



Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter of the RDC Triangle Chapter of the ACBS

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Messing About in Boats: 2019 Style

Sitting at the keyboard this morning and seeing the thermometer telling me it's 27 degrees outside, it's a little difficult to be thinking about boats. However, this being North Carolina, I feel we'll be seeing temps in the 60s very shortly. Winter time is, however, a time of planning and dreaming of activities we will pursue in the coming year. To that end, I am determined, with your help, to make this an eventful year for our chapter.

As you can see from the calendar of proposed activities, we are trying to provide numerous opportunities to come together as a chapter and enjoy our boats and fellowship. Hopefully, we can also pick up a few pointers or some missing part from our fellow members that might prove helpful in a project we are involved in.

One of the first actions we are looking to undertake is the re-naming of our chapter for the purpose of reflecting the area we encompass. Looking at the membership location map, one can see that we have members based from

Greensboro to Beaufort and beyond. It is felt by the board that by expanding the geographic area that our name represents will foster a deeper feeling of community in our current members and help new potential members identify with our chapter more easily. After much back and forth, the board has picked two possible choices for our new name. Please take a minute to vote for the one you prefer so we may get the ball rolling to make it official. (see page 4)

Another area we are looking to improve upon is communication. This is vital to keeping members informed and engaged. To that end, we will put out a monthly newsletter that you will receive via the membership email portal and will be added to our website every month to help us have some fresh content there. The newsletter will contain the minutes for the last board meeting as well as any other news and important updates to go along with these topics, we will

also be looking and/or asking for content from our members in the way of a short story about whatever you are doing or thinking about as it pertains to our hobby. We're not looking for a full page worth and photographs are always encouraged. Let the club know what you're up to!

In closing, I am looking forward to a year of fun and fellowship in our chapter. We have plenty of opportunities planned to get out on the water, learn different techniques, be of help to our fellow members and enjoy ourselves in the hobby we love so much. To pull this off, we need YOU to pitch in and make it happen. I hope you will be willing and able to do what you can when called upon. With your involvement, we can have a memorable year.

Best regards,

Alan

Minutes of Meeting January 29, 2019

- Meeting began around 7:30 with thanks expressed for new president.
- 13 members present.
- Finance report noted a \$6,833.00 current balance, with majority of membership renewals paid up for current year.
- Regarding membership, out of 70 members, 54 have renewed and 16 are lapsed. It was suggested that if some current members personally know lapsed members, a polite and informal contact up might be a good follow up. One such interaction was shared in that, as some people no longer had boats, they did not renew their membership. It was agreed that boat ownership is not necessary to participate in activities and this concept should be emphasized.
- Discussion arose regarding recent changes at ACBS Central, specifically regarding apparent decision to eliminate 'Rudder' publication as is currently exists. Declining membership was proposed as a contributing factor. Bob Banta volunteered to write ACBS expressing local chapters disagreement.
- New President Allan Hills gave his report and his concept going forward. Increase communication to help keep members informed and engaged.
- Minutes of meetings will now be taken and forwarded to members.
- A monthly newsletter is coming to further maintain communication with members. Newsletter submissions can be short and will be most welcome.
- Suggested that our website content should include the newsletter and minutes, as the current website content may be a bit 'stale'.
- Some discussion of adding parts wanted/available to newsletter or web site, and, to keep offerings available to members first and foremost, to perhaps have separate members only access section on website.
- Prepare calendar of events early to allow advance planning and help avoid conflicts. Currently the Feb. 23rd workshop at Jim Moores is being actively initiated, and will include a 'monthly meeting' incorporated at the event.
- It was suggested that the proposed April and August events be reverse ordered to avoid consecutive meets in the Eastern region, these are tentative for now.
- Having designated committee chairs for membership and event planning. It was suggested that Alan Hills consider individuals that he feels would be suitable for the positions and contact them directly.
- Combining meetings with scheduled events to reduce the need for regular meetings. Notifications of events to include specifics that a meeting will be part of the event.
- Regarding potential local chapter name change. Regarding ACBS a name change need only be submitted prior to a board meeting, and acceptance of the change likely a formality at the board meeting. The majority of the chapter names are 'Geographically' based. Existing North Carolina Chapters need be recognized and not interfered with. Possible names were reduced to two and a poll will be taken. 1) NC Coastal and Central and 2) NC Piedmont and Coastal
- Tentative year calendar of events was presented with only first event in Feb. inked in. Remaining events tentative at present, other chapter events listed to avoid conflict. Other possible events were suggested: 1) Workshop with the 'Wood Guy'; 2) Piggybacking on/with existing AOMCI events' 3) 'Courtesy' Help You Finish Your Boat Event
- Annual ACBS raffle has given our chapter 2 tickets to sell. Cash prizes are \$4,000, \$2,000, \$800, \$500, \$300, and 14—\$100) Suggested we follow last year's option of 'chipping in' to purchase tickets Draw to be in August so lots of time for future consideration.
- Sample newsletter passed around, request for future submissions made.
- Adjourned around 9:15.

