



Messing About In Boats

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

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Greeting fellow boat enthusiasts!

As I write this in late January the forecast is calling once again for snow and ice this weekend. Unless you have an icebreaker, I guess that means no boating? Whatever you're doing, be warm and stay safe! Maybe you can sit by a fire as you read this edition of the newsletter? It's filled with interesting information about upcoming events and other matters of interest to members. Thanks to Judy for putting it together! And keep the contributions coming!

As for me, whenever it gets cold outside, I use memories of the summer to warm me up inside, so recently my thoughts have turned to a July trip my family made to Portland, Oregon last year. You may recall that they experienced freakishly hot weather (days over 110 degrees) that burned up the plants and bummed out the residents. Still, as my hometown, I had a job to complete, and that was to show off all my old haunts to my three daughters, including the rivers (Willamette and Columbia) where I'd learned to love boats.

One place that was new to all of us, though, were the Chris Craft Apartments. I wonder if any of you had ever heard of them? Astonishingly, I'd lived the first 18 years of my life, not knowing about them, even though they're only a few blocks away from our family bakery and

practically across the street where my mom has managed an antique store for 30 years.

So what are the Chris Craft Apartments? According to a neighborhood history blog, they were once part of the production of Chris Craft. There were rumors that a foundry still existed in the building despite its conversion to a multi-unit residence. The outward appearance of the building certainly lends itself to the theory of its having been a light industrial site. I had to find out the truth!



Alas, it seems the connection to Chris Craft boats only goes as far as the name and font on the signage, and that's about it. The rest of the "history" is utter bilge. A records search of the building shows that it was constructed in 1905 as a mixed use residence and storefront, common for both the time and the area. My grandfather's bakery employed the same format. By the 1930s the store had already been converted to apartments. And

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there is no mention of a Chris Craft facility (retail or production) on that street.

So why the name? Well, I have yet to figure that out. Emails to the owner (an out-of-town investor) have gone unanswered, and, frankly, I don't expect to hear back. That said, it's a fun little mystery nonetheless. And kudos to whoever decided to name it and use that font in the signage! Just like thoughts of

summer in the dead of winter, anything boat related serves to warm me up inside. And that's a good feeling!

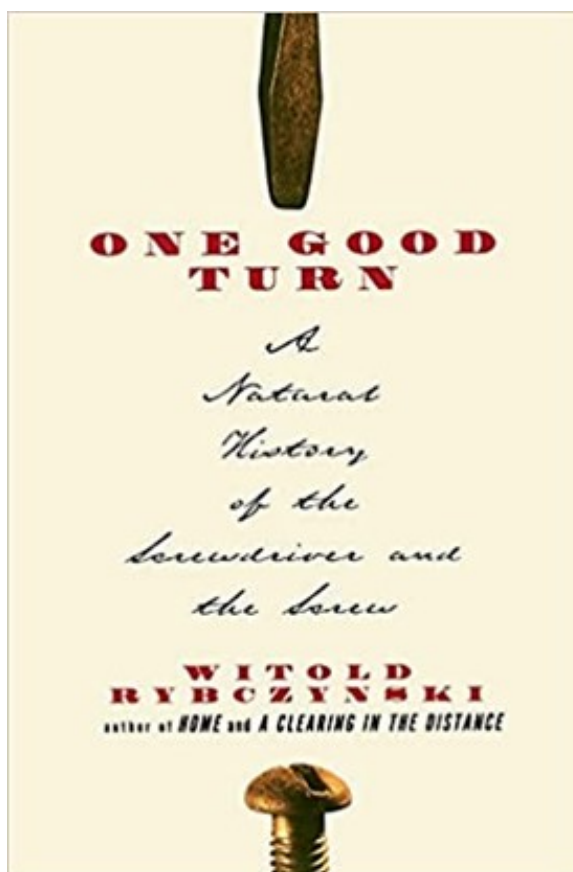
Cheers,

Jeff Martinson, President

Have You Read by Jeff Martinson

A few years ago, I received as a gift the book *One Good Turn: A Natural History of the Screwdriver and the Screw* by Witold Rybczynski. I highly recommend it! Published in 2000 by Scribner, it tells the fascinating and circuitous story of how screws came to be the preferred mechanical fasteners the world over. From ancient Egypt to the present, the author describes how previously intractable problems were overcome by eccentric individuals with clever solutions to turn-by-turn arrive at the modern manifestation of that we all depend on to keep things together. Rybczynski carries the story all the way to the recent past, writing about the variations that boat enthusiasts - especially the DIY types - love to quibble over: screw or

through-bolt? Slot, Phillips, Robertson or Frearson? Tapered or straight shaft?



Very accessible in its prose, the book is both short and easily finished in an afternoon as well something you could read piecemeal and comeback to after a long absence without missing a beat. It's listed at various online vendors for under \$5. What's more, it's a tiny tome that would easily fit in the stocking of your favorite woodworker! I'm sure they'd really appreciate it. After all, who doesn't love a good screw?

