



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

# Messing About In Boats

## Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont  
Chapter of the ACBS

August 2024



Ahoy Fellow NC C&P Members,

It feels kind of strange writing this column so early in the month, but the editor has been after me to meet an early deadline due to our trip to Clayton, NY to attend the show there. I'm sure hoping to find some cooler weather!

That being said, I'm going to use that as an excuse to make this short and sweet. We had a meeting/boat ride event on the 17th at Jordan Lake. In spite of less than perfect weather forecasts, we were able to conduct a little club business and enjoy a nice ride on the lake without any hardships (except maybe for Blue Tango)

I'm very proud to announce that our chapter membership now stands at 70! (58 primary and 12 non-primary) A big thanks to you folks who have been promoting the chapter among your friends and acquaintances.

Along this line, we are running a membership contest until the end of the year so see details in the newsletter.

We have some events coming up in the future that are well into the planning stages, which include Marina Day in Wilmington (hosted by members Mike Loch and Jim Dean), fun stuff in the Pamlico River area (hosted by Cindy Jordan), and of course, our chapter boat show and annual meeting in New Bern. Details are in the newsletter.

I hoping to see a good turnout at these events so please get them on your calendar. Oh, and go for a boat ride!

Yours in classic boating,

*Alan Hills, President*



International *Vintage*  
Boating Day  
Saturday, August 17, 2024

### International Vintage Boating Day Saturday August 17th

Join boaters from across North America and parts of Europe in celebrating International Vintage Boating Day on a waterway near you.

Head out on your own, gather a few friends, or organize a group outing. The goal is to get as many vintage boats on the water in as many different venues as possible. Get 'er wet!

Take lots of photos and email them along with a brief description of your day to [editor Judy Hills](#)



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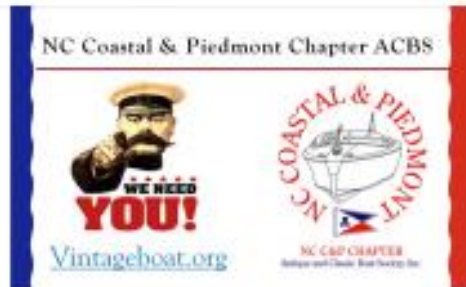
# MARINA DAY

To celebrate International Vintage Boating Day

Saturday August 17, 2024 11 AM to 3 PM

WILMINGTON MARINE CENTER

3410 River Road Wilmington, NC



## THE PUBLIC AND BOATERS ARE INVITED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CAPE FEAR RIVER ROWING CLUB
- ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOATS ON DISPLAY BY MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHAPTER OF ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY
- NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET
- LOCAL POWER SQUADRON ON HAND TO CONDUCT VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS AND PROVIDE BOATING SAFETY INFORMATION

## Marina Day and River Cruise Details

The Wilmington Marine Center is hosting an International Vintage Boating Day event on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 11 AM to 3 PM (see poster on p. 2). Member Jim Dean is coordinating this event with marina manager Mike Loch, who is also a member of our chapter.

### Vessel Safety Checks

The local Power Squadron will be on hand to conduct vessel safety inspections. We hope you will take advantage of this service as our boats must comply with the requirements.

### Nautical Flea Market

There will also be an opportunity for you to sell any nautical stuff that you no longer want—just bring your own table to display your wares.

### Boats displayed on land

And, of course, bring your boats! Unfortunately there is very limited dockage and there is no nearby ramp so there will only land displays. And we encourage those of you who are in the process of restoring a boat to bring it as is. Share with the public the joys and challenges of restorations.

### Rowing demonstrations

The Cape Fear River Rowing Club will be giving demonstrations.

### River Cruise

Jim Dean has offered to take us on a river cruise with his big cruiser, 'Bout Time after the show for those interested. 'Bout Time is docked at the marina. The round trip will take about 3 hours. He

can accommodate 10-12 on his boat and can get another boat if we have more interested in doing this. Chapter members and prospective members are welcome to ride. Others may ride depending on space available—talk to Jim Dean. We could eat dinner together after the cruise. The boats will be safe at the marina.

### Other details

Mike is providing a Jersey Mike lunch to all our chapter members who bring boats or items to sell. We recommend you bring your own chair and a tent for shade if you have one. Our chapter will have a booth to promote membership. Bonus: If you man the booth and give out chapter info to a prospective member—you can put their name in as your entry to the membership contest.

It should be a relaxed, fun day. Do at least come as a spectator if nothing else. Don't forget to wear your name tag. If you don't have one or if you want one for your co-member, please let [Alan Hills](#) know ASAP. Hope to see you there!

Please [email Jim Dean](#) to let him know if you will be bringing a boat and/or if you want to take the river cruise after the event.

