



Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

August 2025



Ahoy, mates!

Hope y'all are doing alright. I'm no weather historian, but I don't believe I have ever endured a hot stretch the likes of which we have been under. Whew!!! All I can say is thank the Lord for air conditioning!

In spite of all this heat, we attempted to hold our quarterly meeting and fun run at Jordan Lake. Turns out, it wasn't the heat that put the kibosh on this, it was flooding! Flooding to the point that the lake recreational areas were shut down. I'm sure those of you who go boating there will want to wait until they clean up all the flotsam that floated out of the wooded areas. Lonnie Sieck reports that Hyco Lake also experienced major flooding this month and there was significant damage to many of the lakeside properties. Hopefully everyone is made whole again and we can say goodbye to this wacky weather.

Looking ahead, we will be participating in International Vintage Boating Day in conjunction with Marina Day at the Wilmington Marine Center on August 16th. We participated in this last year and had a fun time. Please do plan to attend and bring a boat with you! See details later in the newsletter. A big thanks to members Jim Dean and Mike Loch for putting this together!

Jim and Anne Marie Hartman attended the boat show put on by the Finger Lakes (NY) chapter last weekend and sent back some photos of the event. Looks like Jim and

"Loon" are continuing to rake in the hardware this year. Next, they are off to the Antique Boat Museum show in Clayton, NY.

Speaking of Clayton, it looks like our chapter will be having a strong presence for the 50th Anniversary International Vintage Boat Week celebration the week of Sept 15th, with about a dozen members signed up. Can't make it to Clayton? No worries! You can take a ride up to Smith Mountain Lake for the show there on Sept. 13th. The SML chapter are wonderful hosts and there are always lots of beautiful boats on display there.

Last but not least, we will be holding our show on Sept 27th at the Cypress Landing Yacht Club in Chocowinity, NC. We are still rounding up the last details and will provide further information very soon. I want to give a giant shout out to Larry and Eileen Lettick getting us in position to have our show there!

Yours in classic boating,
Alan Hills, President



Synopsis of Minutes of 23 July 2025 Chapter Board Zoom Meeting

Welcome by President Hills, Call to Order, Established a Quorum, set agenda items.

1. Minutes 23 April 2025. Motion to approve as presented by John Justice seconded by Bill Conley. Motion carried.
2. John Dougherty previously sent the 2nd Quarter finance report. Currently we have \$7,957 in our checking account. No questions. Motion to accept report as presented by John Justice. Seconded by Jim Alexander. Motion carried.
3. Membership report—Jim Alexander. 73 members, 61 primary, 12 secondary. We have two new members in July so far. We appreciate all the work that Jim does to welcome new members and to help retain them.
4. Scholarship report—Jim Alexander. No awards yet this year. We hope one will be awarded in August, but can't get confirmation yet. Screenings are in progress by CFCC Foundation.
5. Judy reported we nominated our chapter for three ACBS awards: Chapter of the Year and Communications (New award). We also nominated the chapter's Poker Run for the Broken Gunwale Award.
6. Judy reported at ACBS's request, we sent in a t-shirt for the quilt, 5 items for the time capsule, and our new burgee to hand in the office.
7. Our chapter was featured on the WWW on 5/30/25—Cleanup of the Tar-Pamlico River.
8. 5/23/25 the Chapter received its 501c3 non-profit designation from the IRS.
9. We have 3 burgees left to sell. We plan to give one to the Cypress Landing Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facility for the boat show.
10. We have a good number of members who plan to attend the ACBS 50th anniversary event in Clayton, NY in September.
11. Rob Weller reported on his efforts to bring together ACBS members in the Lake Norman area and his efforts with the Sea Scout Ship in Denver. Rob and ACBS members Jim Barrick and Randy Vogel plan to give the Sea Scouts rides on Lake Norman on IVBD on Aug. 16th. Also Rob is planning a "regional" social for ACBS members in the Lake Norman area on Saturday Nov. 8th. He hopes our chapter members will attend.
12. Discussed upcoming boat show. There is still a question as to whether or not we will be allowed to invite the public.
13. All events in the 2nd quarter went well. Cindy Jordan' again offered her family home in Bath—only two members took advantage of that offer.
14. Upcoming events: IVB and Marina Day in Wilmington August 16th 10-3; Chapter boat show at Cypress Landing Yacht Club in Chocowinity, September 27th 10 to 3; Regional gathering of ACBS members in the western area at Rob Weller's on Nov. 8th; **Annual meeting** and lunch at the Bistro in Rose Hill Nov. 15th 11 AM;; and Chapter Christmas Party at Leiners in Wake Forest on December 13th at 1 PM.
15. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting: Those with terms ending 12/31/25 include: Pres. Alan Hills, Sec. Judy Hills, Dir, Jim Alexander; and Dir. John Justice. Alan will appoint the chair of the nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned



Could this be the next classic boat for Joey Chestnut?