12 January 2022 Synopsis of Minutes of Board Meeting

The actual minutes can be viewed on the chapter website. [Click here](#). This is a synopsis of the key points and decisions made.

- Discussed survey results
- Decided to have “our show” at Blackbeard Sailing Club on October 1, 2022 (same basic format at 2021, no judging, will have refreshments)
- Set a tentative calendar which appears in this issue of the newsletter and is posted on our website. [Click here](#). Note: these are all tentative—we have to confirm with businesses and individuals. We will make adjustments to the calendar as we confirm the events. Watch the home page of the website for upcoming confirmed events.
- We discussed the possibility of offering honorariums to presenters to help cover their costs/time
- We encourage our members to participate in boat shows put on by other ACBS chapters.
- We set meeting dates for chapter. These may be held via zoom, in-person, or a hybrid thereof depending on external factors. Watch home page for announcements.
- Suggest that any member can organize a pop-up event (e.g., anyone want to do a run on Lake Jordan tomorrow?)
- Made some assignments for individuals to coordinate events.
- Kevin Leiner presented the finance report: ending bank balance on 12/31/20 was \$5,931.37. The bank balance on 12/31/21 was \$6,167.65
- Per Jim Alexander, we sent \$2,000 to Cape Fear Community College for boat building scholarships. They only had one student qualified so there is a \$1,000 balance in our account there. We agreed to give \$1,000 this year so two \$1,000 scholarships can be awarded if there are qualified applicants.
- We agreed to allow \$1000 for show and event expenditures throughout the year.
- We voted to have the current President as a second signatory on the chapter’s bank account.
- We discussed the possibility of creating a unique t-shirt for the chapter. We’ll pursue idea.
- We discussed incorporating as a non-profit with the state of NC. We are gathering information. This is an ongoing discussion—no decision made yet.
- Next meeting will be held on April 27th.



ACBS Chapter Handbook

It is probably a good bet that even if you have been an ACBS member for a long time, you have probably never looked at the ACBS Chapter Handbook. “The purpose of this Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. Chapter Handbook is to help all chapters understand the policies set forth by ACBS. In addition, it is hoped that this Handbook will also assist in the success of the chapters.”

By the numbers: there are five officers, nine directors, and 31 committees. The home office in Clayton, NY is the engine that drives this train and keeps it on track. As you know, Lora Nadolski is the new Executive Director. The Handbook provides details on this structure.

Did you know that all ACBS chapters are covered under the ACBS insurance policies while the chapter is participating in an ACBS sanctioned event? This includes general liability and an umbrella liability policy. Also Directors and Officers Insurance is in place for all chapters.

The Handbook provides information on the award trophies provided free to each chapter (for the asking) and the awards that ACBS itself makes.

There is an extensive section of the Handbook devoted to the ACBS judging system. If you intend to compete in an ACBS judged show, this is the place to review the guidelines. It also includes scoring sheets. Even if you don't compete, it is a good guide to follow.

There is a section on the responsibilities and key initiatives of the chapter.

There is a one pager: What do you want your chapter to be? Our chapter follows these suggestions.

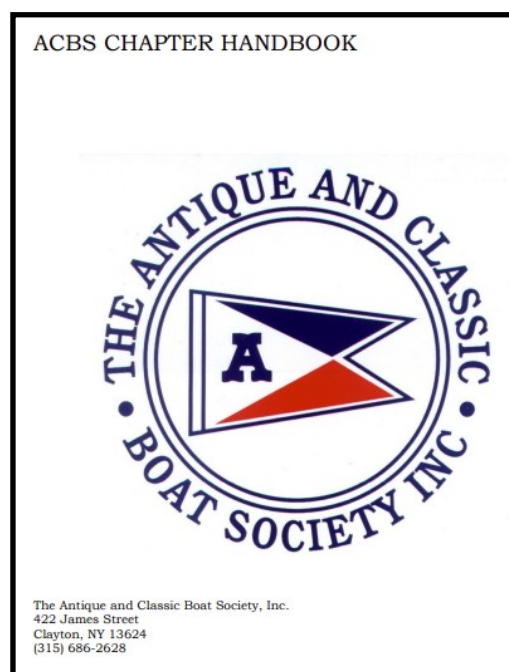
Next it discusses how to legally structure your chapter. This is a subject currently under discussion by our Board.

There are suggestions for chapter newsletter, chapter websites, programs for youth development, and workshops. The Handbook offers ideas to engage members. It suggests that the chapter contribute to a boat building scholarship (we do).

For those who need it, there is a section on chapter accounting and the fiduciary responsibilities of the Board as well as a chapter on marketing and publicizing.

We do suggest you peruse the Handbook—just skip over the sections in which you have no interest. The Handbook reminds us that we belong to a first-class organization.

[Click here](#) to download it.



2021 CCFC Scholarship Awarded to Thomas Bisson

Reported by Jim Alexander, Scholarship Coordinator

In 2021 we funded a \$1,000 scholarship for Thomas Bisson (pictured on the right) who is studying in the Boat Manufacturing and Service program. Tom was the only applicant who met our established criteria in this award cycle. Tom can be seen working in the picture here. The balance of \$1,000 we provided to CFCC will be carried forward and awarded in the next award cycle.



