



## Messing About In Boats

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

August 2022

Greeting fellow boat enthusiasts!

We're just about through the Dog Days of Summer, which are "officially" from July 3rd to August 11th, as determined by the zodiac. The saying refers to the presence of the constellations Canis Major and Canis Minor in the night sky during that time, but I can't help but think of some panting, hairy beast like a St. Bernard or a Siberian Husky pathetically broiling in the summer heat. That's the connotation of "dog days of summer" in my mind. Just hot, sweaty misery. Is it projection? Maybe, but regardless I can commiserate with my suffering four-legged friends. Hot dogs indeed!

Fortunately, dogs and mankind alike can find relief from the fires of summer with the element of water, the enjoyment of which is, of course, the whole point of our hobby. Even the sight of cool water can bring healing, not to mention the cool breezes and best of all a deep dive into the enveloping crispness of H<sub>2</sub>O. So this all begs the question, do you go boating with your pets? I would guess that for those of us who say "yes" the type of pet they bring would normally be a dog. That's my buddy, a four year old, 50 pound hound mix named Poppy. She loves the water - sometimes a bit too much, jumping out of the boat at the most inopportune times.

But who's got another candidate for "boater's-best-friend"? Cats are supposedly good mates on cruising vessels, but I've never had the

chance to observe one onboard. And, of course, what mariner doesn't look good with a parrot perched on his shoulder? Again, I've only read about them, but they're ubiquitous in literature. Whatever your companion, drop us a line with a picture or story of you and your non-human crew enjoying some time on the water!

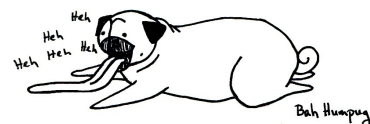
Otherwise, I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. It's got reporting on July's events and previews of what's coming in August and the rest of the year. Please be sure to check the dates, as some may have changed from earlier editions (for example, the show at Blackbeard's.) As always, thank you to the contributors and to Judy Hills for putting it all together.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Cheers,

*Jeff Martinson, President*

Dog Days of  
Summer



## Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Board Meeting

The following are key points from the minutes of the July 25, 2022 Board meeting:

Treasurer's report: Balance as of 6/30/22 was \$6,458.86—an increase over 4/1/22 balance of \$6,196.03.

The President and Treasurer are now both signatories on our checking account.

Activities completed since last meeting—see website and newsletters for details & pics:

- Jarrett Bay Marine Park Tour and Pre-show NCMM Boat Show party at Jim Moores' went well
- NCMM Boat show—several members' boats won trophies
- June workshop held at Blanchard home-stead in New Hill was a big hit with attendees. Robert & Patsy are great hosts.
- July workshop at Shop Class in New Bern was also a hit. Thanks to member Dave Mahoney for sharing his knowledge of miniature engines and Mo Howland for allowing us to use his facility.

### Planned events—mark your calendar:

- 8/11 8 PM National ACBS Zoom meeting—orientation for new ACBS members.
- 8/18 Thu 4:30 PM Jordan Lake picnic and ride on lake. BYO food and drinks.

- September—no chapter outing—please support the Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Chapter boat show in Moneta, VA.
- 10/22 Sat Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern—Chapter Boat Show
- 10/26 Chapter Annual meeting & elections. Will be an in-person meeting. Place TBD.
- 11/12 Sat Lake Gaston fall foliage run and lunch at a restaurant.
- 12/10 Sat Chapter Christmas Party at the Conley's

### Club Merchandise :

- VP Alan has burgees—contact him if interested—FYI they are flimsy
- We are out of ball caps—Alan is putting in an order for 6 more. New cost: \$25.
- John Justice is still working on the t-shirts. Hope to get some artwork for the back.

We are in the process of incorporating as a nonprofit with the state. Paperwork will be filed shortly.

Judy reports there are lots of positive changes at the national level.

## August Chapter Challenge

OK, we have not done this for a while and this is an easy one. Between now and August 25th, **email me** your most creative use of Duct Tape—picture requested!