Submitted by Secretary Garfield Karpiak

February 23rd Workshop Slated for Moores' Marine in Beaufort

Some of you know Jim Moores from his involvement with the NC Maritime Museum's Boat Show in Beaufort. Jim helps to promote the show and acts as a judge. He is also the owner of Moores Marine located in Jarrett Bay (Beaufort). The company refits and repairs antique and classic yachts. But now Jim has branched out to designing and building. He has invited the club to visit his facility on Sat-

urday February 23rd for a tour and a peek at his latest venture. If you want to do lunch first, we'll rally at the new Moonraker's Restaurant on the waterfront in Beaufort at 11:30 AM. It has good food, a great view, and is not too expensive. We'll meet up at Moores' Marine (office/showroom) at 1:00 PM. Jim will take us on a tour. We'll be doing some walking so be sure to dress appro-

priately and wear comfortable shoes. If time permits we will have a short business meeting after the tour. We'll be done by 4:00 PM. This is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss! We suggest that you carpool and talk boats while you travel. This workshop is being coordinated by President Alan Hills. He'd like to get a head count, so if you will be going, please drop him an email. [Click here.](#)

John Justice's New "Piglet"

Most of you have probably visited John Justice's playpen, "The Pig" —the former site of a Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Pittsboro. The Pig was a favorite haunt for RDC Triangle Chapter members—both to work on their boats as well as to shoot the bull—or pork as it were! The tears flowed when we heard that John's family sold the building (2018). It was like mourning the loss of an old friend. Many a tall tale was exchanged within those walls—and most of them were John's! We were adrift—with no anchor.

John knew he could not do without his sanctuary and without a

place to store and work on his treasured vintage boats (and there were always several at various stages of doneness). So he ended up constructing a very large workshop on his property, close to home. While its not The Pig, the Piglet, as she has come to be known, is now home to John's collection. We are all much relieved to know that we have a new hang-out (with an invitation, of course).

If you haven't seen the Piglet yet, give John a call and visit. But be forewarned—he might just put you to work on one of his several Ski Nautiques. He says they just seem to follow him home.



Robert Blanchard's Big Project Boat

Chapter member Robert Blanchard, like all of our members, has been bitten by that expensive classic & antique boat bug. It began with his purchase of Alan Hills' 18' Chris Craft Sea Skiff in 2016. From there he grew his collection adding a 27' Chris Craft Constellation wooden cabin cruiser named "Mourning Wood." Now this is a project boat, Robert admits. Mourning Wood is fortunate that Robert is not only a handy guy, but has the resources (and talented friends) to bring this classic beauty back to its former state. Robert is not yet retired, so he works on the boat when he can and he anticipates that it will be a year or

more before she'll be ready to re-launch. The boat is on his property in New Hill and is under tent shelter. Offer to give Robert a hand and we're sure he'll gladly accept!



What's in a Name?

Hopefully you read the minutes of the January meeting. If you did, you may have seen that there a couple of names being proposed for the Chapter. Our current name suggests that our members are primarily from Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, and while there are a number of members that live in those cities, there are others who do not. Last year the chapter began discussing a new name that might be more inclusive and representative of the members. No decision was made so given that we are starting a new year, why not begin with a new name? So here are your choices:

- 1) NC Coastal & Central Chapter
- 2) NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter

Let's make this decision and move on. Please email your vote on one of these two names to President Alan Hills by February 8th. [Click here](#) to vote. We'll need to develop a new logo and masthead (website, newsletter, and stationery) to go with the new name. If you'd like to tackle that, contact Alan.



Map of NC Coastal and Piedmont counties

Just for Fun: Caption for Photograph

Below 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 top three captions next month and the winner will receive \$10 towards lunch or dinner if he or she shows up at the very next chapter meeting or outing after the winning entry is selected—we'll email the winner. 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. This is all part of the "let's have some fun in 2019" initiative. **Captions due by 2/15.** This month's winner gets \$10 towards lunch at Moonrakers on 2/23. You have to show up there to claim your prize!





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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.

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.

Jan 29 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Feb 23 Tour of Moores' Marine at Jarrett Bay 1 to 4; Lunch 11:30 at Moonrakers Restaurant on the waterfront next to Maritime Museum Shop in Beaufort

Mar 15 Workshop & Tour of Lowell's Boat Shop in Greensboro,

Mar 21-24 Sunnyland Boat Show in Tavares, FL

Apr 12-14 Oriental Boat Show & Nautical Flea Market in Oriental, NC

Apr 30 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

May 4 NCMM Boat Show in Beaufort, NC

May 11 Lake Lure Boat Show in Lake Lure, NC

May 25 Lake James cruise and winery tour in Nebo, NC

Jun 14-15 St. Michael's Boat show in St. Michaels, MD

Jun 22 Picnic & poker run in New Bern

Jul 30 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Aug 24 Plating Workshop at Phillips Plating in Bridgeton 1 to 4; Lunch 11:30 at Morgan's Restaurant in New Bern

Sep 13-14 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show in Huddleston, VA

Sep 15-21 ACBS International Boat Show in Alexandria Bay, NY

Sep 28 Meetup at Lake Gaston

Oct 19-20 Georgetown Boat Show in Georgetown, SC

Oct 29 Regular RDC Triangle meeting at Trali Irish Pub in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Nov 2 Southport Boat Show in Southport, NC

Nov 16 Workshop & flea market & pot luck TBD

Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party TBD