



# Messing About In Boats

## Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont  
Chapter of ACBS

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Hello Fellow members,

As we turn the calendar page to August (AKA Dog Days), outdoor activities here in the South tend to slow to a crawl. The good folks in the North (ACBS HQ) have declared August 15th International Vintage Boating Day, so maybe that's something you can participate in locally. The good news is that things start picking up in September through November on the boat show circuit, as well as other opportunities to enjoy our hobby. More on that in the body of the newsletter.

We finally received, or so we thought, the proceeds of the Bill Baker estate earmarked for the scholarship fund. Unfortunately, due to a bank error, these monies have yet to be applied to the scholarship fund. John Justice is working with the estate's bank to correct this matter so we can start the awards process. We have received formal requests for scholarship funds from Beaufort County Community College and Carteret County Community College, as well as our on-going scholarship for Cape Fear Community College. Thank you, Jim Alexander, for your efforts in aligning us with these institutions,

At the moment, I find myself in a very unusual situation; I have no operational power boats at this time. I can't remember when I could be saying this, but it's true. Father time is slowly catching up with me, so I have



been lessening my load. I recently passed along "Shaken, Not Stirred", our 15' Cavalier, to a new owner in South Carolina. Although I still have the Jersey Speed Skiff I've been working on, but I'm not really sure I'd call it a user boat. Anyway, I have lots of friends with classic boats, so that will get me by in the short run.

That's all I got for now. Y'all stay cool and get out there when you can!

Yours in classic boating,  
Alan Hills, President

**"Boats are like magic worlds,  
like in novels you never want  
to leave." - Unknown**

## Synopsis of Minutes of Board Meeting of 22 July 2026

The following are key points of this Board meeting:

- We have \$9,507.92 cash on hand.
- We received the funds from Bill Baker's estate in the amount of \$40,652 which will be used solely for scholarships.
- NCMM in Beaufort purchases a new drill press for the Watercraft center with funds we gave them. There is a plaque on it with Bill Baker's name.
- Now that we have the scholarship funds, we are ready to receive requests for funds from the Beaufort County Community College Foundation (BCCCF) and Carteret Community College Foundation (CCCF).
- We are waiting for ACBS to send us the fully executed copy of the ACBS Affiliation Agreement we signed recently.
- It was decided that we will hold our Annual Meeting at the Christmas Party rather than schedule another meeting in November, in hopes of getting a larger turnout. To do this we need to change our bylaws. Motion made and passed to hold a meeting on September 23, 2026 to vote on the bylaws change.
- Reminder that the Christmas party will be held on December 12, 2026 at Fairfield Harbour Community Center in New Bern. Do plan to spend the weekend!
- We encourage members to take their boats on the water on August 15th which is International Vintage Boating Day.
- Member Cindy Jordan has graciously offered our Chapter members the use of her family home in Bath, NC between September 25 and 28th. We encourage those who have never been there to reserve a room.

## Bath, NC Opportunity for Members

Member Cindy Jordan has graciously offered our Chapter members the use of her family home in Bath, NC between Friday September 25 (arrive) and Monday 28th (leave). **We encourage those who have never been there to reserve a room.** [Click here](#) for the May 2024 newsletter with an article and pictures from the first time our chapter members stayed at Bath (pp.13 to .20). Then we went back in September 2024. [Click here](#) for the article and pictures from that stay (pp.5 to 10). We ate well, cruised on the Tar/Pamlico River, and visited local sites both in Bath and nearby towns. But the best was just hanging out and enjoying the fellowship. Don't miss out. Take

a chance. You'll be glad you did!

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference to those who have not been there before. You may stay all of those dates or only some of them. Email [Judy Hills](#) now to reserve.

Here are a few nearby things to do/see: Washington On Tap BrewFest 6-10 PM at Festival Park, Estuarium, Underground RR museum, Harbor District Market in Washington, Edenton Farmers Market, Somerset Place at Pettigrew State Park, Lake Mattamuskeet, and Bath Historic District.

## Skaneateles/Finger Lakes, NY Chapter Boat Show July 2026

Article submitted by John Dougherty. Photos by John and Anne Marie Hartman.

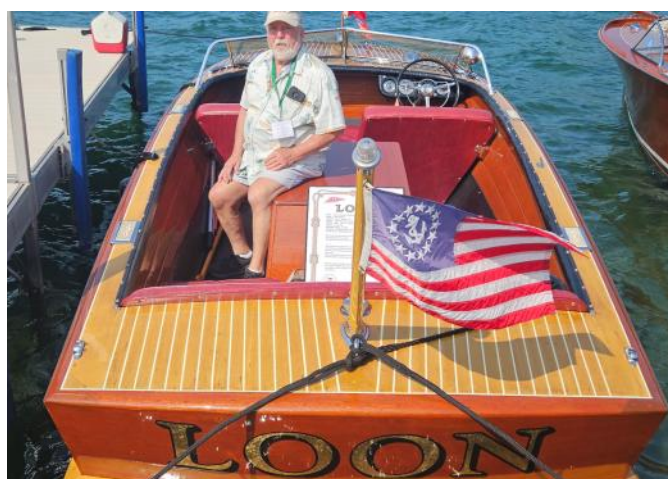
Our chapter was well represented at the 48th annual Skaneateles/ Finger Lakes, NY chapter boat show July 24-26. Jim and Anne Marie Hartman exhibited "LOON" while John Dougherty provided not only passenger ballast but moral support and

"waves" to the admiring crowds thronging the waterfront during the boat parade. This is an exceptional regional boat show well worth a detour if you get the chance.