## Stowaways by Jeff Martinson

Ever had an uninvited passenger on your boat? Many a nautical tale involves a smuggled passenger as part of the plot. The closest I've ever come was having a busybody (a few cups in, by-the-way) board my sailboat without permission while having some mooring trouble in the BVI. Mostly the damage was to my ego, but I'm knowledgeable enough to know he broke protocol of approaching and boarding a vessel. But that's a story for another time...

What about stowaways while on the hard? You might know them by their landlubber name - vermin. Yes, I'm talking about the insects, rodents, birds, etc. that seem to like our boats as much or even more than we do. I've had more than my fair share of them, with each instance providing lots of lessons about nature and the kinds of critters who just can't resist a classic boat.

Over the years I've had ants, termites and mud-daubers, then mice, squirrels and opossums, and most recently some wrens and their brood. I came upon them when I was taking the cover off my Thompson Sea Lancer, the same one in the header above. The birds had built their nest in the pocket that formed in the fold on the port-bow side of the boat. Because they'd made it in the fold, it meant that they had to access the nest from the side instead of the top, kind of like a burrow. Largely because of that, I actually initially mistook the nest for a rodent's nest. If it had been, I probably would have dumped it, but I soon saw the little featherless babies and my inner Grizzly Adams took over. I gently replaced the cover and my kids and I watched over the next two weeks or so as the babies fledged. I forgot to give them all membership applications, but they know where I live. I'm sure I'll see them again!



In the above picture, you can just barely make out the wren's brown-and-white-speckled plumage. The boat is on the left. Below is a pic of a Carolina wren, like the one that made its nest in my boat.





## JORDAN LAKE FAMILY PICNIC AND RUN

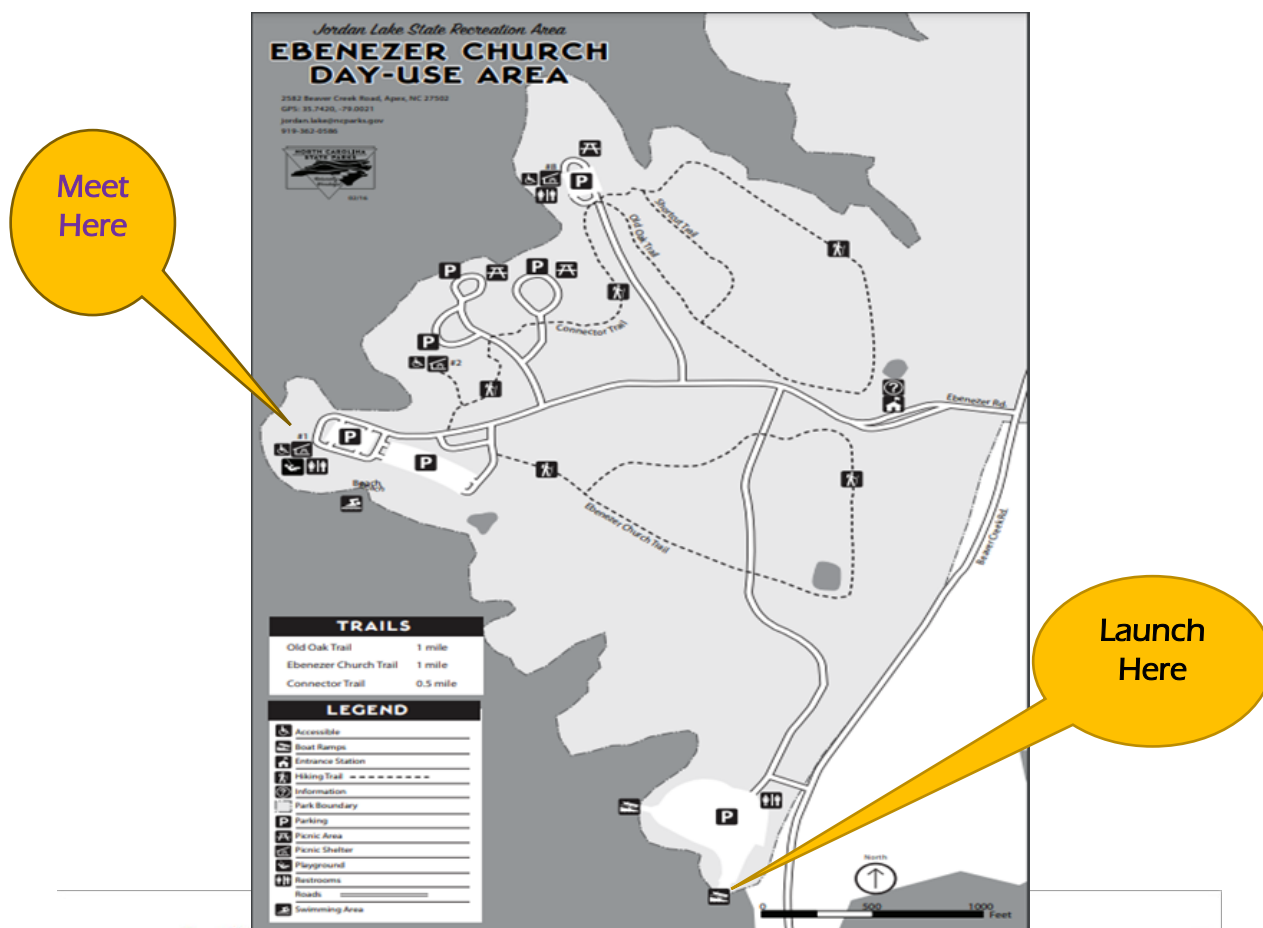
Thursday August 18, 2022 4:30 PM  
2582 Beaver Creek Rd., Apex, NC 27523

