



## Messing About In Boats

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

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Greetings Fellow Boating Enthusiasts!

This column is going to be short, even if the newsletter is not. In fact, the two are related - more time is being spent "out there" doing things than logged in to the word processor. (Am I the only one who still uses that term?)

In any case, our dauntless editor, Judy, and a few other correspondents have kindly written up some great copy for this edition. We've got tales of road trips, birthdays, splash-in reports, a cross-word puzzle and lots more for your reading pleasure. As always, please be sure to pay careful attention to the calendar so as to not miss any events!

Thanks to everyone who helps make the club tick. Hope to see you at an event soon!

Cheers,

*Jeff*

*PS - Has anyone noticed it's hot!?!? If it were being used around here, I think the boat below needs a Bimini. But, then again, some like it hot.*



## Summary of Minutes of 11 July 2023 Board Meeting

These are the key points of the meeting held at Jordan Lake. All Board members were present.

- President Jeff Martinson announced that Chapter Board member Dan Bixler had resigned from the Board effectively immediately. Board decided not to fill this position for the balance of the year.
- Judy Hills announced that ACBS is holding a photo contest. Photo must be taken on Saturday August 19th—International Vintage Boating Day. Details are forthcoming in the August edition of our newsletter.
- Jim Alexander reported that scholarships have been offered to two students at CFCC. We are waiting notification as to whether or not the students accepted.
- July 22nd members may try their hand at sailing at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. 11 to 3, weather permitting. Make

up date—July 29th if weather does not cooperate. [Email Alan Hills](#) if planning to attend.

- August 19th—International Vintage Boating Day. We encourage each member with a working boat to get it out on the water for a “do-your-own-thing” event. Please send newsletter editor [Judy Hills](#) a brief article and photos.
- September 29th Friday. 5-7 PM Chapter Boat Show welcome party on the Blackbeard Sailing Club deck. We'll have food—Bring your own beer, wine, or alcoholic beverage.
- September 30th Saturday. Chapter Boat Show at BSC. 10 to 2 with awards at 2:30 PM..
- Judy distributed membership packets and chapter business cards to the Board members to give to prospective members.
- We reviewed the Chapter Dashboard report—historical membership data.

The full copy of the minutes are available on our website.



Alan & Judy Hills, John Dougherty. Photo by Jim Alexander



## Jordan Lake Outing—Photos by Jim Alexander & John Dougherty



Alan & Judy Hills, Stephanie & Emily Currier, Ty in Hunky Dory



John Justice captaining Fins.



Bill & Sharon Conley, John Dougherty, and Neal Keeter.



Jeff Martinson and his two daughters in Fins



## Road Trip! By Alan Hills

I just love taking road trips to places that have stuff that I really like. I was lucky enough to get in two such jaunts in the space of 9 days. The first trip was to John Justice's Piglet to pick up a load of wood that he had purchased from Ted Hewlett down in Wilmington the week before. John was really thinking about others while at Ted's place because he purchased this lot of wood that he didn't really need PLUS a really pretty 12HP Sea King outboard for Matt Smith of Woodyboater fame. Link to that story:

<https://www.woodyboater.com/classic-boat-art/hail-mary-run-for-the-sea-king/>

Well, I didn't need the wood either but knew someone who did, so it was off to Pittsboro! Fellow chapter member John Dougherty had never been to the Piglet so I brought him along for company and to introduce him to the hub of so much chapter activity. We loaded up the wood and caught up on all the goings on there. I just love visiting there....if only it wasn't so dadbumb far away from New Bern. It was getting to be about lunchtime, so we headed downtown for a great meal at Virlie's and then headed home and delivered the wood to the boys over at Bridgeton Boatworks.

The following week, I get a call from Jim Moores (JM), who tells me he is on the road headed back from Minnesota, where he had just purchased a "new" boat. I'm thinking "Minnesota? He must have really liked this boat a lot!" If any of you know Jim, he doesn't get very excited about "ordinary" stuff. He tells me he's dragging home a 1960-ish Cadillac aluminum boat with a 40HP Evinrude outboard. And, he said it had fins. He wasn't kidding about that part! It turns out that this particular boat is an aluminum/fiberglass composite; aluminum hull and fiberglass deck structure. The

boat had come from an estate sale so there was no information as to when it last was in use. JM was concerned about the outboard so I agreed to give it a look-see and figure out if it was viable option to use going forward.

