



## Messing About In Boats

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

August 2021

### Show Boating 2021 Style

Our ACBS Chapter (North Carolina Coastal and Piedmont) partnered with Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) and the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association (ETYSA) to host a low-key boat show at the BSC facility in Fairfield Harbour in New Bern, NC on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM and 2 PM. This facility that has docks, a boat ramp, bath house and club house is located on Upper Broad Creek, just off the Neuse River. It was a beautiful, sunny summer day for the show—albeit a hot one!

This is our chapter's first show since 2016 although we did have one scheduled for early October 2018 which was wiped out by the arrival of Hurricane Florence in late September 2018. ACBS Chapter President Alan Hills and his wife Judy who is the Chapter Secretary were the primary organizers with the assistance of New Bern chapter members Leif Eriksson and Jim Hartman.

As usual registrations were slow to come in, but then snowballed at the end. We asked the Chapter members to contribute a flat \$25. BSC members were asked to make a donation to ETYSA. Others were permitted to register, but we did not ask them to pay, but a few made donations. The idea was to at least break

even for the cost of the show which included refreshments for the registrants and the cost of the electric for the big boats that moored overnight. We did purchase a new banner for the chapter as our logo had changed. We posted the event on a number of free websites and newsletters. We also put up a few posters around New Bern.

While we did not have a crowd of people, there was a steady stream of lookers throughout the day—we estimate about 100. We had three members attend who did not have boats to display: Leif Eriksson, John Justice and Jared Smith. We had four or five potential new chapter members (if they follow through), three potential new BSC members, two people interested in ETYSA—one for a grandchild and one for an adult sailing class.

All-in-all we had 27 boats register, of which five were sailboats. Seven chapter members displayed their boats: Joe Peacos, Jim Alexander, Dan Bixler, Jim Dean, Jim Hartman, Dave Mahoney and John Tinney. Two chapter members who were also members of BSC had boats in the show: President Alan Hills and Treasurer Kevin Leiner. Six BSC members displayed boats: Ted Clark, Dan Walker, Diet-

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er Troutman, Bob Petritsch and John Dougherty. Others who showed their boats included Julian Arrington, Abby Sirkin, Jeremy Taylor, Bill Ward, Mike Webber, Chris Stevens, Robert Toth, and George Story. The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum's William Prentice showed a boat that the Friends are selling. That was a very respectable showing. Here are some details about the entrants:

There were five sailboats. A 18-foot Cape Dory Typhoon; a 15-foot Marshall Sandpiper; a 24-foot Edey & Duff Crocker Stone Horse; a 14-foot homemade Penobscot (Kevin Leiner); and a 30-foot Chris Craft Capri. And yes, Chris Craft did make sailboats.

There were eight Barbour boats. President Alan Hills' Silver Clipper was in the water, the rest were land displays with two belonging to member Joe Peacos and two belong to New Bern attorney Bill Ward.

There were six Chris Crafts ranging from 16 to 50 feet.

Member Jim Alexander brought his 14-foot aluminum Cadillac Custom.

We had a Carolina Boat Company skiff, a Chesapeake/Mahone/Morristaud Bay Cruiser, a 50-foot Elco Flat Top, a Barnegat Bay Sneak Box duck hunting boat, a Thompson Sea Coaster, and a Wagemaker Wolverine.

The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum brought a Fay & Bowen Launch that had been donated to them by chapter member Jim Moores. This gorgeous craft is for sale, in case you might be interested—contact the Friends of the Museum.

We had three big boats that stayed on the docks overnight. A 33-foot Chris Craft Capitan owned by the Stevens from Palo Alto, CA. They received a BSC burgee (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition) for having come the farthest courtesy of Jim Moores. Their boat had been in for renovations with Moores Marine. Rob Toth brought his 50-foot Chris Craft Constellation which had also been in for work at Moores Marine. Member John Tinney brought his 50-foot Elco up from Wilmington. These were each beautiful examples of their type. The owners graciously allowed visitors aboard.

We had three members providing rides on their boats: Alan Hills (Barbour Silver Clipper), Jim Dean (Chris Craft Riviera), and Jim Hartman (Chris Craft Continental). There were a number of visitors who took advantage of that opportunity.

There were a few issues that cropped up—couldn't have a show without them! Dan Bixler had put his Chris Craft in the water, only to notice several hours later that it was riding rather low in the water. He pulled it out in time to keep it from sinking, but it took a long time for it to drain. The Dutchess—member John Tinney's 50-foot Elco Flat Top—had electrical power issues both with his generator and with his shore power. Kevin Leiner and his son Kenny were going to go for a sail on the boat they brought to show and had to pull it from the water as there was a problem with the rigging.

