pre-show cruise on the St. Johns River with three cruising locations: Astor, Palatka, and Silver Springs. One of the three days was a little rainy and some mornings were cool, but all-in-all a very enjoyable cruise.

Nate left after the cruise and the gang went on to the boat festival on Friday and Saturday. The wind was up on Friday so the boats at the show did not get put in the water until Saturday. Saturday morning there was a brief, hard rain and then the rest of the day was warm and humid. Other chapter members seen at the show included **Margaret & Jim Moores** who had his new boat there (see March newsletter), but unfortunately he had engine trouble which he was not able to resolve. Poor Jim said Friday was one of the worst days of his life. **Alan and Jean Frederick** were there as well.

The guys saw **Lonnie Sieck's former boat "Symmetry"** there. Her new owner had restored the boat and engine to factory condition. Her new home is Coeur d'Alene, Idaho—a long haul to come for this show.

If you have never been to the Sunnyland Boat Festival, you should make plans to attend next year.



Pictures of the Sunnyland Boat Festival Pre-show Cruise



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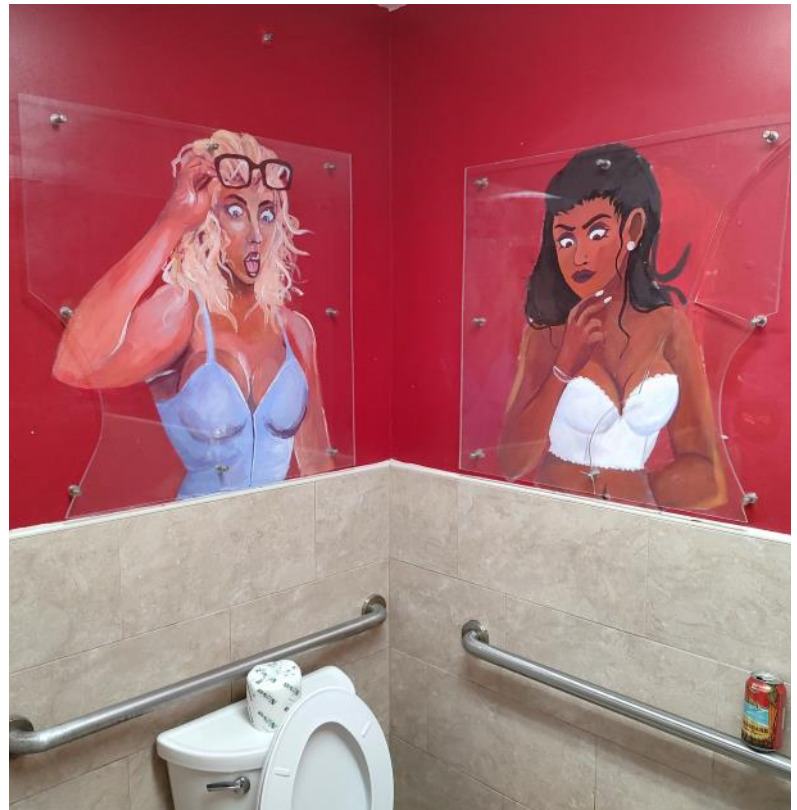
The Moby Dick belongs to Bob and Alicia Boardman. They were towing it down from VA when the engine fell off its bracket on I-95. The tape you see on the engine cover hides the road rash. Funny in retrospect, not so much when it was happening. Bob and Alicia are friends of Alan and Judy Hills.



Pictures of the Sunnyland Boat Festival



Upper L: car engine + still—NC origin?
Upper R: Alan's favorite at the show
Lower L: Symmetry reprised
Lower R: Stranger things



Smith Mountain Lake Chapter Spring Workshop in Wirtz, VA



SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2024

10 AM – 1 PM (Doors open @ 9:30 am)

\$10 USD (incl. coffee, donuts, and lunch)

1100 Oakshire Lane, Wirtz, VA

Feed that contagious Spring Fever by joining us for another informative SML club workshop that will cover the following topics:

Sonny and Linwood Ranson from W&L Prop Shop will give the low down on boat propeller anatomy. What's best, stainless, bronze, aluminum or Ni-bral? What about pitch, cupping, 4 blade vs. 3 blade, CNC vs. standard, plus lots of other mysteries that they will solve for us.

