



## Messing About In Boats

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

December 2022

Seasons greetings Fellow Boating Enthusiasts!

Well, it's been a little quieter on the waters near me since the temps dropped last month. That said, I can usually spot one or two watercraft out for some fishing or fresh air it seems. How are things in your neck of the woods? Maybe you're even one of the brave souls who enjoys the water all year round?

Weather be damned, the club got together in early November on Lake Gaston for our Fall Foliage Fun Run. As it turned out, the temps were quite pleasant and we were able to enjoy a beautiful tour with the area showing off its best fall colors. You can see pics and read more about the outing in this newsletter edition.

Of course, we'll stay nice and toasty over the next few months as we gather inside for several planned events all around our area as well as some that are being held by neighboring chapters. You can read more about the variety of activities below and on our website, which is regularly updated.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued efforts on behalf of the chapter. We are only as successful as the combined contributions of the membership, and it's indeed a pleasure to be a part of this truly successful organization.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Cheers,

*Jeff*



**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**

## Chapter Christmas Party and Awards Dinner

On the next page is a flyer with information about the party. Bill and Sharon Conley have graciously agreed once again to host us. We want to share a few details that are not on the flyer. Remember to wear your name tags!

### ALL Members Welcome

We want to especially invite those members who have not participated much this past year in chapter events. It is a chance for you to get to meet our Board and connect with some of our "regulars." Don't be shy! We really want to meet all our members, co-members and significant others!

### Wine Exchange

Every person who wants to participate in the exchange should bring one 750 ml bottle of wine. Each bottle should cost NO MORE THAN \$10. Couples can bring one bottle or two. You get to take home as many as you brought. Wrap or place each bottle in a bag so that its identity will be kept secret. The packages will be numbered and we'll draw numbers out of a hat. Don't like what you got? That's where the "exchange" part comes in.

### Games

Yes, we are going to do games again since we had so much fun with them last year. And yes, the guys have their own game and the gals have theirs. We will have prizes.

### What to Bring to the Party

We have divided up the alphabet. Whatever you are assigned, please bring enough to serve 6 people and we should be fine.

A through E Appetizer

F through L Salad or side

M through Z Dessert

### BYOB & Mixers

Since we all have different taste in beverages, the hosts will be providing water, iced tea and coffee. Bring your own beer, wine or liquor along with any mixer that you might want.

### Photos

We will have a Holiday Background set up for you to use your own camera or phone for pictures.

### Awards

At the end of the evening, President Jeff Martinson will have some awards to distribute.

### Directions

#### *COMING FROM THE SOUTH:*

- Head north on Six Forks
- After crossing Strickland Road, turn right into the first subdivision, Reedham Oaks
- Take first left on Storrington Way
- Take next left on Ranworth Way

My house is the second one on the right

#### *COMING FROM THE NORTH OR THE WAKE FOREST AREA:*

- Head south on Six Forks Road
- Or, from I-540, get off at Six Forks Road. Head south.
- Go past the light at Lead Mine Road and the Wyndham subdivision
- At the next street, turn left into the Reedham Oaks subdivision
- Take first left on Storrington Way
- Take next left on Ranworth Way

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**Feel free to park in the driveway**

**PLEASE RSVP TO BILL CONLEY BY 12/4/22.**

**NC COASTAL & PIEDMONT CHAPTER**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY & AWARDS DINNER**  
 Saturday December 10th 6:00 PM

**BILL & SHARON CONLEYS**  
 9204 Ranworth Way  
 Raleigh, NC 27615

BYOB & Your Mixer  
 Festive Holiday Attire Requested  
 Adults Only, Please

RSVP To [bconley@nc.rr.com](mailto:bconley@nc.rr.com) by Sunday December 4th, please!



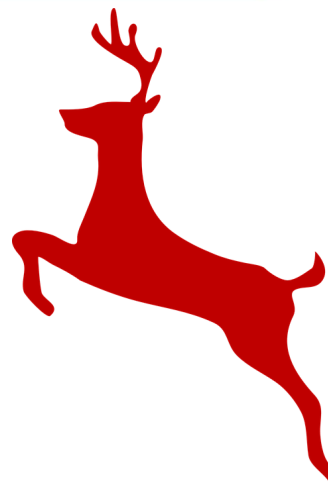
*Wine Exchange*  
 Bring one/ Get one  
 750 ml  
 max \$10/per  
 Drawing

*Bring to serve 6*  
 By Last Name:  
 A-E Appetizer  
 F-L Salad or side  
 M-Z Dessert

- Fellowship
- Fun
- Food
- Fotos

## DINNER MENU

*Chicken Tetrazzini*  
*Shredded Beef & Rice*  
 water, iced tea, coffee





**FALL/WINTER 2022 SML-ACBS WORKSHOP****JAN. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, 9 AM – NOON****1100 OAKSHIRE LANE, WIRTZ, VA.****COST: \$10.00 USD which includes coffee, donuts, lunch plus all the new knowledge you can absorb.****(Bring along a friend or potential new member for all the fun!!)**

Workshops are always a great way for us to get together to talk about boats and all the trouble we can seem to get into while working on them. So, in order to gain more knowledge and skills, what better way than to ask the experts. This workshop will focus on our pool of local talent who have had years of experience in their field. Seating is limited so bring a chair along.