Please help us get the word out by sharing this poster electronically and/or printing and posting it in appropriate places. [Click here](#) for

## July 17, 2024 Minutes of Chapter meeting at Jordan Lake

This copy of the minutes just hits the high-lights. [Click here](#) to see the full minutes.

- Reminder about our membership contest which will run until the end of December
- We voted to hold the chapter's annual meeting at the boat show on Friday October 4th. Please mark your calendars!
- We voted to use TicketSpice for online registration for the boat show.
- We will vote on the restated and revised Bylaws at the Annual meeting.
- We discussed the possibility of collaborating with the Sea Scout Ship 244 Cary—the Dawn Treader. Alan is to explore this with the ship's adult leaders and report back.
- Reiterated events through the end of 2024.
- We decided to try an early afternoon Christmas party this year so more could attend without driving at night or incurring the additional burden of overnight accommodations. The Conleys will host at their home in Raleigh. **Mark your calendars for December 14th.**

# ACBS! I wanna join the ACBS!



The Retirement Village People

Happy World Senior Citizen's Day August 21st

## Jordan Lake Board Meeting, Picnic & Run Pictures

It was another perfect weather day for this event: cloudy, breezy and just a tad warm—and no bugs! We had 12 in attendance: Alan & Judy Hills, Jeff Martinson, Bill & Sharon Conley, Jim Hartman, John Dougherty, John Justice, Neal Keeter, and Rob Weller were present for the meeting. Mike Triplett arrived with his boat in time for the ride and Robert Blanchard stopped by just as we were pulling the boats out for the day.

Alan ran a tight meeting—covering all the business items in record time. We enjoyed chatting over the food and beverages we had all brought.

We launched and piled in three boats. Mike brought his newly finished a 1961 17 ft. Chris Craft ski boat named “golden hour.” Jeff Martinson rode with Mike. Jim Hartman rode in the Conley’s 1952 17 ft. Chris Craft Special Runabout “Blue Tango.” This was the first time in a long time that Bill has splashed Blue Tango. The rest of us rode with John Justice in “Fins” his 1958 21 ft. Chris Craft Continental.

The run was not without its challenges, Bill caught a stump and needed a little help pulling off. Fortunately no damage was done to the rudder, prop or bottom that we could tell with a preliminary inspection at the ramp after we pulled out.

Mike was very proud of his boat. It performed perfectly and looked great!

Fins is as reliable as she always is and we had a pleasurable cruise.

We appreciate those who travelled a distance to attend. Rob travelled the furthest—2.5 hours with those from New Bern coming in second with a 2 hour drive. The majority of our members live in or close to the triangle area. It is disappointing that more don’t attend.

So as we generally say, three boats went out, three boats safely returned—it was a good day! Photo below by Rob.



## Jordan Lake Pictures—by Rob Weller



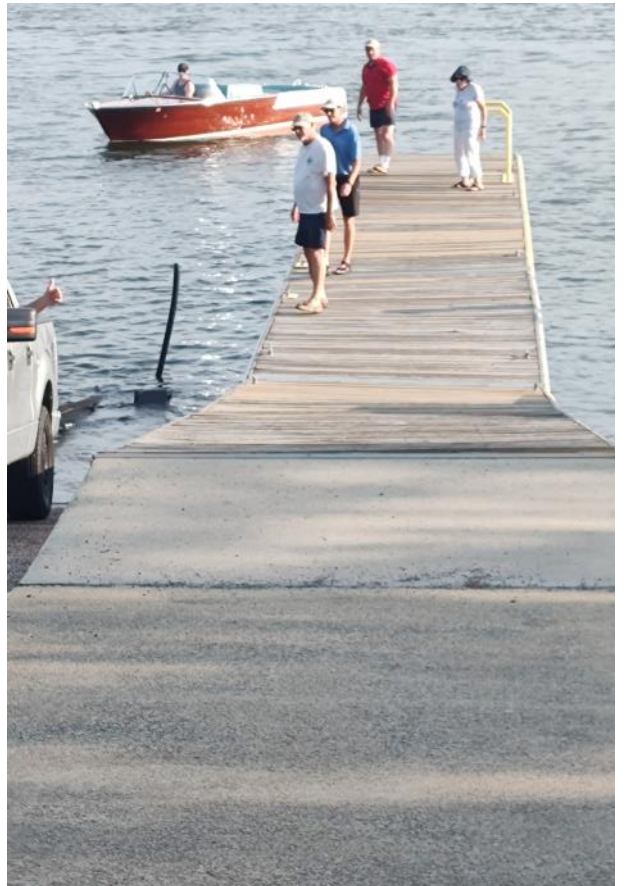
# Jordan Lake Pictures—by Sharon Conley



# Jordan Lake Pictures—by Judy



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## Preening by Eileen Lettick

My husband loves to preen. You heard me. Preen! It's what bodybuilders do in front of an audience, flexing their muscles and showing off their bodies after months, sometimes years, of work to define their biceps and abs. It's what teenagers do when they scrutinize themselves in front of the mirror before school. How do I look? Does this outfit make my butt look fat? What do I look like when I smile this way? Walk this way? It's how runway models act in front of a camera, whipping their hair this way and that, swinging their hips, mastering the pout.