John Rieth will discuss how to properly set-up and use a plane. What's the difference between block, smooth, low angle, jack, etc. In his previous life he used to be an Industrial Arts teacher in Long Island so if you don't pay attention, you not only will be whacked with a ruler but probably sent to detention. Beware, that may involve sanding a boat.

Jake Shaffer, a regional rep. from Interstate Batteries will discuss the differences between auto and marine batteries. Also, what's new rather than the old standard acid lead style? How about deep cycle, AGM (absorbed glass mat), gel, etc. How should you maintain a

battery during winter layup including using a tender?

Lots of questions, and yes, we will have the answers so, get off the couch, bring a friend and come join us. **Alan Frederick** will briefly talk about his boat project and by popular demand, will be firing up the Hall Scott engine after the lunch break.

Other questions call Alan Frederick @ (540) 352 – 8653. **Bring a guest and a chair.**

Alan Frederick (pictured below) is a member of both our Chapter and the SML Chapter of ACBS. Our Chapter members are invited to attend this workshop. Alan and Judy Hills plan to go and we hope others will as well. [Send Alan F. an email](#) if you plan to attend.

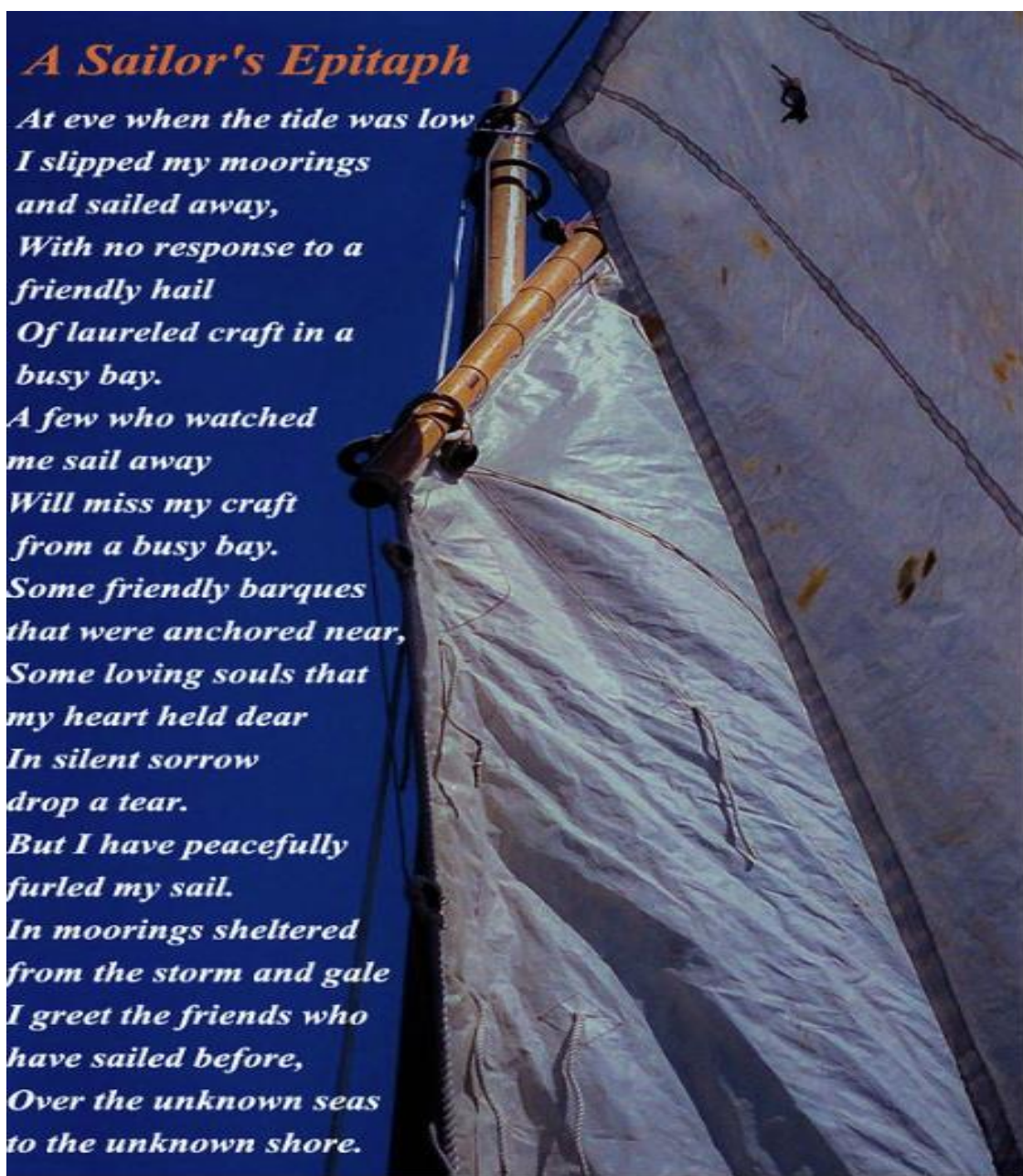


April 6th is Plan Your Epitaph Day—Here is One Example

Nobody likes to think about it...but we all *will* die one day. No, this truth isn't a morbid thought—it is an invitation for you to tell your story—on your own terms.—your life and times. Your epitaph provides a unique insight into what was most precious in your life, what you want to be remembered for, and by whom, and what we might need to do right now to achieve that. One of life's greatest honors is writing your own epitaph. It is your secret weapon against the world—the frosting to your life. Take time today to write your epitaph. Read it frequently and change as you see fit. Live by it! [Click here](#) for more examples—inspired, boating & sailing themed farewell poems.

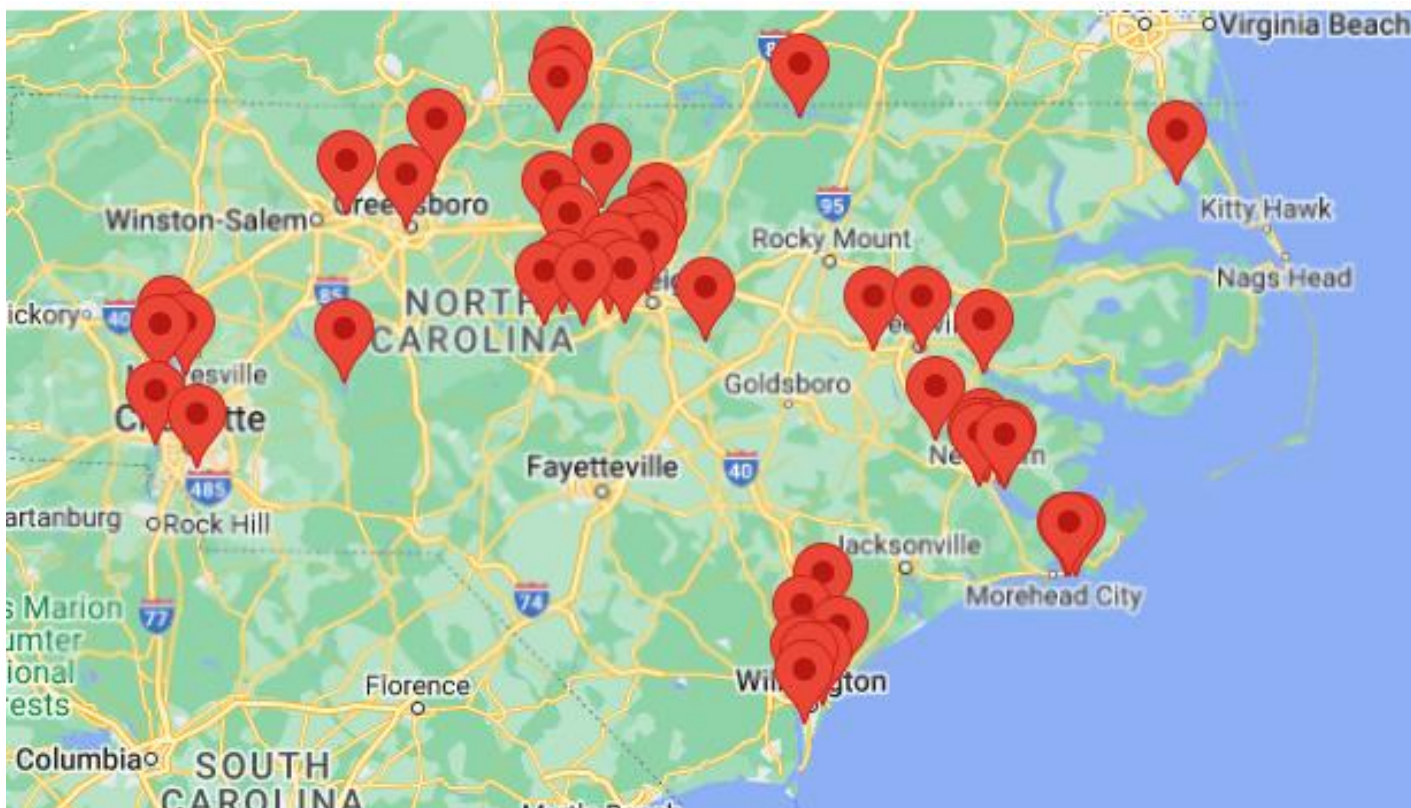
"The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for."

