

Messing About In Boats

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

December 2019

Whew! 2019 was one heck of a year for our Chapter! Lots of changes and a few challenges. To hit a few of the highlights:

- We ended the year with more paid members than when we started;
- We changed our name;
- We started a newsletter that has been faithfully published every month;
- We have a new website;
- Long-time Treasurer and webmaster Bob Banta retired from those positions;
- We held four business meetings; and
- We organized seven events with varying degrees of success.

We thank those officers and board members who served in 2019 and who are leaving the Board: VP John Baringer and Board member Cindy Jordan. We thank the 2020 officers and Board members: Jeff Martinson, VP, Garfield Karpiak, Sec., Kevin Leiner Treas. And Directors Jim Alexander, Bob Banta, Bill Conley, John Justice and Lonnie

Sieck. We appreciate all you have done and are doing for this Chapter.

Sharon and Bill Conley have graciously agreed to again host our Chapter Christmas Party at their North Raleigh home. The details can be found on page 2. This year we are trying something new and we hope you'll participate. Select a Christmas tin. Seal something surprising in it (max. value \$10). Bring it unwrapped to the party. If you brought one, you get to draw for one. Should be fun! Get creative—the funkier, the better! Hope to see you there! **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE RSVP TO bconley@nc.rr.com by 12/8.**

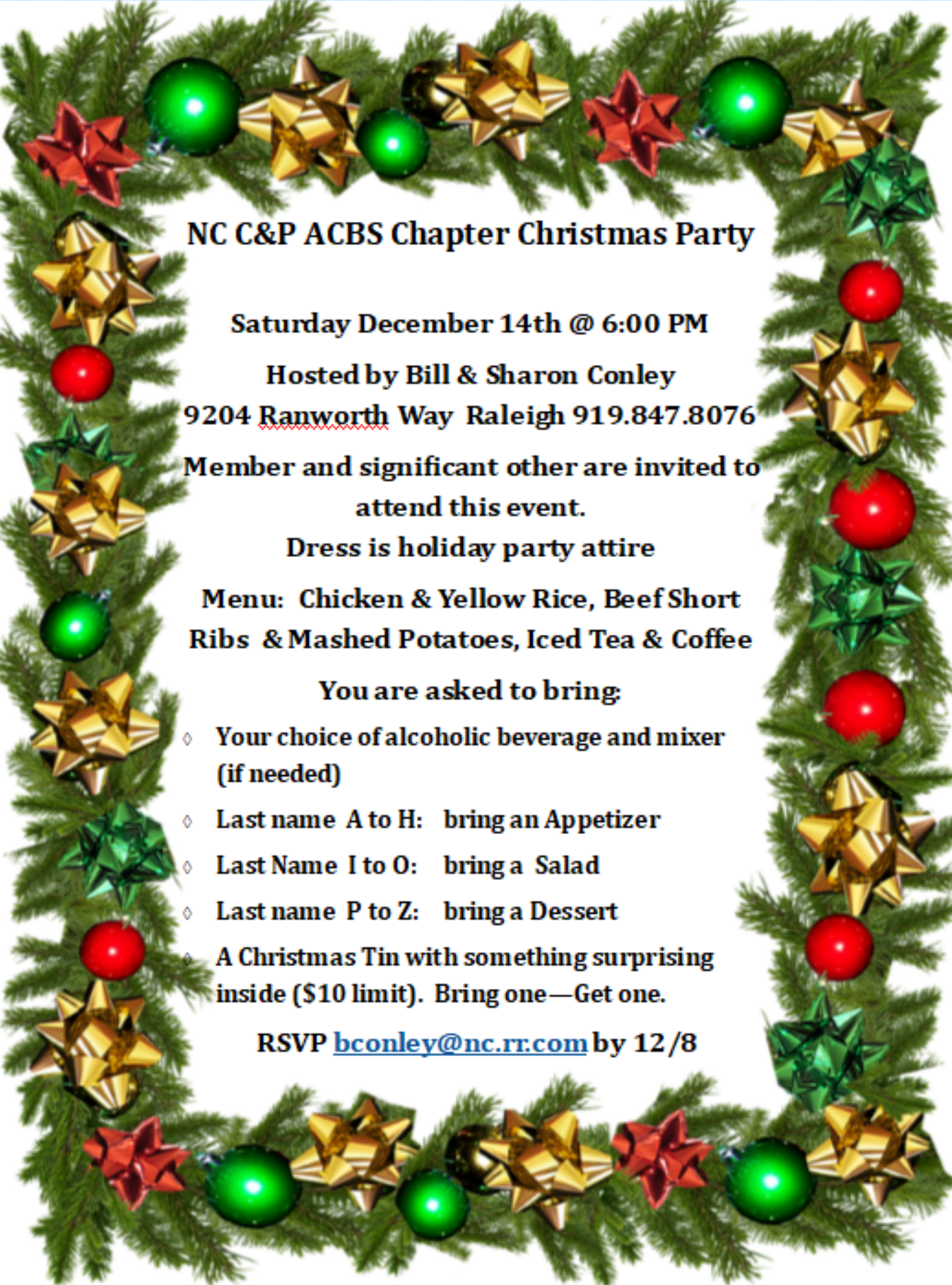
So, as I close out my first year as Chapter President, I offer you this personal insight. While I struggled with the running of this organization, I was constantly reminded that there are great people in it—friends—who are worth this aggravation. That is one reason why, when asked to serve again in 2020, I said yes. Thank you for your