By this time, I have you reading the byline and chuckling to yourself because many of you know my husband. You know that Larry loves baggy, khaki pants and varnish-stained t-shirts and would wear them to dinner unless I insisted he change. He laments that his workouts now consist of carrying bags of groceries in from the car, and his once full head of wild, dark hair has dwindled to a small nest of silver. (Although, I can attest to the fact that he has perfected the pout on some days.) But when my husband really preens, he does it with a boat—our 1946, 20 ft. Custom Chris Craft, Sweetie Pie.



"Shall we take her out today?" I smile because I know there's a festival in town—that means plenty of people. Larry is ready to do some serious showing off. As we slowly cruise down the Pamlico River and pass in front of the Washington Boardwalk, there is

no doubt that he has entered the harbor at the helm of the "Belle of the Ball."

Townpeople stop conversations mid-sentence and ogle. Cell phone cameras turn to snap a picture, and hands raise in waves. There are scores of thumbs-ups while other boat owners pour out on-

to their decks to hail us, shouting, "Beautiful boat, Mister!" A smug smile crosses Larry's lips. My husband is confidently strutting his stuff. I don't argue when he turns to me and whispers, "Well, that was fun. Let's do it again." Sweetie Pie whips around and swings her hips to take a second pass by her adoring public. Yes, my husband likes to preen. And I guess I do, too.



## July Contest Winner—No Entries—Seriously????!!!

Below is the July contest. What’s wrong with this picture (taken at the St. Michael’s show)? Make up a story to go with it for style points!



Dick is writing his memoirs about his life restoring old boats and chasing the dream of an ACBS Platinum level award for it at the Lake Tahoe show, but is reluctant to reveal secret varnishing techniques.

Harry is struggling to keep the purchase of his seventh old boat from his wife, who is ready to revoke her ACBS co-member status.

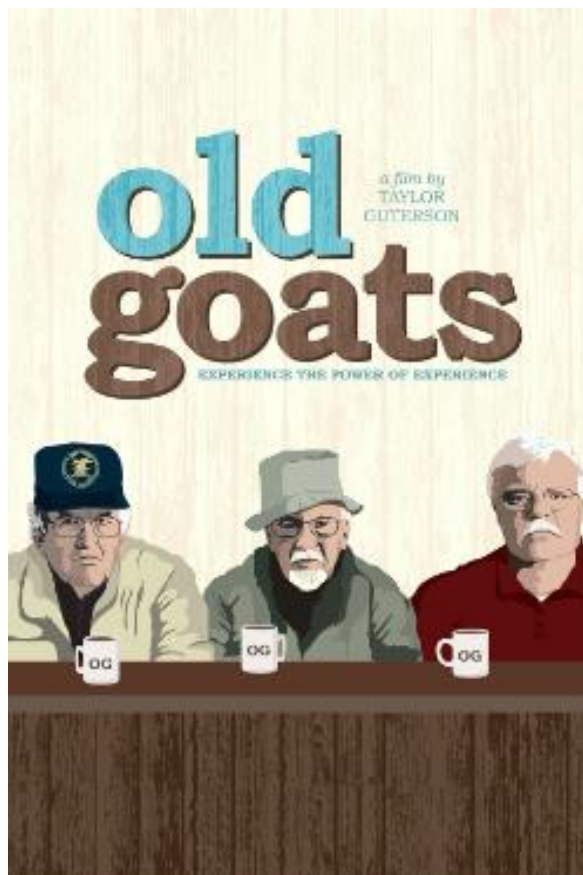
The story is about each man's attempt to live his life through the boats he owns. Each is a GOAT (Greatest Of All Time)—at least in his mind—hence the hat.

Did you notice that on this cap we are the “Antique & Classic Goat Society, Inc.? And yes, this cap was done professionally and it was a long time before the members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter figured this out. LOL! Now, I am told it is a collector’s item.

Since we did not have any contributions from members, **here is my story about the hat.**

Old Goats is a comedy that features three elderly men playing themselves, but within a fictional framework. The story blends fiction and reality. Tom, Dick, and Harry are members of the North Carolina Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of ACBS.

Tom lives alone on an old Chris Craft Commander berthed in Duck Creek and searches for excitement and romance in his onboard life. The boat aptly named “Needs Work” has seen better days as has Tom.



### EMBROIDERED CHAPTER LOGO 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. You pick the shirt or other item.

[Contact](#) Alan Hills if interested.



