



NC C&P CHAPTER
Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

December 2024



Ho, Ho, Ho, Mateys,

I hope y'all had a happy Thanksgiving! As we get ready to turn the page on 2024, I'd like to look back at some of the chapter events that took place. We enjoyed a tour and workshop hosted by Gary Lowell at his shop in Greensboro, NC. We held our first ever regional get-togethers simultaneously in Wilmington, Wake Forest, and New Bern NC. We had a group tour of the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va., attended by multiple chapters. We had an overnight cruise home based at Cindy Jordan's family vacation home in Bath, NC, although the Pamlico River was uncooperative (LOL). It was still a blast, though! We had a picnic and fun run on Jordan Lake. We celebrated International Vintage Boating Day in conjunction with Wilmington Marine Center. We had another go at the overnight cruise in Bath, held in 3 segments at Cindy's (We did manage to do some cruising this time!). We held our boat show at Blackbeards. Throw in a couple of workshops, attendance of other chapter's shows, meetings and our upcoming Christmas party, and I'd call that a year filled with

lots of opportunity for us to stay engaged with our chapter. And, oh yes, our chapter also received from ACBS recognition for best newsletter and highest growth percentage for small chapters for 2024!

Looking ahead to next year, we have lots more planned, kicking off with a tour and workshop at the Cape Fear Community College Boatbuilding Program Facility in Wilmington on January 11th, on wiring. Details to follow but save the date. Also, PLEASE RSVP for our Christmas party on the 14th, SOON!! Also, we need volunteer hosts for next year's regional get togethers in the Wilmington, Triangle and Eastern NC areas. Please consider hosting this fun time.

I'll close by wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Yours in classic boating,

Alan Hills, President



'Twas the Boater's Night Before Christmas
Here's a little holiday ho, ho, ho. Enjoy!

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NC COASTAL & PIEDMONT CHAPTER

CHRISTMAS PARTY & AWARDS LINNER

Saturday December 14th 1:00 PM

BILL & SHARON CONLEY'S

9204 Ranworth Way Raleigh, NC 27615

BYOB & Your Mixer
Relaxed Holiday Attire

RSVP to bconley@ncrr.com
by Sunday December 8th!

Provided: Chicken Divan, Beef Taco
Casserole, rice, water, iced tea, coffee

Games, prizes, fun & fellowship!

See FAQ for details on what to bring to share.

Liquid Asset Dice Game

We ask each guest to bring one wrapped \$10 liquid item.

See FAQ for additional information.



FAQs FOR THE DECEMBER 14TH CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY
Hosts Bill & Sharon Conley 9204 Ranworth Way Raleigh, NC 27615

We always get questions, so here is our attempt to preempt them. This is a LINNER (lunch/dinner combo).

Why is the LINNER party at 1 PM this year?

We heard from several people who live too far away that they would have to pay for overnight accommodations if they attended. We also heard from some who live within driving distance that they prefer not to drive at night. For both these reasons, this year we are trying an afternoon party that will be essentially the same except for the time.

What should I/we wear?

The gals always ask this question. This year we will go with a holiday sweater contest. Style points will be given for holiday headgear. No jeans, please.

Can I/we bring our teenagers, other family, or friends?

Members may bring a spouse, significant other, or one guest. We have limited seating for the meal and ask that you do not bring others, HOWEVER, we have been known to make exceptions if there is room, so please talk personally with Sharon (919.602.0440). We understand that there may be extenuating circumstances.

Can I/we just show up or do we have to RSVP?

Because so much preparation is required for this party, we sincerely hope you will [RSVP to Bill](#) by Sunday, December 8th. We would like the names of those attending so we can make name tags, have the right number of copies needed for the games, and ensure we have appetizers, sides, salads, and desserts to complement the main dishes.

Where do I/we park?

In the driveway of our house or on the circle, just please do not block any neighbor's driveway or mailbox.

May I/we bring wine or spirits to share?

Certainly! We just can't plan for every person's taste, that is why we ask guests to bring their own alcoholic beverage and any mixer they require.

Can I/we bring a dish to share?

Based on your last name, guests are requested to bring a serving for six (6) of one of the following: appetizer, dessert, or a side/salad to compliment the main dishes. We can't make these assignments until we know who is attending which is another reason for the RSVP. As soon as we have the reservations, we'll make the list and email you to let you know what to bring. (est. December 9th).