Chapter Event: Workshop at Lowell Boats in Greensboro

It has been a number of years since our group has visited Gary's shop. For those who don't know, Gary teaches at the WoodenBoat School in Brooklin, Maine and he will also be teaching at the Greensboro location. [Click here](#) to check out his website and view the pictures and videos of current and completed projects and to read his blog.

This is a great opportunity for those who live in the western coastal and piedmont areas of our chapter to take advantage of a chapter sponsored event closer to home. We suggest you carpool and "talk shop" on the ride. Other nearby ACBS Chapters have been invited, too.

We need a head count for lunch so [click here](#) to sign up (on SignUpGenius). If you take the time to register on this site, if you need to cancel you may do so. We hope family or significant others will also attend. Do come!





Wooden Boat Restoration and Marine Surveying
(336) 274-0892 | Greensboro, NC

NC Coastal & Piedmont ACBS Chapter Event

127 Blue Bell Rd. in Greensboro, NC 27406
Saturday February 19, 2022 11 AM to 2 PM

**Calling all chapter members and guests!
Don't miss this opportunity!**

11 to 12 Tour the shop area, visit the artisans, exchange ideas
12 to 1 Lunch provided (on site donation suggested \$10 each)
1 to 2 Workshop by Gary Lowell on Marine Surveying

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up (on SignUpGenius)

Proposed 2022 Budget vs. Actual 2021

	ACT 2021	BUD 2022
Balance, Beginning		\$5,931.37
Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$1,260.00	\$1,160.00
Ship's Store	\$420.00	\$150.00
Reimbursements	\$163.00	
Donations	\$1,000.00	
Total Receipts	\$2,843.00	\$1,310.00
Expenses		
Operational		
Awards	\$0.00	\$150.00
Website	\$21.17	\$25.00
Name Tags	\$0.00	\$75.00
Ship's Store	\$0.00	\$120.00
Boat Show		
Venue	\$163.00	
Advertising	\$164.55	
Food & Beverage	\$133.00	\$500.00
Awards	\$0.00	
Events & Workshops	\$125.00	\$500.00
CFCC Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$2,606.72	\$2,370.00
Balance, Ending	\$6,167.65	\$4,871.37
Trend:	\$236.28	-\$1,060.00

Tentative Chapter Calendar of Events 2022

Please note that this is just a PLAN and some outings have yet to be confirmed (place, date, time).

Month/day	Event	Place
January		
12	Chapter business meeting	Zoom
February		
19	Tour of Gary Lowell's Shop	Greensboro, NC
March		
5	Workshop at the Piglet	Pittsboro, NC
25-27	Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show	Tavares, FL
26	Cape Fear Comm. College Boat Show	Wilmington, NC
April		
8-10	Oriental In-water boat show	Oriental, NC
16	Trent River run & lunch at restaurant	New Bern, NC
27	Chapter business meeting	Zoom
May		
6	Tour of Jarrett Bay and evening at Jim Moores'	Beaufort, NC
7	NC Maritime Museum Boat Show	Beaufort, NC
20-21 (tent)	Lake Lure classic boat & auto show	Lake Lure, NC
TBD	Hyc0 Lake Get 'Em Wet event?	Leasburg, NC
June		
11 (tent)	Thomasville, NC Vintage Power Show	Thomasville, NC
17-19 (tent)	Chesapeake Bay ACBS Show	St. Michaels, MD
25	Steve Filarsky at the Piglet	Pittsboro, NC
July		
16	Shop Class + Dave small engines	New Bern, NC
27	Chapter business meeting	Zoom
August		
	No plans yet—open	
September		
5-10	ACBS International Show	Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT
10 (tent)	Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show	Reedville, VA
16-17	Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show	Mariners' Landing, Huddleston, VA
24 (tent)	Wings, Wheels, and Keels Show	Topping, VA
October		
1	Chapter Boat Show Blackbeard Sailing Club	New Bern, NC
15-16 (tent)	Georgetown Show	Georgetown, SC
26	Chapter Annual Meeting & elections	Zoom or possibly in-person
29 (tent)	Roanoke Island Maritime Museum boat show	Manteo, NC
November		
5 (tent)	Southport Boat Show	Southport, NC
12	Fall Fun Run at Lake Gaston	Eaton Ferry, NC
December		
10	Chapter Christmas party	Raleigh, NC

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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! [Click here for full calendar](#)

2/19	Tour of Gary Lowell's shop in Greensboro
3/5	Workshop at the Piglet in Pittsboro
3/25-27	Sunnyland Boat show in Tavares, FL
3/26	Cape Fear Comm. College Boat Show

New Members:

Mike Webber, Bridgeton

Renewed Members:

Jeremie Marlowe, Cornelius

Jon Homeister, Raleigh

Michael Triplett, Chapel Hill

David Stowe, Farmville

Kevin McGugan, Greensboro

Jim Moores, Beaufort

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](#).