Just before Jim had contacted me, another Jim was preparing a new boat for use. Jim Hartman's (JH) "Loon" was about ready to splash and I had agreed to assist him with the launch. Seeing as the boat had been kept indoors for a good period of time and had an original bottom, Jim had pre-soaked Loon for several days prior to the launch and she seemed like she would swell up just fine. Jim had arranged with the marina in River Bend to leave the boat in for a couple of days so he could monitor it closely. All went well and, in the end, hull leakage was very slight and a couple of mechanical issues were discovered and appeared to be easy fixes.

Right after that, it was off to Beaufort with JH in tow, to see the Cadillac. When we arrived, it was parked on the apron of JM's shop, a red, white and silver craft with tail fins so big that they obscured the outboard motor. Really! That sent me right back to the year of the big fins on American cars; 1959. After a cursory look-over, we entered the shop to see if JM was around and were met by Oleg and Anna, the couple who are in the process of taking over JM's business. They were busy working on the launch, aptly named "Patience" that JM designed and built, which is nearing sea trial status after 5 years. Very unusual design with beautiful workmanship. Right then, JM pops in and after greetings, informs us that Steve Filarski (<http://www.smfilarsky.com/goldleafman>)

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## Road Trip! By Alan Hills (continued)

is coming to do the gold leaf lettering.

After showing us Patience, we go back out to the Cadillac. Ideas were tossed out, opinions rendered and a plan (sort of) was established. I was to take the motor for evaluation and repair if feasible, and the hull and deck would be separated and restoration started. Then, it was back inside to watch Steve work his magic. He's such a talented artist.

With JM's 1962 Evinrude Lark IV loaded on the truck, it was back to New Bern for JH and I. That's it for now, but look for more on the 3 boats featured in future newsletters.