vote of confidence in my leadership. I am looking forward to the coming year.

As for 2020 resolutions, I have a few I would like you, as a Chapter member, to make: 1) come to one or more of the business meetings (I travel 2.5 hours each way to go); 2) attend as many Chapter sponsored events as possible; 3) encourage others to join our Chapter; 4) contribute material and photos to the newsletter and the website; 5) enter your boat in one or more boat shows; and 6) respond to requests (e.g., attendance at events).

Wishing your and yours a wonderful Christmas filled with the delights of the season and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! May all your antique and classic boating wishes be fulfilled!

Best regards,
Alan



NC C&P ACBS Chapter Christmas Party

Saturday December 14th @ 6:00 PM

Hosted by Bill & Sharon Conley

9204 Ranworth Way Raleigh 919.847.8076

**Member and significant other are invited to
attend this event.**

Dress is holiday party attire

**Menu: Chicken & Yellow Rice, Beef Short
Ribs & Mashed Potatoes, Iced Tea & Coffee**

You are asked to bring:

- ♦ Your choice of alcoholic beverage and mixer
(if needed)
- ♦ Last name A to H: bring an Appetizer
- ♦ Last Name I to O: bring a Salad
- ♦ Last name P to Z: bring a Dessert
- ♦ A Christmas Tin with something surprising
inside (\$10 limit). Bring one—Get one.

RSVP bconley@nc.rr.com by 12/8

10 New Year's Resolutions for the Classic Boat Owner

This was from the Haggerty Marine website in 2014, but they are timeless:

- Spend as much time on your boat as you possibly can. Perhaps accept a job as a deck hand on a pirate ship.
- Share your love for boating and everything about it with old/new friends. If you have some extra cash, rent a billboard.
- Work hard so that you can play hard doing what you love to do. Or maybe just work hard in the winter.
- Inventory your safety gear and ensure that it's in good condition. No joke. Seriously. We mean it.
- Take at least one educational course or on-the-water class to improve your boating skills and knowledge. For the record, "Boating for Dummies" doesn't count.
- Go easy on the alcohol until the boat is docked and the day is done. Or select a non-drinking "designated captain." No mutinies please.
- Share your love of boating with youth, thus perpetuating the hobby. Just to be safe, you might want to save "Hey, kid, go swab the deck!" until next time.
- Join at least one classic boating club. Come on! Do it! Everybody else is! (That's what we call "pier pressure.")
- Attend a classic boat show, making it a summer weekend destination. Bonus points if you're able to drive your boat to the show instead of trailering it there.
- Try a different kind of boating. Sailors, go power boating. Power boaters, go sailing. Never kayaked? Rent one and give it a try. Never watched the submarine races? Well ... go ask your mother.

