



Messing About In Boats

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

December 2021

Hey mates,

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and had time to rest up as we prepare for the holiday season. I have been enjoying what's left of the boating season as much as possible, getting out for a few last sails and getting the last river runs out on Hunky Dory.

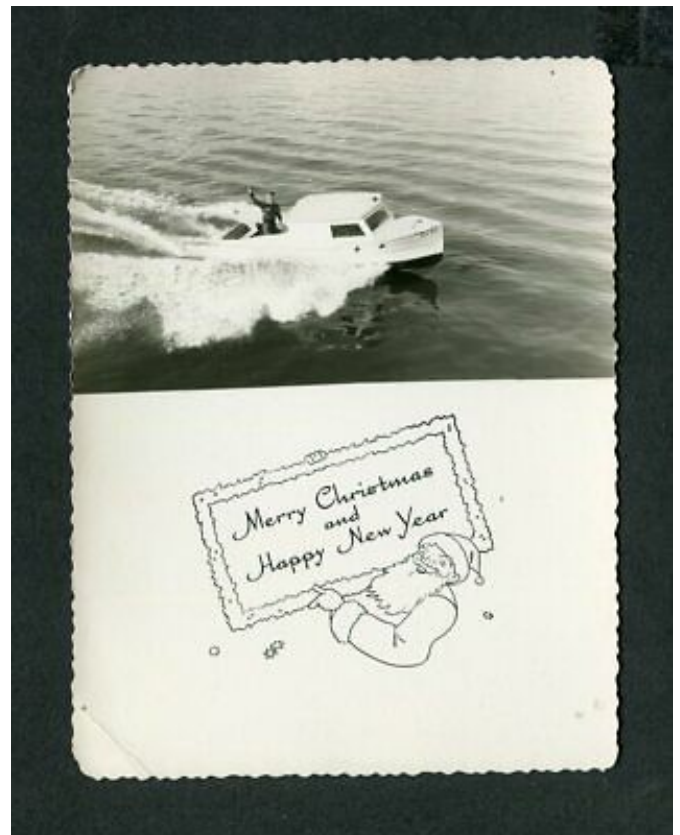
We had our annual meeting on December 3rd at the Blanchard's new saloon, where the election of our officers and directors was certified after a hearty meal. Thanks Robert and Patsy! We also had our last on-water event of the year hosted by Jim and Alice Dean, and John Tinney. We toured the Wrightsville Beach waterways in fine style aboard Jim's 42' Chris Craft Sport Cruiser and John's 45' Elco Flattop cruiser, followed by food and drinks down on the dock. The day was perfect, both in regard to the weather and the experience.

This will be my last time writing the president's column for the newsletter. New president Jeff Martinson will be taking over the reins, although calling him "new" isn't really accurate as Jeff has served as president before (recycled?). I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support over my 3 years as president, especially the officers and directors who have helped so much in making this thing work. It has been my pleasure to hold this office. I will still be involved with the chapter to

a lesser extent as vice president and look forward to working with Jeff and the others to the betterment of the group.

I hope to see many of you at our holiday party and awards dinner at the Conley's on December 11th. In closing, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and a happy and healthy new year!

Alan Hills, President



Chapter Annual Meeting & Elections—3 November 2021

We had a nice turnout at this meeting (12 total) which was held at Robert & Patsy Blanchard's homestead in New Hill. We got to see the new old western saloon that they created just to entertain friends like us. Needless to say, Joe Peacos was there snapping away, so you'll get to see some photos of what you missed in this edition. We had a BBQ dinner with the attendees supplying the side dishes and dessert.

You can read the minutes on our website, but we want to formally announce the officers and Board members that were elected by acclamation. They included:

President: Jeff Martinson
 VP: Alan Hills
 Sec: Judy Hills
 Treas: Kevin Leiner
 Board: Jim Alexander (2 yr. term)
 Bill Conley (2 yr. term)
 John Justice (2 yr. term)

Newsletter editor Judy Hills was acknowledged for winning the 2021 ACBS award for the newsletter (small chapters).

Sharon and Bill Conley are excited to be able to host the chapter for our annual Christmas party once again at their home in Raleigh.