Above & below: Jim Hartman's LOON



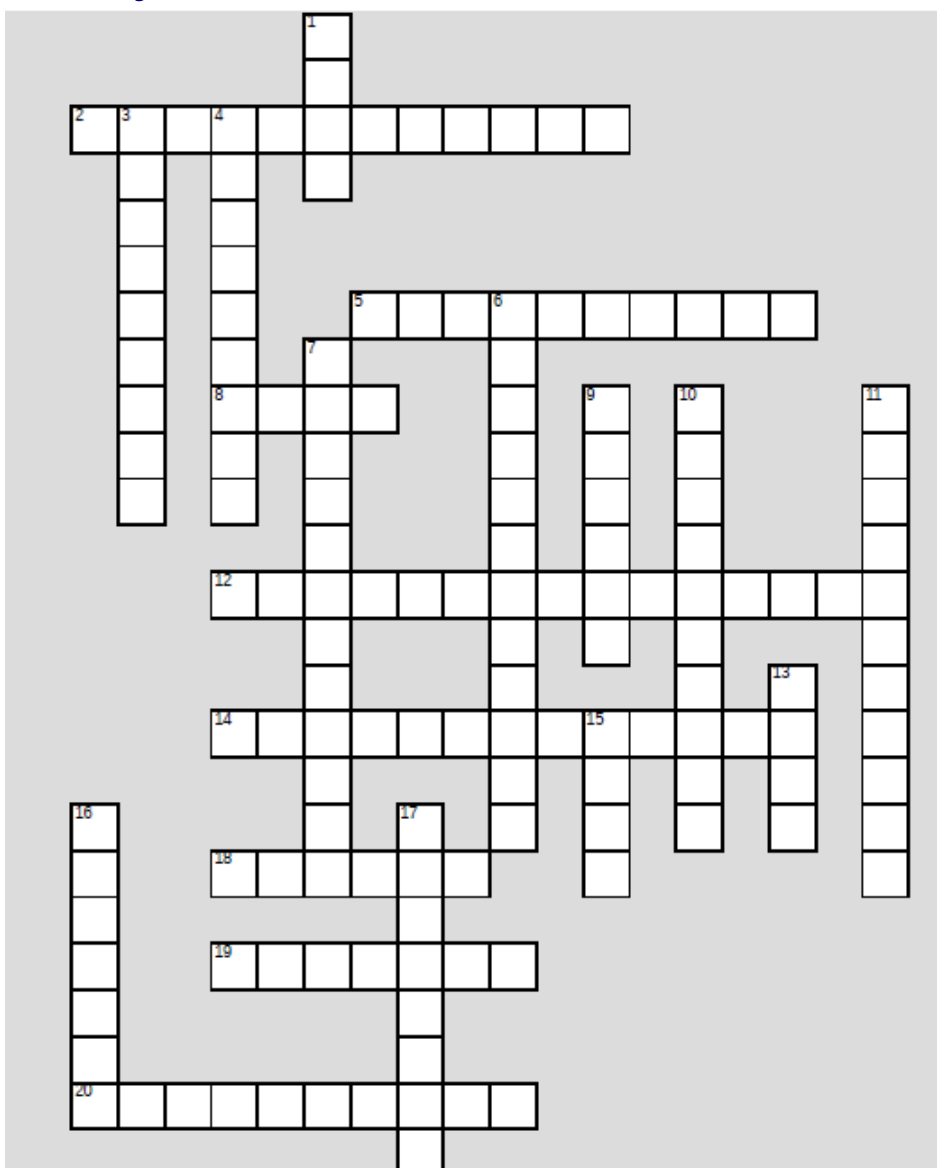
Above & below: Jim Moores' new Cadillac



Patience—  
still under  
construc-  
tion (L and  
R).



## BoatCross Puzzle by Jeff Martinson



### Across

- 2 Take your best shot!  
 5 Mr. Teach.  
 8 Made a splash last month.  
 12 The Gold Leaf Man.  
 14 Judge this for yourself!  
 18 K-9 of the Seven Seas.  
 19 Neptune's title?  
 20 Modern luxury!

### Down

- 1 Our (abbr.) chapter.  
 3 The Hill's "hubba-hubba" boat.  
 4 Where Justice reigns?  
 6 Jim & John's Barbour.  
 7 SML SML show show theme theme.  
 9 Buxom boating babe.  
 10 Haw River impoundment.  
 11 Matt Smith's alter ego.  
 13 August's birthday branch.  
 15 Students here are "all wet"?  
 16 Boating this way can be a breeze.  
 17 Moores's finned Minnesota find.

[Click here for answers](#)



## New ACBS Resto-Mod Class Judging Criteria

### Judging guidelines:

Judging the Resto-Mod class is **subjective** and should be done in teams consisting of a minimum of 2 or 3 judges. A judge should have had experience in boat restorations, boat maintenance and/or ownership of vintage boats 25 years and older. A “celebrity judge” can be on the judging team.

Special consideration to judging this class should be given to: Fit and Finish, Function, Quality, Craftsmanship and Creativity. The vessel has to come to dock under its own power for judging. Scoring is done in no less than ½ point deductions.

### Examples of (not limited to) judging points:

**Fit and Finish:** Is the windshield well fitted to the hardware and curvature of the deck? Is the deck hardware and accessories nicely laid out? What is the quality of the finish and/or refinish work? Is the hardware plated or finished properly? Proper marine finishes? Overall appearance of the finish or brightwork.

**Function:** If the steering wheel has a throttle lever and horn button, is the lever and horn operational? Are all gauges and switches operational?

**Quality:** Is the engine properly detailed? Is the wiring neat and properly done? What is the quality of the components used in the modification? Custom made or modern off-the-shelf hardware?

**Craftsmanship:** Is there 3M5200 squeeze out? Are there runs in the epoxy, varnish, or paint? Wood selection? Upholstery?

**Creativity:** Model or type of vessel used for the restoration and modification. Choice of engine or propulsion system. Uniqueness of the modifications. Design and layout. Choice of colors and materials.



## Resto-Mod Judging Sheet

Date	Antique & Classic Boat Society		Class		Total Score	
Show Name	<b>Resto-Mod Scoring Sheet</b>		Boat Name		Total Deductions	
	Judge's Name					
	Owner		Reg #		Dock Location	
Year & Builder			Size			
EXTERIOR/INTERIOR GENERAL		COMMENTS:			POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
APPEARANCE - 30 points					DEDUCTED	DEDUCTED
Fit and Finish	7 pts					
Quality	5 pts					
Craftsmanship	8 pts					Score
Creativity	10 pts					
FINISH - 20 points		COMMENTS:			POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
					DEDUCTED	DEDUCTED
Quality	8 pts					
Craftsmanship	5 pts					Score
Creativity	7 pts					
INSTRUMENTS & HARDWARE - 10 points		COMMENTS:			POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
					DEDUCTED	DEDUCTED
Fit and Finish	2 pts					
Function as intended	2 pts					
Quality	2 pts					
Craftsmanship	2 pts					Score
Creativity	2 pts					
INTERIOR & UPHOLSTERY - 15 points		COMMENTS:			POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
					DEDUCTED	DEDUCTED
Fit and Finish	4 pts					
Quality	3 pts					
Craftsmanship	4 pts					Score
Creativity	4 pts					
ENGINE & ENGINE COMPARTMENT - 25 points		COMMENTS:			POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
					DEDUCTED	DEDUCTED
Fit and Finish	5 pts					
Engine/Propulsion	10 pts					
Craftsmanship	5 pts					Score
Creativity	5 pts					