## Member Mark McKeehan

Mark sent us an email recently. "We live in TX right now, but moving to SC in 2026. Look forward to being an active member. We are in the process of restoring a 1959 CC Continental. Look forward to bringing it up there!" Below are two pictures that Mark sent of his Continental.



## New Members Barry and Kristy Summey

We live in Stanley NC. The Chris Craft Cavalier boat that I have was my granddad's. He owned her since the late seventies. The last time that she was in the water was in 1986 when I was 11 years old.

On the right is a picture of me in front with him with my brother and cousins in the rear. The last year it was in the water was on Lake Norman.

As of late June, I have it running and I am having some of the trim chromed and plan to redo the varnish on it in the winter. I am hoping to do a test drive in the water as soon as I can. Kristy and I are looking forward to being a part of the club!

Barry and Kristy are members of the

Blue Ridge Chapter with NC C&P as their secondary chapter. Welcome aboard!



**Editor's note:** We LOVE stories about the history of your boats and about our newest members. Do contribute!

## From the Archives—A Trip Down Memory Lane



Contributed by Bob Banta. Left: A younger John Justice with who Bob believes to be Mike Mayer’s father who was called “Hank the Plank.” The Boat is a Hank-Craft! Picture on the right is our chapter’s founder Bill Baldwin in the Hank Craft with Mike’s father. Mike, who now lives in Oregon, still owns “Mumbles” the 16-ft. 1994 Gentleman’s Race Boat pictured.

## Member Scott Tinney’s New Project

Contributed by Jim Dean. Scott lives in Rocky Point, NC. His father John is also a member.



## Tell a Story About this Photo

From Bob Banta’s photo collection. Yeah, we all know what this is—may even have used one from time to time. Make up a story about this picture (fact or fiction) and [email](#) it to editor Judy Hills.



## Boating Ramp Safety Tips

We're sure that everyone who has launched a boat on a ramp has a story to tell. Every ramp seems to be a little different and we have to be especially careful when we are using one for the first time (or every time for that matter). Some of them are downright dangerous, especially for those who may not be too steady on their feet. Ramps are slippery because they are wet, frequently slimy, or too steep. Algae may be present. They may have an uneven surface, shortened paved surface, and there may be obstacles. Here are a few tips:

- Scope the situation out before launching or retrieving. Know the hazards and mitigate for them if possible.
- Wear gripping water shoes
- To prevent vehicle slippage: Place traction mats under your tires, dump coarse sand under your tires or use wheel chock on rear wheel .
- If the two people helping to launch and retrieve the boat have not done this together before, be sure to clarify the plan and signals.

[Click here](#) to read more. **Send us your ramp story!**



## Chapter Membership Contest July 1 to December 31, 2024

We are not certain, but this might just be our chapter's first membership contest. 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of ACBS, Inc. They are printing a limited number of 50th Anniversary Directories to sell. Current members who meet the deadline for membership will be included. This is what gave us the idea for this contest.

Those members in our chapter (including the Board) who recruit a new or secondary chapter members (new to our

chapter) between July 1 and December 31 of 2024 will receive one point for each recruit that joins our chapter. You must [email](#) the name of your recruit to Secretary Judy Hills before their name appears in the ACBS membership report. She will verify that they joined our chapter. If there is a tie, one name will be drawn.

**YES, WE WILL HAVE A PRIZE!** The winner will receive a free copy of the ACBS 50th Anniversary Directory (est. cost \$40).

If you need to work on your boat, invert an umbrella and secure it to prevent tools or small parts from accidentally falling into the water.



## Seen Better Days



## 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. **We also have chapter logo ball caps for \$30.** [Email Alan Hills](#) if you want one.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

**New:** Barry Summey (Stanley, NC primary member of Blue Ridge)

**Renewed:** Jeff Evans (Raleigh), Larry Bower (Reidsville, NC)

*Welcome!*

**Total Membership: 70 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 58 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 12**

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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:

- **8/17** International Vintage Boating Day—get her wet! Marina Day in Wilmington at the Wilmington Marine Center & River Cruise on the Dean's cruiser "Bout Time"
- **9/5-15** ACBS International Show in Brainerd, MN
- **9/7** Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show  
<https://rfmuseum.org/classic-boat-show>
- **9/14** Smith Mountain Lake Show at Crazy Horse Marina in VA  
<https://www.woodenboats.net/boatshow.html>
- **9/28** Wing, Wheels, and Keels show in Topping, VA 8 to 4  
<https://www.wingswheelskeels.com/index.html>
- **10/4** Chapter boat show pre-events: ride on the Neuse and welcome party on the deck at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. Annual meeting (elections and bylaws).
- **10/5** Chapter Boat Show
- **10/18-19** Georgetown SC Boat Show

### 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.](#)