This will be a nice opportunity to gather for a picnic and run on the lake and avoid the weekend boat ramp traffic. There is a \$7 entrance fee per vehicle according to the website. Bring your own food and drinks. We'll eat first at 4:30 PM. Then we'll launch the boats and take a run on the lake—leave early or stay late—your call. Park closes: 8 PM.

Meet at: Ebenezer Church Recreation Area at a picnic area—just look for our boats at Ebenezer Shelter #1 near lake on Ebenezer Road.

Launch from: Jordan Lake Ebenezer Church Boat Ramp just off Beaver Creek Road.

No boat, no problem! Just [click here](#) to let us know and we'll hook you up. Bring the family. Hope to see you there!





## Workshop—New Bern Shop Class—16 July 2022

It was a perfect summer day to be indoors in an air conditioned classroom at [Shop Class](#), a DIY community workshop. Shop Class sprang from the brilliant minds of Mo Howland and his wife Pollie. The idea was for Mo to be able to support his woodworking hobby (habit?)—and it sort of does.

They purchased a very old warehouse building surrounded by a small amount of real estate next to the railroad close to the New Bern historic district. Being the visionaries that they are, the facility is a marvelous combination of beauty and functionality. The classroom area contains many works of art and interesting pieces. It felt special, just to be invited in.

Attendees included Alan and Judy Hills, Dave Mahoney, Jim Dean, Jim Moores, Jim Hartman, and Leif Eriksson. Unfortunately, the ladies outing did not take place, but the guys (and Judy) had a good time.

Dave Mahoney started things off with a presentation on the models of working outboards that he builds from scratch. And they were absolutely perfect! Even if you were not into motors, one could appreciate the craftsmanship that went into building each one—not to mention the chrome, the paint and the decals that were authentic looking. While Dave makes many of his decals, there are some he imports all the way from a guy in Australia. He estimates that each model takes 50 painstaking hours of his time—mostly working under a magnified lighting system.

After listening to Dave, we had a nice lunch from Firehouse Subs and Mo showed us a video of an autocanoe—a wooden canoe powered by a human using a recumbent bike system. [Click here](#) to see that video. Shop Class built one and entered it in the Great Trent River

Raft race which was held here in New Bern in June. The autocanoe came in third in its class (out of three). We were able to examine the autocanoe as it was stored on the property. Mo tells us that they plan modifications and will be entering the raft race again next year.