## United States Coast Guard—Happy 233rd Birthday on August 4th!

The USCG was established in 1790 by Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton as the Revenue Marine Service. It later became the Revenue Cutter Service and, in 1915, was combined with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (formed 1878) to become the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and, until the Navy Department was established in 1798, we served as the nation's only armed force afloat. We continued to protect the nation throughout our long history and have served proudly in our nation's conflicts. Our national defense responsibilities remain one of our most important functions even today. In times of peace we operate as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing our laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and our vast coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, we serve under the Navy Department.

In 1967, the Coast Guard moved from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to the newly formed U.S. Department of Transportation. Following the enactment of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Coast Guard was transferred from Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

[Click here](#) for a YouTube music video of the USCG Hymn with great USCG action photos. Fun fact: Did you know that Eddie Lloyd, **Judy Hills'** great uncle, was an editor of the old Coast Guard Magazine? Eddie is remembered for a piece he wrote about Sinbad, a dog who was more than just a mascot—he was a full member of the Coast Guard. [Click here](#) to read about Sinbad. Sinbad appears in the photo on the right. [Click here](#) to read more about Sinbad's adventures.



Above is the USCG service mark and below is the USCG Seal.



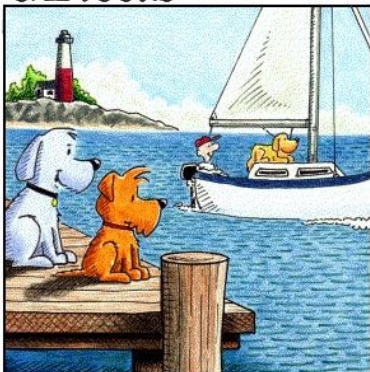
## Grand Craft: Classic Luxury meets Modernity

I know ACBS is focused on preserving antique and classic boats, but there are some boats being produced right now that have the potential to be the next generation of beautiful boats that will need preserving.

Recently an ACBS member friend purchased a used Grand Craft triple cockpit that was built in 1982. He mentioned that Grand Craft was still building boats, in Genoa City, WI, so I had a peek at their website. Here are a few pictures of these classic beauties. For \$479,000, you, too, can own one! [Click here](#) for a video of the Burnham model seen below.



**SAILTOONS** by Michael Malzone



HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!





## Vintage Barbie & Boats

Since Barbie is all the rage right now, perhaps you'd like to invest in these Barbie collectables. Boat on the right is billed as a Vintage Barbie Dream Boat Chris Craft Yacht 1974. Here are some more pictures of Barbie and her boats over the years.



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# ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

## DOUBLE VISION CELEBRATING SISTER SHIPS



Saturday, September 16, 2023

10am - 4pm

Crazy Horse Marina

Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

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[woodenboats.net](http://woodenboats.net)





## Members at Skaneateles Lake, New York

Member John Dougherty and his brother Jim had a nice ride on the lake in Clippin' Along, John's Barbour boat. Conditions were perfect and the brothers even took a dip in the 600-foot deep lake.



## ACBS International Boating Day Photo Contest

Take your best shot—photograph that is—on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Attach the high-resolution jpeg file and email it to [Judy Hills](#) for a chance for winners to pick their choice of an ACBS burgee, a cooler bag or a set of 4 insulated cups ACBS Ship's Store! ACBS members and co-members current on their ACBS dues are eligible. Rules: 1) Photo must have been taken on 8/19/23; 2) photo must show one or more boats listed in the ACBS member database; and 3) photo must have been taken by a member or co-member listed in the ACBS database. Categories: 1) child, children, or teen(s) boating; 2) pet(s) boating; or 3) adults boating. We are looking for the unique and unusual. Costumes are optional! LOL One prize per category. If taking a picture of child or children, parent or guardian must give permission for you to take the photos and to have the picture published (for ASBS use). In body of the email note: Member or co-member's name who took the

picture, name or names of those in the photo, name(s) of the boat(s) in the photo, the category entering and state you have permission of parent or guardian if a child is in the photo. Only one entry per category per member or co-member (maximum of 3 photos). Entries must be received by Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Winners will be notified by September 1<sup>st</sup> and winning photographs (and others) will be used by ACBS in publications and on the website. **In the subject line of the email, put "ACBS photo contest."**