Will there be games?

You bet! Game on! As we have for the last several years, the guys will play certain games while the gals are playing their games in another area of the house. There will be prizes for the winners. The Liquid Asset Dice Game was popular last year, so we are doing it again. This game is played by all attendees and so we ask each person to bring one wrapped liquid item worth up to \$10. Need a liquid asset hint? Think, wine, oil, sauce, alcohol, lotion, soap. We are giving you a lot of latitude here to use your imagination and your creativity! You won't go home empty-handed!

What else?

We will have an area set up for photos. This is always a nice occasion for a picture. We won't have a business meeting, but President Alan Hills will give a short speech and hand out a few awards at the end of the afternoon.

Southport Wooden Boat Show

The Southport Wooden Boat Show is run by a nonprofit group. It is a combination of vendors interspersed with wooden boat on trailers with a few larger boats in the water. This event was held on a glorious Saturday on November 2nd. In addition to the usual craft vendors, various nonprofits were represented. For example, the Friends of the Southport Oak Island Libraries were there selling nautical themed books. Members John Tinney and Stuart Benson had their big boats on display. Member John Olsen was one of the judges., Scott Tinney was showing his Chris Craft on land. Chapter members Jim and Alice Dean, Jim and Anne Marie Hartman, and Alan and Judy Hills were seen roaming the event. If you have never been to this show, do put it on your list of shows to attend in 2025. There are lots to see and there are several waterfront restaurants nearby. Here are some pictures.



Above: Scott Tinney's boat.
Right: Alan, Scott and Scott's son.

Workshop at the Piglet in Pittsboro November 16th

Hail, hail, the gang's all here! The usual cast of characters showed up at John Justice's workshop to sharpen tools, to help John install the windshield that Alan just delivered from Jerry's chrome shop, to see what's being worked on at the Piglet by John and others, and to talk boats. What more can one ask for on a beautiful fall Saturday? Five members travelled together from New Bern: Alan Hills, John Peck, Austin Lewis, Jim Hartman, and Leif Eriksson. Jim Quinn and Jim Dean drove up from Wilmington. Others members who attended included Bill Conley, Bob Banta, Jim

Alexander, Rob Weller, Neal Keeter, Kevin Leiner, and of course the host, John Justice. That is a great turnout!

These workshops are a great way to get to know other members and to pick up tips that might help you maintain or restore your boat. We have several scheduled in 2025, so do put those dates on your calendar. We'd love to be able to put a face with the names on our roster. Here are some pictures submitted by Bob Banta, Jim Alexander, and Leif Eriksson.



Workshop at the Piglet Photos



Chapter Plan of Events for 2025

Every year we develop a plan for activities. The list includes events sponsored by our Chapter, events sponsored by other ACBS groups, and events sponsored by others. Our intention is to have one or more opportunities per month. We move our chapter events around geographically so that the same people are not always having to travel long distances. Even when we have the same activity or event as the prior year, we make changes

so it does not get stale. We hope to see you and your co-member at one or more of these events. Of course some are still being developed and as soon as we have definitive information, we'll share that with you. **If you see something that is of special interest to you, we invite you to coordinate the activity.** We need lots of help to pull these off, so when asked, we hope you'll step up. Below are the 2025 dates for your calendar.

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| <p>1/4 Celebration of Jim Moores' Life in Beaufort</p> <p>1/11 Workshop—Electrical in Wilmington at CFCC</p> <p>1/29 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>2/9 Super Bowl Sunday Regional Get Together
-New Bern Area—Hills to coordinate
-Wilmington Area
-Triangle Area</p> <p>3/1 Mardi Gras Event in Beaufort</p> <p>3/20-23 Sunnyland Boat Show in Tavares, FL</p> <p>4/5 CFCC Boat Show in Wilmington</p> <p>4/11-13 Oriental in-water boat show in Oriental</p> <p>4/23 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>5/3 NC Maritime Museum Boat Show in Beaufort</p> <p>5/17 National River Clean up Day Regional Event
-New Bern
-Wilmington
-Triangle</p> <p>6/7 Chapter Workshop in New Bern</p> <p>6/20-22 Chesapeake Bay ACBS Boat Show</p> <p>7/23 Run on Lake & Chapter Meeting— Lake TBD—Triangle Area</p> | <p>8/16 International Vintage Boating Day and Marina Day in Wilmington at Wilmington Marine Ctr.</p> <p>9/13 Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show</p> <p>9/13 Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Boat Show in Monette, VA</p> <p>9/15-21 50th Anniversary ACBS Event & Show in Clayton, NY</p> <p>9/27 Wings, Wheels, & Keels Show in Topping, VA</p> <p>10/3 Tentative Chapter Boat Show Welcome Party—place TBD</p> <p>10/4 Tentative Chapter Boat Show —place TBD</p> <p>10/17-19 Georgetown, SC Wooden Boat Show</p> <p>10/25 Roanoke Island Maritime Museum Boat Show in Manteo, NC</p> <p>11/1 Southport Boat Show</p> <p>11/11 Veterans Day Regional Event—take veterans on boat rides
-New Bern
-Wilmington
-Triangle
-Lake Norman/Charlotte</p> <p>11/15 Chapter Annual Meeting & elections—The Bistro at Duplin Winery in Rose Hill</p> <p>12/13 Chapter Christmas Party—TBD</p> |
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Gifting an ACBS Membership