- 1). **Mark Thompson** - Over the years of running a successful woodworking business in NC, Mark has ordered millions of board feet of lumber, both domestic and exotic, so he will show us what to look for when you need to order lumber at a local yard and what all those confusing abbreviations actually stand for.
- 2). **Margaret Gober** - As proprietor of Virginia Canvas (@ Hales Ford Bridge), Margaret will show us what's the latest and greatest materials she uses not only for covers but also for bimini's. What better way to protect a great varnish finish than to cover it from the elements, both on the trailer and lift.
- 3). **Chuck Breen** - Chuck has been selling industrial fasteners for years so he can guide us through the maze of information, not only on what those funny marks are all about on hex head bolts, but also why silicon bronze fasteners may be the best choice for boat builders. And those metric fasteners, what's that all about anyway.
- 4). **Alan Frederick** - Time permitting, he will give you an update on the "Big Boat" build, including some tips and tricks learned along the way.

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## Blanchard Homestead Event 5 November 2022

It was a beautiful fall day—bright, sunshiny, and warm. There must have been about 200 to 300 people there off and on throughout the day. So many demonstrations: roping, cane syrup making, blacksmithing, hay baling (miniature), making grits/cornmeal, pumping water, grinding corn for feed, old west gunfighting, to name just a few. Lots of old stuff—cars, tractors, farm equipment, travel trailers, boats, etc. Interesting hand-made items for sale by craftsman. The BBQ lunch and homemade desserts were tasty. All-in-all a great day to be celebrating our heritage.

Our ACBS chapter was well represented: Dan Bixler, John Justice, Bill Baker, John Daugherty, Alan & Judy Hills, and of course, Robert & Patsy Blanchard. Here are a few pictures from the day.





## Lake Gaston Fall Fun Run

It was a gorgeous fall day at Lake Gaston on Saturday November 12th. There were a few white clouds streaked across the blue sky and the temperature was in the 70's with little wind when we met at the Eaton Ferry Marina boat ramp.

There were eleven of us on three boats. Jim Alexander led with his Century Coronado. He has a house on the lake so he knows it well. Jeff Martinson and Jeff's twin daughters rode with him. Bill and Sharon Conley were in Blue Tango. John Justice and Bill Hartman rode along. Alan and Judy Hills brought their Barbour, Clippin' Along. Neil Keeter rode with them.

All the boats were running well until the Barbour's prop started slipping. It acted like it was cavitating, but the prop was just slipping causing the boat to struggle to move forward. But, we made it to the restaurant just fine.

At the restaurant we were met by Jim's wife Linda and other members of their family. Service was slow, but we did not care. It gave us a chance to catch up and talk about chapter events from 2022 and those we should do again for 2023. The food was good and we enjoyed the comradery.

The skies had rolling dark gray clouds after lunch. It looked like it might rain, but it never did. It did, however, get a little cooler and the lake was not quite as smooth. Going back, Judy and Neil rode in Jim's boat so the Barbour would perform better without the additional weight.

We got back to the ramp just fine. The skies had started to lighten up and it got a little warmer again. We had a really wonderful day on the water. It was nice to be able to see the beautiful houses through the denuded trees.

Jim is selling both his boat and his house on Lake Gaston, so we might choose another lake next year for our fall outing. If you have any suggestions for a place or for anything you'd like to see the chapter organize for next year, please let one of the Board members know as we are in the process of developing the calendar for 2023.

Thanks to our three boat captains, Jim, Bill and Alan for making this day possible!





## Pictures from Lake Gaston



Restaurant photos by Linda Alexander





## ACBS Communication & Newsletter Training Zoom Meeting

This training was held on November 17th. Over 40 people signed up to attend. The session was presented by our Chapter's newsletter editor, Judy Hills. She led the group through some basics of communication, encouraging attendees to be intentional in choosing the channel of communication. There was a discussion of messages and how best to convey them. The focus was primarily communication from a member retention perspective, although, it also affects member recruitment. At the end of the communication

segment, Jim Alexander from our chapter talked about his role as membership chairman. Jim did a wonderful job.

Judy then provided guidance on newsletters and presented some ideas for topics to include. It is important that we connect regularly with our members to hopefully engage them in ACBS and chapter events.

This session was sponsored by the ACBS Chapter Development Committee of which Judy is a member.



Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: John Peck (New Bern)

Renewed:

*Welcome!*

## EMBROIDERED 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. The long-sleeved, light-weight fishing shirts to the right (men's and women's) are available at Academy Sports for \$25.

Contact [Alan Hills](#) if interested.



## Looking for a Present?

Here are a few ideas:

- An ACBS membership
- A membership to our Chapter as well
- A hat embroidered with Chapter logo ([email Alan Hills](#))
- An item embroidered with our Chapter's logo ([email Alan Hills](#) for logo details)
- ACBS burgee
- ACBS cooler bag
- ACBS insulated cups
- ACBS logo items: hats, shirts, other clothing items.



## ACBS Zoom Trainings in December

On December 1st ACBS Executive Director Lora Hanson reviewed the new Chapter End-of-year Report training for Chapter leaders. This year the report will be done online in Survey Monkey. The Chapter Presidents are responsible for getting one person to do the

entries. This will allow the ACBS Board and Chapter Development Committee to identify needs.

On December 8th at 5 PM, there will be a Zoom training on member retention. See the 12/3 ACBS Weekly Web Watch for details.

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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. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

12/8 ACBS Roundtable Zoom Discussion on Member Retention at 5 PM. Watch for ACBS announcement & registration.

12/10 Chapter Christmas party and Awards Dinner at Sharon & Bill Conleys home in Raleigh 6 PM

1/14 Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Workshop 9 to 12—1100 Oakshire Lane in Wirtz, VA \$10 for AM refreshments + lunch

1/25 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 PM

3/23-27 Sunnyland ACBS Boat Festival in Tavares, FL. [Click here](#) for show site.

3/25 Cape Fear Community College Boat Show (tent)

4/7-9 Oriental in-water boat show (tent)

4/26 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 PM

### 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](#).