Some really cool things transpired beyond just the show. Member John Justice picked up a generator from member Jim Dean on

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behalf of member Jeff Gelm and got leads on a couple of items he needs for his Chris Craft triple cockpit: a trailer from member Jared Smith and a Velvet Drive transmission from member Jim Hartman. BSC member Ted Clark had traded a Cape Dory Typhoon Daysailor to chapter member Jim Dean for a Typhoon weekender a while back. Ted's weekender was in the show. A guy, George Story, who was showing his Crocker Stone Horse sailboat had it for sale. Ted fell in love with it and promptly traded George his Typhoon for it. We saw Ted at BSC on Sunday and he was readying it for a sail. A couple with a child drove up from Southport to get a ride in a Barbour Silver Clipper. They have the same boat at home, but it is still under renovation. They had never ridden on a similar Barbour so they were very grateful for the opportunity for a ride on Alan's boat. The guy followed up with a phone call to Alan on Sunday to inquire about some parts. We hope he will become a member. On Sunday Alan helped Rob Toth motor his Constellation from BSC to the Grand Marina in New Bern where he plans to stay for a week or so until his boat captain is available to help him take the boat back to Michi-

gan where it will ply the water of the big lakes.

Joe Peacos did a fabulous job getting his friends with Barbour boats to participate. He has a wonderful display tent and he does a marvelous job showing his own boats. If you have never taken the time to see his displays, we encourage you to do so—it is a real education about Barbours.

Member Jim Moores was promoting Moores Marine by handing out much needed sun glasses.

Members Jim and Alice Dean and their dog Cappy spent the night at BSC in their camper.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Blackbeard Sailing Club for allowing us to use the facility. Having the show there permitted us to host the three large boats so they did not have to pay dockage at a marina. It also allowed for display of sailboats in the water. We also had use of a large picnic shelter with fans to shelter us from the heat and sun. Don't know what we would have done without that! We are calling this show a success as it exceeded our expectations. [Click here](#) to view ACBS blog. To view all the photos, [click here](#).





Boat Show Pictures by Deb Mahoney & Judy Hills





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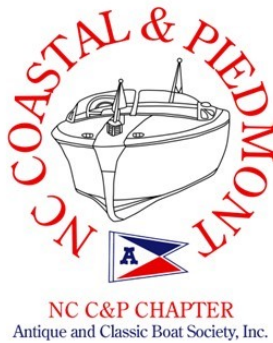




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## "HOUSEWARMING" PARTY

Bill Conley's New Workshop

904 Ranworth Way

Raleigh, NC 27615

Bill & Sharon, ever the gracious hosts, have invited chapter members to join them to christen Bill's new workshop on Saturday August 21st between 10 AM and 2 PM. Bill might just be putting us to work—he won't disclose the project, but you can be sure there will be a lot of boat-talk. Parking is limited, so if you can drive in with another member, please do so.

- The chapter will provide the paper goods and meat to be grilled (TBD).
- The Conley's will provide the condiments.
- We ask those attending to bring a side dish or dessert.
- Please bring your own drinks and folding chairs.
- Please [email](#) Secretary Judy Hills with the number planning to attend by 8/18.

Questions? Contact Secretary Judy Hills via [email](#) or cell: 252.670.1913



## Repurposing Boats: Thinking Outside the Box by Kevin Leiner

I had always wanted a hanging tool cabinet to keep my tools off my workbench, organized, and protected from rust to a certain degree. This past winter, I decided to use the scrap Philippine mahogany that I saved from my Sea Skiff restoration to construct a cabinet. I intended to stain and varnish the cabinet like the wood on my Sea Skiff and use stainless steel hardware.

I was constrained with the useful sizes of material I had left, so to make the most of this I used the Philippine mahogany for the cabinet frame, I picked up a meranti-veneered panel for the front and back, and Alan Hills gifted me a small board of African mahogany for the door frame. The cabinet is constructed with hand cut dovetails and the front and back panels are let into rabbets and grooves in the cabinet sides and door frame. The cabinet hangs on the wall using a French cleat.

The inside of the door holds my Japanese saws, a coping saw, and my bench chisels. There is still room to hang my mortise chis-

els in the door above my bench chisels which I will shortly get around to. To make the most of the available space, based on the size cabinet I was able to build, I elected to include a swing out panel to hold more tools. The swing out panel is dedicated to marking and layout and holds various squares, bevel and marking gauges, a compass / set of dividers, a set of screwdrivers, and my super accurate framing square on the outside. The back of the cabinet holds my planes, spokeshaves, drawknife, mallet, and bit brace. Eventually, I will make three small drawers in the bottom compartment to hold various bits and bobs.