Jim and Ann Marie continue their tour at the upcoming antique and classic boat show and auction. July 31-Aug 2 in the Thousand Islands region Clayton, NY."



## Skaneateles/Finger Lakes, NY Chapter Boat Show July 2026



## A Blast From the Past Trip to Bath (April 2024)



## The Latest Shaq-Chevy Jet Boat

Most of you know Shaquille O'Neal's passion for automobiles, but did you know he just took delivery of a custom jet boat styled after a classic 1964 Chevy Impala? Here's the challenge, if you choose to accept it: How would ACBS clas-

sify this watercraft? A second question for you: how the heck that that BIG GUY fit behind the wheel? LOL! And a third question, what would YOU name this "boat?" [Click here](#) to read the story and see the video.



## The Hills Are Reducing their Inventory of Boats Part 1

There is a time and season for everything as those of us who are aging surely know. Sometimes you just know when its time to let go—and we did! Within in the span of two weeks in June, Alan sold two of his four boats: the 1974 22-ft Chris Craft Dory and the 1958 15-ft Chris Craft Cavalier.

The Dory was bought by a couple from northern Virginia. The wife was the one who

really wanted the boat. The husband drove from their home, did a sea trial with Alan, paid cash, and towed it home on the same day. Below is a picture of the wife captaining the boat on the river. We know Hunky Dory has found a good home as she will be kept in a large shed with other boats when not in use. We had this great boat for 10 years and got a lot of enjoyment from her. Her leaving was bittersweet.



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## The Hills Are Reducing their Inventory of Boats Part 2

The Cavalier was bought by a couple from Murrell's Inlet, SC—the Schwartzs's. As it turns out our newest Chapter member, **Claudia Berner**, has a boat in the marina managed by Matt Schwartz. It's a small world! Below is the couple (R) and some friends that came with them to sea trial the boat. All went well and she was towed to her new home on June 30th. We bade a happy/sad farewell to Shaken, Not Stirred.

So that leaves Alan with two boats. One is a 1978 22-ft Pearson Ensign sailboat which he

owns jointly with chapter member John Peck. The boat is kept in the water at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. The second is a 2022 16-ft Jersey Speed Skiff that is still undergoing modifications in his workshop. Alan hopes to have the Speed Skiff done this fall.

Of course, we encouraged both new owners to join ACBS and our chapter and actually paid for the new Cavalier owners to be ACBS and Chapter members since they live near our newest member.



### U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Hero

#### Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, established the Revenue Cutter Service on August 4, 1790. This service was the precursor to the modern U.S. Coast Guard, tasked with enforcing tariffs and preventing smuggling. As the first Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton recognized the need for a maritime force to protect the nation's economic interests and secure its borders. His vision laid the groundwork for an organization that would evolve into a critical component of national security and maritime safety.

## August Contest

OK, this is an easy one. Create using AI or submit the funniest picture with an antique or classic boat in it. Bonus points for including a caption or brief story. Now below is **Jennifer Bower's** AI creation, but I'm using it as an example by adding a caption.



OH, NO! IT'S ORIN SCRIVELLO! HELP!

## ACBS REMINDERS

### New 2026 Judging Standards.

The ACBS Judging Committee has just posted the 2026 Judging Handbook and Judging Score Sheet Instructions. If you are entering your boat to be judged in any ACBS Chapter Show, be sure to reference these new standards. They are good information when restoring a boat as well.

Details & pictures are needed for your online profile of your boats & motors.

This information can come in handy should a co-member need to sell because the member is unable to do so. It is also useful to other members seeking assistance with their project boats as well as to its next owner. **CHECK YOUR LISTING NOW** and add the missing photos and information. And remember to update as the information or ownership changes.

## 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: Matthew Schwartz (Murrell's Inlet, SC)

Renewed: Denny Cole (New Bern), Jim Hartman (New Bern), Neal Keeter (Cary, NC)

Total Membership: 67      NCC&P Primary Chapter: 54      Not Primary Chapter: 13

*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. On August 24, 2022, our Chapter was incorporated as a nonprofit in the State of NC. 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:

### August

15 International Vintage Boating Day—get out there on the water! Organize an event on your home body of water and invite nearby members to join in!

29 [Classic & Work Boat Show](#) Reedville, VA Fisherman's Museum

### September

11 to 12 [Smith Mountain Lake Antique Boat Festival](#)  
Moneta, VA

11 to 13 [Century Boats 100th Anniv Show](#) Manistee, MI

13 to 20 [ACBS International Show](#) Port Huron, Michigan

25-28 Bath weekend at Cindy Jordan's family home  
[Email Judy Hills](#) to reserve a room

26 [Wings, Wheels, and Keels Show](#) Topping, VA

### October

1-3 [Lake Lure Show](#) in Lake Lure, NC (Blue Ridge ACBS Chapter)

17-18 Georgetown, SC [Wooden Boat Show](#)

10/29 to 11/1 [Concours d'Elegance](#) at Hilton Head Island, SC

#### **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](#).