One Additional Trick for Bending/Twisting Wood

In the October newsletter we discussed using heavy plastic sleeves instead of a steaming box. Recently we ran across another tip to make this task even easier. If you have removed a plank and are steaming its replacement, after cutting it to the length and width needed, to get it to the shape needed, you can steam it in the plastic sleeve by the area where it will go and twist it to the shape by clamping it to the plank above or below. The top right picture is a gunwale example and below that is a hull plank that member Leif Eriksson did with the help of President Alan Hills). The wood will begin to take the shape needed. When it is ready remove it from the sleeve. Be very careful that the steam and hot water are vented away from body parts! Since the steamed wood is right by where it needs to go, just work it into place and fasten it.



Restoring Old Plexiglass Boat Windshields

This information is from a 2013 Boating Magazine Article.

The focus was testing products to determine which worked best at restoring a scratched plexiglass windshield. They began by simulating light scratches.

3M Headlight Restoration System (\$12) and Marine Finesse-It II (\$30)

The kit includes drill-mounting buffer pad with a Velcro surface that takes finer grit sanding pads. Finish with the foam polish pad and packet of the polishing compound.. This is an aggressive treatment and the last resort before windshield replacement. Two kits may be needed for larger windshields.

Star Brite Clear Plastic Restorer (\$12) and Clear Plastic Polish & Protectant (\$13)

The Restorer is recommended for use on damaged acrylic and other plastics to remove hazing, yellowing and fine scratches. The polish has UV blockers to protect against future yellowing and hazing. While it won't produce the best results for severe damage, it is a great value and ideal for keeping newer acrylics looking new.



What's the Story Behind the Boat's Name?



Above is the Christmas version of the JULI, a Chris Craft model built by Alan Hills and his long-time friend Dick Fontaine. The name JULI is a combination of their wives' names: Judy and Libby. It is probably as close as Judy will ever come to having a boat named after her (or so she says).

Now, it's your turn. Send the editor a photo of the name on your boat and tell us the story behind the name. Surely there is one. And shame on you if your boat doesn't have a name! No self-respecting antique and classic boat should be without one. Maybe this will inspire you to name the nameless. Or if you are really stumped, send a photo of your boat and some information and we'll have a "give this boat a name" contest!



Happy New Year!

Joe Peacos Renews 1936 Evinrude (Photos by Joe)



Proposed 2020 Calendar of Events (subject to change)

You will note that: 1) we changed the business meeting day from Tuesday to Wednesday. If we continue to meet at the Trali, they hold trivia night on that Tuesday and the noise interferes with our meeting; and 2) we have included car club events (NCAACA) on this calendar. We encourage you to connect with your local antique and classic car club to ask about displaying your boat at their shows. This was a recommendation from ACBS National.

Month/day	Event	Place	Coordinator
January			
29	Chapter business meeting	Trali, Morrisville, NC	Alan Hills, President
February			
22	Budsin Electric Boats	Marshallberg, NC	Alan Hills
March			
7	NC AACA Cape Fear Chapter Meet	Wilmington, NC	
19-22	Sunnyland Boat Show	Tavares, FL	Sunnyland ACBS
28	Cape Fear CC Boat Show & facility	Wilmington	CFCC Boatbuilding
April			
17-19	Oriental Boat Show & Nautical Flea Market	Oriental NC	Oriental Rotary
25 (tent)	NC AACA Old Salem Chapter Meet	Winston-Salem, NC	
29	Chapter business meeting	Trali, Morrisville, NC	Alan Hills, President
May			
2	NCMM Beaufort Boat Show	Beaufort, NC	Bill Conley
9	NCAACA Regional Spring Meet	New Bern, NC	
16	Lake Lure boat show	Lake Lure, NC	Blue Ridge ACBS
30	plating workshop--Phillips Plating	New Bern, NC	Leif Eriksson
June			
20 (tent)	NC AACA Coastal Plains Chapter	Washington, NC	
19-20	St. Michael's Boat Show	St. Michael's MD	Chesapeake ACBS
27	Let's get 'um wet!	Hyko Lake, Roxboro, N	Lonnie Sieck
July			
29	Chapter business meeting	Trali, Morrisville, NC	Alan Hills, President
August			
22	Piglet workshop	Pittsboro, NC	John Justice
September			
12 (tent)	NC AACA Southeastern Chapter Meet	Mt. Olive, NC	
18-19	Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show	Mariners' Landing, Huddleston, VA	Smith Mt. Lake ACBS
14-19	ACBS International Show	Coeur d'Alene, ID	ACBS
26	Poker fun run at Lake Gaston	Easton Ferry, NC	Jim Alexander
October			
17-18	Georgetown Show	Georgetown, SC	SCMM
28	Chapter business meeting	Trali, Morrisville, NC	Alan Hills, President
30-31	Roanoke Island Maritime Museum boat show at Manteo,	Manteo, NC	
November			
7 (tent)	Southport Boat Show	Southport, NC	Local nonprofit
14	Workshop at Bridgeton Marine	New Bern, NC	Alan Hills
December			
12	Chapter Christmas party	TBD	TBD