Give the Gift of ACBS Membership!

The holiday season is right around the corner and it is time to start thinking about gifts for your family and friends. Consider giving them the gift of ACBS!

Call the ACBS office (315) 686-2628 to sign up a new member for the holidays! We'll make sure you have a gift to give them now, and they'll enjoy it all year long with every issue of ACBS Rudder that gets delivered to their mailbox! Make it extra special by adding our local chapter!



Spooky Santa—Seen near Bath: Nightmare Before Christmas?



November Ball Cap Contest

Last month we asked you to put all your ball caps that have a boating-related logo or picture on them in a pile and take a photo. You were to send the picture in to the editor along with the number of caps in the pile. The November Ball Cap contest was won by : Alan Hills—the only entry. Would have been interesting to see how many boating-related ball caps are owned by our various members.



Alan Hills—11 ball caps



Ladder Safety

You may not know that member Jim Moores was at home recuperating from a fall off a ladder when he died or that member Bill Conley almost died from a fall off a ladder when he was younger. Here are some tips:

From BoatUS: Few boaters use ladders or scaffolding on a regular basis. However, while in the yard (yours or the boatyard's), you can expect to use one or the other on an almost daily basis. Falls from ladders and scaffolding rank high on the list of boatyard accidents, with potential injuries ranging from sprains to death. Here's how to avoid becoming a statistic.

The two most commonly used ladders in the boatyard are stepladders (A-frame) and straight or extension ladders. Both have specific safety requirements (which we'll discuss individually below) but when using any ladder consider the following:

- Read the manufacturer's instructions, which contain both safety guidelines, as well as the ladder's weight and height lim-

its.

- Inspect the ladder before use, ensuring all parts are intact and that rungs are clean and free of mud or grease. (Wearing shoes with nonskid soles will also help prevent slips.)
- Never climb a shaky ladder and ALWAYS secure them in place prior to use. (Have someone hold the ladder firmly until they are tied or secured in place.)
- Ensure all ladder feet are on a firm, level surface (no boards or blocks).
- Use a ladder tall enough for the job. Many accidents occur from using a ladder that's too short.
- Avoid carrying tools or equipment while climbing a ladder. Instead, use a tool belt, bucket and rope, or have someone hand the equipment to you.
- Face the ladder when climbing up and down, keeping your body centered between both side rails.

Ladder Safety

A third of all reported fall from height incidents involve ladders and step ladders; this accounts for 14 deaths and 1,200 major injuries to workers each year. Many of these injuries are caused by inappropriate or incorrect use of the equipment.

Legislation

The Work at Height Regulations 2005 apply to all work at height where there is a risk of a fall liable to cause personal injury. They place duties on employers, the self-employed and any person who controls the work of others. Clear guidelines regarding safe practice must be observed. Falls from height remain the single biggest cause of workplace deaths and one of the main causes of major injury.