– Fyodor Dostoyevsky



Using the ACBS Member Portal

Just a reminder that you can use the ACBS member portal to look up information on any ACBS member, as well as any boat or engine listed by the ACBS member in the database. You can also use it to find a member who lives near you. Below is the GIS map of where our NC members live. Click on the plus sign on the map to expand it. Click on the dot to get their name. We encourage you to get to know your ACBS neighbors! Riding together to events is a great way to do this.



Name Tags—Don't have one? The First One is Free!

Please remember to wear your name tags at chapter events so we can get to know you. If you have never received a name tag—the first one is free—the chapter pays and will have it shipped directly to you—you just need to ask for it. You may request additional name tags or a name tag for a co-member. [Click here](#) to read information on how to order.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

New: David Printy (New London, NC), Kyle Biddinger (Clayton, NC)

Renewed: Robert Blanchard (New Hill, NC), Charles Mansfield (Littleton, NC), Bradley Hedrick (Beaufort, NC), Wayne Kish (Manakin Sabot, VA)

Total Membership: 62 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 50 NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 12

Welcome!

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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 dates, the places, dates and times listed for events may change. Watch your email for updates. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your 2024 calendar:

- 4/12-14 Oriental Boat Show
- 4/13 Cape Fear Community College Boat Show [Click here](#) for info.
- 4/20 SML Chapter Spring Workshop in Wrtz, VA \$10 Alan Frederick 540.352.8653
- 4/24 Chapter Business Meeting [via Zoom](#) All members invited.
- 4/27-28 Overnight Cruise from Washington to Bath on Sat and return on Sun [Click here](#) to indicate attendance and travel plans
- 5/4 NC Maritime Museum Boat Show in Beaufort [Click here](#) for info
- 5/17-18 [Lake Lure Boat and Auto Show](#) (Blue Ridge Chapter)

Silver Moon Boat

Chinese folk song

Lit - tie sil - ver moon rides the sky like a boat, past the twink - ling
Yuè er wán wán xiàng yí - tiáo sky guà tiān - shàng Chuán guà xīng - xīng

stars it will float, light - ly float. Sail lit - tie moon boat
tā yí - rán qīng - yīng piāo - dàng Yáng - fān xiàng - zhe

to the west, sail lit - tie moon boat while I rest.
xī - fāng háng Zhè xiǎo xiǎo yín chuán duō ān - xiǎng

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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.

Contemporary: Any wooden boat built within the last 25 years.

Boats classified as Historic up through Late Classic will be judged separately as Preserved or Restored boats.

Resto-Mod: Any historic, antique, classic or late classic boat that has been restored and modified with non-original parts and technology.

For more information [click here](#).