Treasurer Kevin Leiner reported that the checking account balance is \$5,911.82 with only one outstanding check for \$163.

We kicked around some ideas for events for 2022. If you have any thoughts on this, please forward them to incoming President [Jeff Martinson](#).



L to R: Leif Eriksson, Alan Hills, Robert Blanchard



L to R: Judy Hills, Alan, Kevin Leiner, Jim Alexander, Bill Conley and John Justice



Patsy and Robert Blanchard



Jeff Martinson and Kevin



L to R: John, Pam Justice, Bill and Jim



A Prop Story by Bob Banta

Jason Spence of Blue Ridge Propeller Repair straightened out my Volvo Duo Prop on my newest Cobalt. Boat was in great shape but I discovered that all six blades were bent although there was not a scratch on any of the blades. Can't figure out what he hit that didn't scratch any of the blades. FYI, it takes a very special tool to remove the nut holding the forward blade. I now own one. Jason straightened all six blades for \$300 which I thought was good considering the cost of replacement stainless steel props. He sent me pics of each blade showing how far bent they were compared to the device that he uses to straighten them. See photos L to R: Damage blade on jig that has the correct blade pitch to which the prop blade must be corrected or straightened. Note the significant gap. Next shows the straightened blade. No gaps between jig and blade. Third photo shows two props polished and installed on my Cobalt with Volvo Penta outdrive. Do check your props!



Field Trip to the Piglet

Since we were attending the chapter meeting in New Hill, we decided to make a stop at the Piglet (John Justice's workshop in Pittsboro) which is very near the Blanchard's homestead. Joe Peacos, Alan Hills, Judy Hills and Leif Eriksson checked out John's progress on his various projects (and they are numerous!). Alan was delivering an electric chain hoist to John which John had had repaired at DI Banks Electric Motor Repair in New Bern. We noted that nature must abhor a vacuum because every time we go to the Piglet, there seems to be more and more "stuff" filling up the space! Below are some photos of the shop. (Loved the varnish on the hull!)



Wrightsville Beach Big Boat Cruise—We Give it a 10!

All-in-all we had 18 people board the Elco and the Chris Craft for a ride around the waters of Wrightsville Beach. These included John Tinney (Elco captain); Jim Dean (Chris Craft captain) and his first mate, Alice; Judy & Alan Hills; John and Pam Justice; Bill & Sharon Conley; Jim Alexander; Richard Reed (not a member) Joe and Bev Peacos; Jim and Ann Marie Hartman; John Dougherty; and former Chapter members Harry and Rita Warren who now live in Wilmington.

The temperature and the breeze caused us to bundle up in our light jackets, but the sun was shining and there was only a very slight chop on the water.

We boarded the boats docked on Banks Channel and headed toward Masonboro Inlet, around the spoil island and into the ICW. From there we cruised into Bradley Creek. The Airlie Gardens backs up to this creek and there are many beautiful older homes along this waterway. We then headed to Motts Channel and from there back to Banks Channel. The wind was steady and

there were sailboats racing in the channel. It was a lovely sight.

The conversations were lively and we enjoyed the company of like-minded friends.

We had planned to ride to a waterfront restaurant, switch boats and then return to the dock, but plans changed. We ended up just riding on one boat and having sub, chips, beer, wine and soda on the dock after the ride. Karen Dunn joined us for lunch. She had attended the Boat Barn Bash and assured us that she was joining our chapter.

Sharon and Bill had rented the beach house from Jim and Alice and so a few of us joined them there after the ride to continue our conversations.

It was absolutely a wonderful day for a ride and picnic on the dock! We can't thank John Tinney and the Deans enough for their hospitality and the use of their beautiful boats. Photos below are by Joe Peacos (mostly) and Judy Hills. Check out Joe's Video. [Click here.](#)















Did you know that...