We did “talk shop” of course. Historical restorations (houses and boats), tool sharpening, wood fillers, faux finishes, stripping, sanding, and wood turning—to name a few. We took a tour of the shop and the grounds. Jim Hartman and Jim Moores say they plan to return to take a welding class. **And we are all invited to attend the infamous Belt Sander Race on Sunday September 25th (1 PM until done—gates open at noon).** There will be beer and food trucks. Last time (2019) there were 200 that attended. Cost is \$5.

So, once again, we report that all that attended had a great time. Below are a few of the comments:

- Leif—The models that Dave showed were absolutely amazing! I never knew that hobby existed.
- Dave—I had the honor of presenting the talk on vintage toy boat motors and custom ones I make. We had a Q&A period with a lot of enjoyable discussions. Great lunch and tour of the shop. FUN DAY!
- Jim H—I learned the benefit that Shop Class offers the community. I plan to look into the classes they offer.
- Jim D—WOW! What a shop—so much to learn and see. Unbelievable experience and facility. If I were younger, I would love to spend more time here. The nicest environment for craftsmen to develop and use skills.

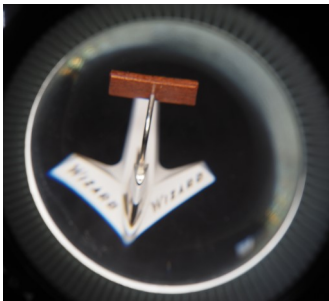
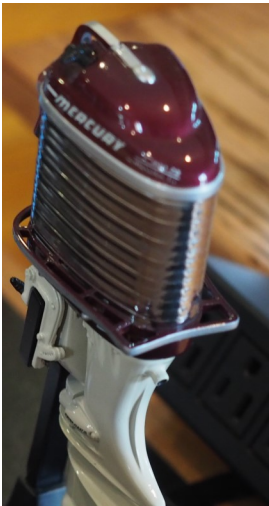
## Shop Class Pictures

- Jim M—Dave really shared his passion for building miniature model motors. He explained how he evolved from making parts to whole motors. What I really enjoyed was where we held our meeting. Shop Class is such a beautiful center for learning safe and creative woodworking. I just wished I lived closer.
- Alan—Our group had a very enjoyable day at Shop Class. Dave's presentation on miniature outboards was very interesting. We all enjoyed the fellowship and the shop tour and the autocanoe was awesome.





More Pictures





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## Things We Learned at Shop Class

Here are some things we learned that you may be interested in:

- The least expensive, quality chrome plating is available in New Bern from Phillips Plating. A number of the attendees attested to this fact. No website. Call: (252) 637-2695. We heard that when you show up with your project, a case of Pepsi and a plate of brownies, the owner will talk your ear off. LOL!
- If you are interested in model boat building—[Barracuda RC Boats](#) has custom laser cut boat kits and production time is 3 to 4 weeks. They also do custom designs. They are located in North Carolina.
- Taylor Toolworks offers a product called the Scary Sharp System that is fast, effective, consistent and very cost effective. Mo uses it to sharpen knives and cutting tools. [Click here](#)
- Others mentioned the Work Sharp products. [Click here](#) to view them.
- [Abatron Wood Epoxy](#) is similar to Git Rot Penetrating Epoxy. It is used as a wood filler, but the trick is to get the color right.
- Belt Sander races have been around for a long time. Yes, there are Belt Sander Racing groups—they drag race power tools. [Click here](#) to read more about it. [Click here](#) to watch some YouTube Videos of Belt Sander Racing. The admission fee to the one being held at Shop Class on September 25th is \$5—with the proceeds going to the New Bern Historical Society's project to restore the nearby King Solomon Lodge.

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## ACBS Leadership Roundtable: Using the Web Portal

On July 14th, the ACBS Headquarters staff let a Roundtable Zoom meeting for Chapter officers and Board members on how to use features of the member web portal only accessible to a maximum of four leaders in each Chapter. There were a total of 25 participants include Jim Alexander and Judy Hills (me) from our Chapter. While I have used this portal form several years now, I still learned about a few new features. We also helped Lora (ACBS Executive Director) learn about features that needed to either be adjusted or added to the portal.