After seeing it stained and varnished, I felt it came out so well that I decided to have Stephen Filarsky (<http://www.smfilarsky.com/goldleafman/>) hand letter my family name on the door in gold leaf. As expected, he did an amazing job and I am quite pleased with the how that has really made the cabinet pop.





## Minutes Board Meeting 28 July 2021

### Attended

Alan Hills, President  
 Judy Hills, Sec  
 Kevin Leiner, Treasurer  
 Jim Alexander, Director  
 Bill Conley, Director  
 John Justice, Director

Zoom Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Welcome by President

Call to Order—Quorum established

Minutes of April 28, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by John Justice and seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Report ending bank balance 6/30/21 \$4,611.37—accepted as presented by Treasurer Kevin Leiner.

### Committee Reports

President's Report—Alan—Great boat show. Looking forward to events scheduled for the balance of 2021.

2021 Scholarships—Jim—Four candidates met our criteria to include grade averages. CFCC is now evaluating the four candidates to determine which two will be selected for scholarship award. Estimate award date is end of July 2021. May need to decrease the amount of the scholarships in 2022.

Membership—Jim reports membership steady at 58.

Website—Judy—continue to make updates as soon as they are known. Added boat show album. Metrics for website were presented.

Newsletter—Judy—always need content. Thanks to those who contribute.

### Old Business

May Hyco Lake Get 'Em Wet event 15 May 2021—cancelled—no gas

June 11-12 Tractor Show at Thomasville—went well—four boats showed—reported in the July edition of the newsletter

July 17—Boat Show at BSC—see report, registration spreadsheet and August edition of the newsletter. Our show was featured on the ACBS blog on Wednesday 7/21/21 <https://acbs.org/show-boating-2021-style/> We really liked the location and briefly discussed holding another boat show there in May or October in 2022. Kevin reported that we broke even on the event.

### New Business

Events for balance of 2021

August 21st 10-2 confirmed for viewing/workshop at Bill Conley's new shop 10-2. Notice and details will be in the August newsletter.

September 25th Boat Shop Bash—Jim Moores' new facility in Beaufort. The band is booked. BBQ to be provided. Confirmed date. Details in the September newsletter.

October 9th confirmed with Jim Alexander for the Fun Run at Lake Gaston. Tentative plan is to launch around 11 AM, ride for 45 minutes. Eat at a restaurant. Ride back and pull the boats.

November 13th—tentative date for Wilmington outing (still working out the details). Tentative plan is a 10 to 2 outing. We'll be taking rides on large boats owned by John Tinney and Jim Dean. We'll board in Wrightsville Beach, ride to a waterfront restaurant where we'll have lunch. Then we'll change boats and ride back so everyone who attends will get to ride on both boats. Won't need to

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worry about the weather. We'll need to limit the number.

December 11th—confirmed date for the Chapter Christmas party at Bill and Sharon Conley's. 6:00 PM.

Discussed the appointment of a chairman for the nominating committee. There were no volunteers so Alan will appoint the chair. The committee will present slate of officers to be emailed to the members by October 13th. Offices to be filled: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and three director positions. Per the Bylaws Alan is ineligible for an additional term. Jeff, Judy, and Kevin are all eligible for additional one-year terms in the same offices. Directors Jim A, Bill C and John J are all eligible for additional two-year terms.

October 27, 2021 is our annual meeting. Decided to hold an in-person meeting (unless the pandemic interferes). Details to follow.

Kevin joined the meeting a little late. Discussed a contribution to ETYSA for the use of the Blackbeard Sailing Club. Motion made by John Justice and seconded by Bill Conley for the chapter to contribute \$100 to the Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association. We had already had \$30 contributed and another \$25 came in late from a non-member. Kevin will send a \$155 check to ETYSA.

Announcements & upcoming events—none other than what has been presented.

Adjournment at 8:15 PM

## A Blast from the Past: Lake Gaston Fun Run September 2019





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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. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

- 8/21 Housewarming for Bill Conley's new shop—Raleigh (See [Dec 2020 newsletter](#) for photos) 10 to 2
- 9/11 Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show
- 9/17-18 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show —Huddleston, VA
- 9/16-18 ACBS International show—Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 9/24-26 Oriental, NC in-water boat show
- 9/25 Wings, Wheels & Keels Show in Topping, VA
- 9/25 **Jim Moores' Boat Shop Bash—Beaufort**
- 10/9 **Fall Fun Run at Lake Gaston—Eaton Ferry-guided by Jim Alexander**
- 10/16-17 Georgetown, SC Boat Show
- 10/27 **Chapter Annual Meeting & elections**

### 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.](#)



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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. For more information [click here.](#)