- The Resources & Links section of our website "Services & Products" is now packed with information? [Click here](#) to access.
- Jamestown Distributors has guidebooks listed on their site? [Click here](#) to access.
- Gary Lowell is giving classes on marine coatings at his Greensboro Boat Shop in 2022? [Click here](#) to access the info.
- Nettle Props has an FAQ page on their website where you can learn: propeller installation, determining RPM, propeller sizing; and propeller terminology? [Click here](#) to access.
- The Member Trading Dock page of our website is where you can sell, trade or give away stuff (boat & boat-related equipment and gear)? Send the information to [webmaster Judy Hills](#) with pictures and descriptions.
- Gold Leaf Man Stephen Filarsky does painting impressions—landscapes to portraits? He also does plein air painting at horse events. Do check out his [website](#).

Chapter Christmas Party at the Conley's Home

Sharon and Bill have once again graciously opened their home (9204 Ranworth Way, Raleigh, NC 27615) to our Chapter members on Saturday December 11th. Please plan to arrive at 6 PM. Sharon and Bill are supplying the main dish (Sharon's famous Chicken Tetrizzini as well as Swedish meatballs with mashed potatoes) and the needed tableware. Chapter members are asked to bring a complementing dish or dessert, assigned by last name: **A thru H—Desserts; I thru O—Appetizers; and P thru Z—Salads.** We also ask that you bring your own alcoholic beverage of choice and any needed mixer. We will have water, iced tea, and coffee available, so if you want something other than those to drink, please bring it.

We remind each of you to bring a wrapped gift—something you got but don't want or need—new or lightly used. Recycle, re-gift! Instead of doing a gift exchange, we will be using these wrapped items as prizes for some fun games we have planned. No need to think about the value—no one is keeping track! No need to think about gender, either. This is just for pure fun.

We wear Christmas holiday attire in keeping with the merriment of the season! Just member adults please as space is limited. If there are special circumstances, please talk to Sharon.

Please, please, please, out of courtesy to our hosts, RSVP by Sunday, December 5th to bconley@nc.rr.com



Additions to Chapter Website

We are really encouraging our members to use our website. Here are some recent changes that you may want to check out.

1. [Sites of Interest](#) (Resources and Links tab): we added "Mahogany & Chrome."
"Mahogany & Chrome® takes viewers on outdoor adventures in the captivating hobby of classic, vintage power boats, and introduces them to the colorful characters who find, restore, collect, and cruise them. With a perfect balance of elegance and horsepower, hands-on and history, and the hunt for the next rare barn find or hot vacation destination, Mahogany & Chrome® appeals to a broad audience with a passion for adventure, exquisite woodworking, and the finer things in life. We ride in the rarest boats, tour seldom seen private collections, profile skilled boat builders and restorers, and celebrate the recreational boating lifestyle on the most beautiful waterfront destinations in North America." They are still "building" this site, but definitely worth visiting.
2. [Awards](#) (About tab): we have provided information about the awards our chapter gives along with winners since 2019.
3. [Services & Products](#) (Resources & Links tab): this past month members have really stepped up and helped us beef up this section. It is now PACKED with suggestions for vendors for various products and services that might be needed by our members.

We encourage all members to continue to help us keep our website current by sharing information, pictures and links to post. You can also help by letting us know if we need to make changes (e.g., a company listed is no longer in business). Just email our webmaster [Judy Hills](#).



Publications of Note

The BoatUS Magazine, Nov/Dec edition (p.58), included information about the Cape Fear Community College Marine Technology Program.

The Fall edition of The Rudder (p.30) included a picture of our award-winning newsletter. We want to remind members that you can submit article and photos to both The Rudder and the ACBS Blog for publication.



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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 business meeting dates, the places, dates and times listed for events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

12/11 Chapter's Christmas Dinner Party at the Conley's.. RSVP to [Bill Conley](#).

New Members:

Ted Clark, one of the members of Blackbeard Sailing Club has joined ACBS and our chapter.

Karen Dunn—who'll be starting a boat eco-tour business in Wrightsville Beach area

Ralph Saunders of Elm City—Bought the Warren's boat

Renewed Members:

Frank Harden and Leif Eriksson

New Forum on Facebook for ACBS Members

Have a question about your project? Not sure how to fix an engine issue? Join the ACBS Members Group on



Request to Join

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. For more information [click here](#).