### Just for Fun

Click on the following link to experience an 8-minute video that will "get your motor running!" Ed Andrews runs this clip at shows to attract prospective members. Check it out! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvrDA6rAFak>



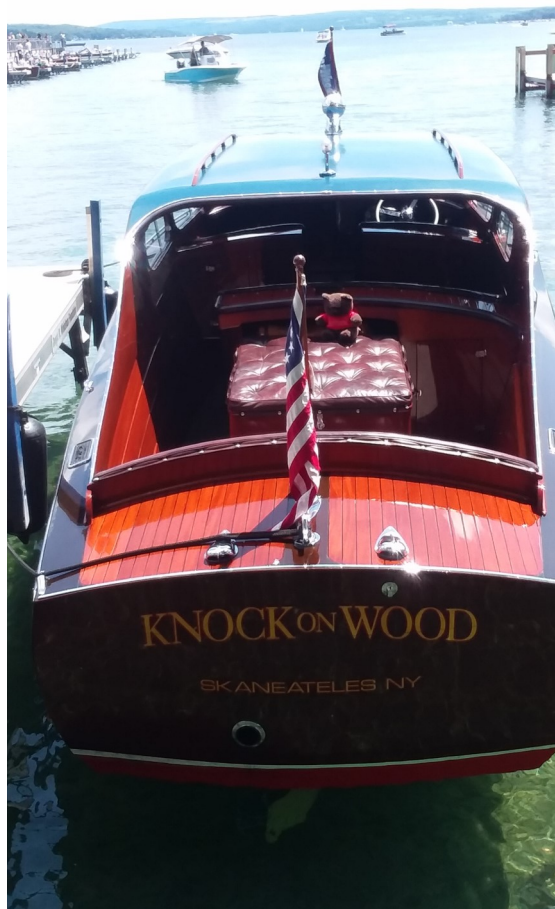
## Members at ACBS Skaneateles Boat Show

Member John Dougherty and his brother Jim took Clippin' Along, John's Barbour boat to the Skaneateles Boat Show. Members Jim Hartman and his wife Ann Marie also attended. Here are a few pictures of boats at the show. Photos by Ann Marie and John Dougherty.





## Skaneateles Boat Show Pictures by John Dougherty





## Chapter Boat Show at Blackbeard Sailing Club on 9/30/23 10 to 2

Our boat show poster isn't quite ready yet, but we have posted the show FAQs and registration forms on [our website](#). As for the past several years, Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) in New Bern will be the host site. We have posted the show information on a lot of local online event calendars as well as on the ACBS boat show calendar. We'll be advertising it heavily in Fairfield Harbour, the large residential community in which BSC is located.

On the FAQ we have listed some events going on in New Bern on Fri and Sat nights, in case you might be inclined to stay one or two nights.

We hope you will bring a boat. The boat does not have to be show-ready. It is interesting for people to see how much work goes into restoring old boats. And even if you don't enter a boat, please attend and bring your family and friends!



Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: None

Renewed: None

*Welcome!*

Total Membership: 54   NCC&P Primary Chapter: 43   NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 11

## EMBROIDERED SHIRTS

Now available. We have our logo with an embroidery company in New Bern. For \$8 each we can get almost any cloth item embroidered. The long-sleeved, light-weight fishing shirts to the right (men's and women's) are available at Academy Sports for \$25. Contact [Alan Hills](#) if interested. Get 'em before the boat show season begins!





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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! **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.**

8/19 International Vintage Boating Day

8/19 Take your boat for a spin on IVBD, take some pictures and enter them into the ACBS photo contest! See contest details in this issue.

9/9 Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show [click here](#) for info.

9/10—16 ACBS International Show Petoskey, MI

9/16 ACBS Smith Mountain Lake Chapter Boat Show in Virginia. [Click here](#) to register.

9/29 Chapter Boat Show welcome event at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern 5 to 7 PM. [Form links](#) on chapter home page.

9/30 Chapter Boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern 10 to 2. Awards at 2:30 PM. [Form links](#) on chapter home page.

9/30 Wings, wheels, and keels show in Topping, VA

### 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](#).