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 15 at 11 AM

Chapter Annual luncheon meeting at The Bistro at Duplin Winery
404 N. Sycamore St. in Rose Hill, NC

[Click here](#) for the menu—pay for your own lunch

They have a big store on site—think holiday gifts!

Saturday December 13 at 1 PM

Chapter Annual Christmas Linner (lunch/dinner) at the Leiners
1505 Wildhurst Lane in Wake Forest

Chapter provides food and non-alcoholic beverages, BYOB

PLEASE BRING YOUR BOAT TO DISPLAY AT IVBD IN WILMINGTON!
[EMAIL YOUR BOAT INFO TO JIM DEAN.](#)

FAMILY FUN!

**International Vintage Boating
& Marina Day**

Wilmington Marine Center
3410 River Road 8/16 10 to 3

 Food Truck *  Icees



- Antique & Classic Boat Display
- Cape Fear Rowing Club Demo
- Cape Fear Power Squadron
- Veterans Creative Arts
- R/C Boat Races in Basin
- Rock Painting
- Nautical Flea Market
- Wilmington Marine Service



AND LOTS MORE!

International *Vintage*
Boating Day
Saturday, August 16, 2025



33rd Annual SML Chapter ACBS Antique Boat Festival & Show



Open to the public from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Sat, Sep 13, 2025

Open to boat show participants on both Fri, Sep 12 and Sat, Sep 13, 2025

Our 33rd 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.

Goodhue Boat Company - Blackwater
400 Crazy Horse Drive
Moneta VA 24121
540-719-0620

[2025 Boat Registration Form](#)

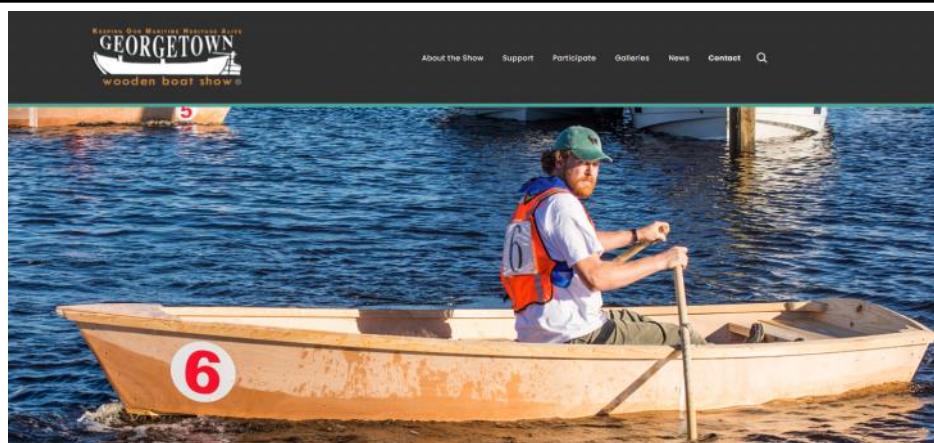
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[2025 Vendor Registration Form](#)

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[2025 Field of Dreams Registration Form](#)

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Georgetown, SC Wooden Boat Show

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of events for exhibitors, vendors and visitors.

A Blast From the Past—Bob Banta

I don't know if you subscribe to Classic Boating or not but here is some interesting information for you and perhaps to share with the SML chapter. On page 1 of the July/August issue is a two page picture circa 1940 of three young couples aquaplaning. The young man on the white aquaplane is undoubtedly my father (1920 – 2018). The picture is taken on Lake Mohawk NJ, one lake over from the more public Lake Hopatcong. My grandparents built one of the first homes on the soon-to-be lake. Most of the west shore of Lake Mohawk is gated. I contacted the magazine attempting to learn more about the source of the image but they either didn't know or weren't willing to reveal it. The picture on page 3 is likely of the only marina on the lake.



LM is only three miles long and not much more than ½ mile at the widest. Not very deep either with limited water flow in the summer making water quality a concern.