For more information contact

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Dept: _____

Do's

Only use a ladder or stepladder:

- In a safe environment
- At a firm level base
- When you have inspected it before use
- Lean at approximately 75° from horizontal
- For light work
- Where you can maintain 3 points of contact (hands or feet)
- For a maximum of 30 minutes

Don'ts

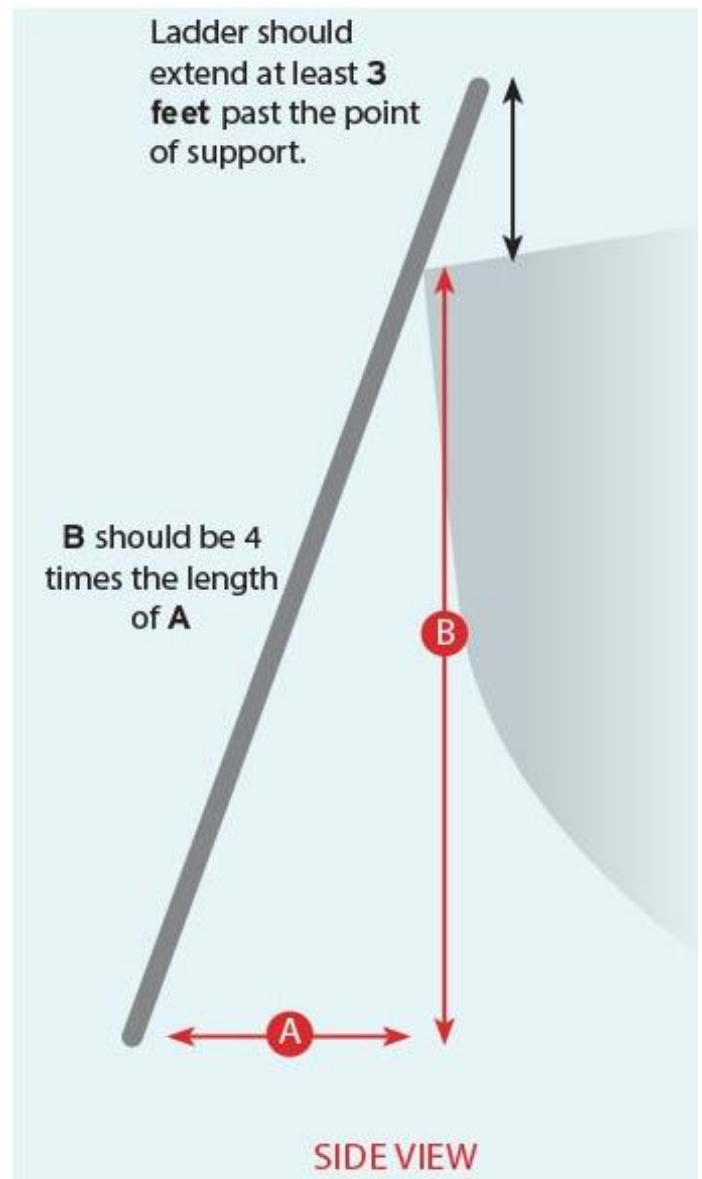
On a ladder or stepladder do not:

- Overload it or carry loads on ladders
- Overreach
- Have more than one person on a ladder at one time
- Stand ladders on moveable objects or uneven ground
- Extend ladders whilst standing on rungs
- Use the top two steps on either a ladder or a stepladder

Ladder Safety (continued)

- Keep your weight evenly distributed and don't overextend your reach. A good general rule is to never let your belt buckle past the ladder sides or top of the ladder.
- When using a stepladder, always ensure spreaders (the devices that hold a stepladder in the open position) are completely open and locked prior to use. Avoid stepping or sitting on the top two steps, and never climb the back of the ladder. It's also a bad idea to lean a stepladder against a hull or wall to use as a straight ladder.
- With extension ladders, select the proper length. Ensure the ladder extends at least 3 feet above the upper support area (such as the gunwale or railing when used for

vessel access) and that the horizontal distance between the bottom or foot of the ladder and the support against which it's placed is equal to one-fourth the height of the ladder at the top point of support.



Happy New Year!