Lyrics to Jimmy Buffet's A Sailor's Christmas

Sail on the horizons gotta landfall rendezvous
Captain steers a well-known course, he steers straight & true
As he trims the sheets, he sings a song He learned on boats and bars
Sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour 'neath the stars.

He's traveled through the doldrums, typhoons and hurricanes
He's logged a million soggy miles with water on his brain
But Christmas is the season better suited for dry land
He'll tell some lies, meet some spies And dance barefoot in the sand.

The sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour on the hook
Caye con les, no work today, let's shell the ol' log book
The waterfront is reveling, the season has begun
The sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour having fun.

There's a party down at Le Selecte, music, rum and cheers
Faces in the shadows, God, I haven't seen for years
A mast & shroud fill with lights 'Neath the waning of the moon
They're an airy celebration in the realm of King Neptune.

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Caye con les, no work today, let's shell the ol' log book
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Jesus was a fisherman who walked upon the sea
The North Pole is ocean's remote frozen balcony
The continents keep drifting but the children sing and play
'Cause nothing really matters, after all it's Christmas day.

The sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour on the hook.
Vaye con les, no work today, he read it in a book
The waterfront is reveling, the season has begun.

A sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour having fun
A sailor spends his Christmas in a harbour having fun
Havin' fun... havin' fun... havin' fun.

To hear the song and to see a Christmas boat parade on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAd47lmazyw>

Photo Caption Winner for November

We have a winner! Jeff Martinson: "Oh Crap, I dropped it again!" Anyone who has worked on an inboard engine can identify with that exclamation, although the language might be a bit saltier! We sympathize with our pictured member and hope that 2020 will be the year that all our engines work perfectly. But then again, that would make for a pretty boring 12 months. After all, we live to work on our boats—or so it seems. We might wonder who owns whom!



Just for Fun: Caption for Photograph

On the right is a photo—send us your best caption. Judging will be done by President Alan Hills. We'll keep your names secret from him so he won't be prejudiced. We'll print the captions entries next month. Email your caption or captions (submit as many as you like) to newsletter editor Judy Hills at jahnbnc@gmail.com. You are also welcome to submit photos for this column to Judy. **Captions due by 12/10.** No prizes—just bragging rights!

BTW, Judy did take the photo at the right although you may have seen it any number of times on the Woody Boater website.



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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 with the exception of the boat show dates, the places, dates and times listed for club events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Please add these dates to your calendar and participate as much as you can! Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.

Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party at Bill & Sharon Conley's home in Raleigh



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 1941 inclusive

Classic: A boat built between 1943 and 1975 (any material)

Late Classic: A boat built 1977 to 25 years prior to the current year. This classification is not eligible for "best of show" awards and is neither restored or preserved

Production Contemporary: A production wooden boat built 1969 to present

Custom Contemporary: A modified or one-of-a-kind wooden boat built 1969 to present

Replica: A boat built in a non-production manner, intended to be a one-of-a-kind and usually an exact copy or duplicate of a boat previously built or manufactured.