MEA CULPA

I owe Jim Hartman a big apology. In last month's edition I noted that the judging committee at the Chesapeake Bay Show took five points off for a searchlight that was not original to his boat, Loon . I was wrong—it was only one-half of a point. Sorry about that, Jim!

PS: Woody Boater website ran a picture of Loon on 7/31.

NC History Center at New Bern

You may or may not know that the NC History Center at New Bern has a Barbour Boat sitting in the hallway to the restaurant. The History Center sits on the site of the former Barbour Boat Works. There is also a cut-out of the Capt'n Hub race boat that you can sit in for a picture. The real Capt'n Hub is located at the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Below is your funky President Alan in the boat.

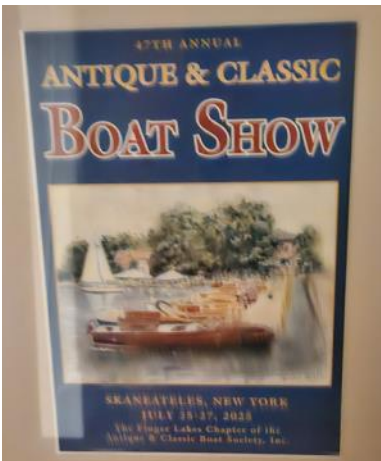


Seen recently on I-95 heading south. Overkill?

Supporting Maritime Museums

Most of you are aware that the state of North Carolina has three maritime museums located in [Hatteras](#), [Beaufort](#), and [Southport](#). The [Beaufort](#) and the [Southport](#) sites have Friends—a non-profit organization that supports their respective museum.. [Hatteras](#) also has membership opportunities. We recommend that you become a member—financially supporting the maritime museum of your choice. There are also volunteer opportunities, if you have time on your hands when not working on your own boat.

Hartmans at the Skaneateles, NY Boat Show



Hartmans at the Skaneateles, NY Boat Show photos



FAMILY FUN!

Antique & Classic Boat & Auto Show

Cypress Landing Marina

100 Marina Dr, Chocowinity, NC 27817

Saturday, September 27, 2025 10 AM to 3 PM

- Antique & Classic Boats
- Antique & Classic Autos
- NC Estuarium
- Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron
- Royal Rangers—Youth Judges
- Food Truck—Jasmine Tasty Thai



Chapter Burgees

We have three chapter burgees available for sale at \$35 each (\$40 if mailed).

They are 12x18, laser etched, double sided (logo correct on both sides) and made of a durable material. See photo at right for style and colors. If we sell out the first order, we'll place a second order so that we have some on-hand.

Contact Alan Hills to buy a burgee.



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.



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 to those who hold primary membership in our chapter. 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: Doug Jewell (Burgaw, NC), Doug Robins (Bahama, NC)

Renewed: John Tinney (Wilmington), John Olsen (Wilmington)

Welcome!

Total Membership: 73

NCC&P Primary Chapter: 61

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. On May 23, 2025, the IRS designated our chapter a 501c3 nonprofit.

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.

Please note that dates, the places, and times listed for events may change. Watch your email for updates or check the **home page** of our website. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your calendar:

8/16 International Vintage Boating Day & Marina Day at Wilmington Marine Center [email Jim Dean](#) to bring boat

8/16 Rob Weller and other ACBS members living near Lake Norman to give the Sea Scouts rides on the lake. [Email Rob](#) if you want to help.

9/12-13 [Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Boat Show](#)

9/15-21 [ACBS International 50th Anniversary](#) Clayton, NY

9/19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day

9/27 Chapter Boat Show in Chocowinity—[email Larry Lettick](#)

10/17-19 [Georgetown SC Wooden Boat Show](#)

10/25 [Roanoke Island Maritime Museum Boat Show](#) at Manteo

10/30 to 11/2 2025 Hilton Head Island, SC [Concours d'Elegance](#)

11/1 [Southport, NC Wooden Boat Show](#)

11/8 Regional meeting at Lake Norman hosted by [Rob Weller](#)

11/15 Chapter Annual Meeting & Lunch at [The Bistro at Duplin winery in Rose Hill](#) 11 AM booked. Order off menu.



What are the ACBS Definitions of Antique or Classic Boat?

Historic: Any boat built up to and including 1918

Antique: Any boat built between 1919 and 1942

Classic: Any boat built between 1943 and 1975

Late Classic: Any 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, Restored or Resto-Mod

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](#).