Tips on using the ACBS Portal

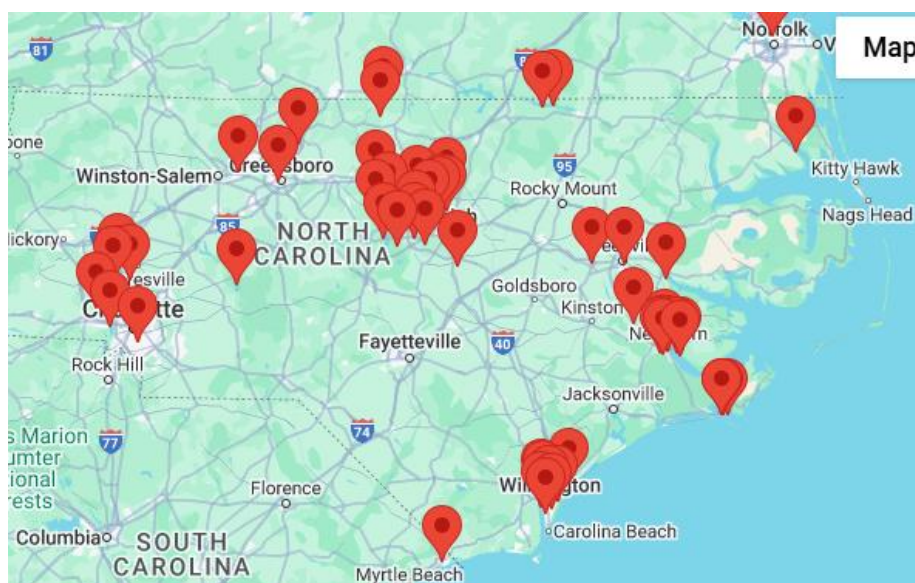
Here are a few tips that may help you more effectively find information on ACBS members.

1. If you want a list of all members of any chapter (ours included), go to the member portal, click on Member Directory, go to the pull down menu for "Chapter" and select the one you want. Scroll down the list by last name.
2. Using the same directory, note that the pull down menu for "State/Province" may have several iterations for the state name (e.g., NC, N.C., or North Carolina).
3. If you want to access a map of where members of a chapter live (ours included), see directions below
4. If you access your own "My Profile" in the upper left corner you will see a link "Getting Started with My ACBS." This is a short tutorial on some features of the member portal.
5. Be sure your co-member's email address is included so they will get all messages sent from our chapter through the ACBS email system.

How to Access and Use Map of Members

Have you ever tried to locate a chapter member who lives near you? Do you know about the map of members, how to access it, how to use it? If not, here are the Instructions: 1) enter the ACBS member portal; 2) on the top ribbon, click on chapters; 3) scroll down the left side chapter list to access the chapter you want and click on it; 4) In addition to the chapter officers, the map of members will show a the bottom of the screen; 5) Expand the map using

the "+" at top left; 6) if you need to slide the location around, click anywhere on the map and drag the hand until you get where you want to go; 7) hover the mouse (hand) over the desired location and click—a name will pop up; 8) then go to the membership directory on the top ribbon, click on it, then insert that name into the Find a Member search. This is a really good tool to locate a chapter member who lives nearby.



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.



Chapter Membership Contest —In the Home Stretch—No Entries Yet

We are not certain, but this might just be our chapter’s first membership contest. 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of ACBS, Inc. They are printing a limited number of 50th Anniversary Directories to sell. Current members who meet the deadline for membership will be included. This is what gave us the idea for this contest.

Those members in our chapter (including the Board) who recruit a new or secondary chapter members (new to our

chapter) between July 1 and December 31 of 2024 will receive one point for each recruit that joins our chapter. You must [email](#) the name of your recruit to Secretary Judy Hills before their name appears in the ACBS membership report. She will verify that they joined our chapter. If there is a tie, one name will be drawn.

YES, WE WILL HAVE A PRIZE! The winner will receive a free copy of the ACBS 50th Anniversary Directory (est. cost \$40).

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—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: None

Renewed: Bob Banta (Raleigh), Richard Booth (Littleton, NC), John Peck (New Bern), Robert Weller (Terrell, NC), Alan Frederick (Wirtz, VA), Michael Schneider (Rocky Point, NC), Charles McCotter (Trent Woods, NC), Robert Vogel (Cornelius, NC), Kevin Leiner (Wake Forest)

Total Membership: 64 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 55 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 9

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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 or check the [home page](#) of our website. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your calendar:

- 12/8 RSVPs due for Chapter Christmas Party to [Bill Conley](#)
- 12/14 Chapter Christmas Party and Awards at the Conleys in Raleigh. Arrive at 1 PM, Linner (Lunch/Dinner) at 2 PM.
- 1/11 Workshop at Cape Fear Community College. 10 to 2 with lunch included. Topic: Electrical troubleshooting & Wiring
- 1/29 Chapter Board meeting via Zoom at 7 PM—members invited to attend. [Click here.](#)



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.](#)