These Roundtable Discussions are really well done and can provide a wealth of information and helpful hints to help manage the Chapters better. The next scheduled Roundtable

will be held on Thursday August 11th at 5 PM. It is to help members new to ACBS to learn how to best use the ACBS website and to basically orient them to ACBS in general. [Click here](#) for the invitation.

We encourage not just new ACBS members, but also those who have been around for a while, to tune in to this Zoom meeting—you never know what you might learn! All these Roundtable discussions are the result of the work of the ACBS Chapter Development Committee chaired by Ed Andrews. We invite your input!





## Member John Dougherty Attends ACBS Show in Skaneateles, NY

While in upstate NY, I attended the ACBS Finger Lakes Chapter show in Skaneateles. Saw lots of cool boats including a 1955 Wagemaker Wolverine! Also a brand new 2022 custom Garwood triple cockpit there. A cool \$275,000 for one of those fresh off the line, I have it on good authority - comes loaded, complete with bow thruster. Another example of supporting another ACBS Chapter. Below are a few pictures from the show.



Photos by John except for one at the left which was taken off the boat show website.

## 30th Annual SML ACBS Show



Open to the public from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on  
Sat, Sep 17, 2022

Open to boat show participants on both Fri,  
Sep 16 and Sat, Sep 17, 2022

[Crazy Horse Marina](#)  
Crazy Horse Marina  
400 Crazy Horse Dr.  
Moneta, Va. 24121

Our 30th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show at beautiful Smith Mountain Lake, promises to be a fun-filled opportunity to cruise the lake, display your boat, and chat with other antique boat enthusiasts.

[2022 Boat Registration Form](#)

[2022 Vendor Registration Form](#)

Future SML Boat Shows

2023 September 15 - 16

[Click Here](#) to go to a page where you can view pictures from the 2019 and 2018 Boat Shows.

## REMINDER: BOATING LAWS

Don't know if you read the ACBS Weekly Web Watch on 7/23. There was a short article on boating safety laws. It brought to our attention that beginning January 1, 2025 the State of New York is mandating that ALL boaters take an 8-hour NYS boaters safety course. Brianna's Law as it is called is being phased in based on your birth date—the older you are the longer you have to comply. No person is exempt from this, even if you have been boating your entire adult life.

ACBS Headquarters is advising members to be cognizant of changes to boating laws, not only in their home state, but also in states where they may take their boats for pleasure or for shows (in-water display). Certainly it is advisable for every boater, including ACBS members, to understand and comply with boating safety rules and regulations. It is good common sense to take a boating safety course, even if you have taken one many moons ago.

The BoatUS Foundation is one of the websites where many States allow you to take your course online. [Click here](#) to access the state-approved, NASBLA-approved free online course. [Click here](#) for the free NC WRC course.



Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New:

Renewed: Bill Baker, John Baringer, Dan Bixler, Ted Fridholm,  
Brian Roberts, John Dougherty, Samuel Stowe

*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. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

8/11 5 PM ACBS Zoom Roundtable—New member orientation—how to use ACBS resources and website. [Click here](#) to read.

8/18 Thu 4:30 PM Jordan Lake picnic and run on lake. BYO food and drinks. We'll eat first. Questions or want a boat ride—[email John Justice](#)

9/5 to 9/10 [ACBS International Show at Lake Champlain](#)

9/16-17 [Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Chapter Boat show](#) in Monteta, VA at Crazy Horse Marina

9/24 [Wings, Wheels and Keels](#) show in Topping, VA

9/25 Sunday. [Infamous Belt Sander Race at Shop Class](#) in New Bern. Gates open at noon. \$5. Food trucks and beer available.

10/22 Sat Chapter Boat Show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. Questions? [Email Alan Hills.](#)

10/26 Wed 6 PM Chapter Annual meeting & elections. Will be an in-person meeting. Place TBD.

11/12 Fall Foliage Fun Run on Lake Gaston with lunch at a restaurant. Questions? [Email Jim Alexander](#)

### 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.](#)