



Messing About In Boats

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

February 2023

Greeting Fellow Boating Enthusiasts!

It's been a busy first month of the year for the chapter officers, directors and individual members. Some of the highlights included participation in the Smith Mountain Lake chapter workshop on the 14th, attendance at a national ACBS Chapter Development Committee meeting on the 18th, and our own chapter quarterly board meeting on the 25th. On top of all that, I can think of at least a half dozen reports of restoration work, boat sales, boat acquisitions, and opportunistic outings during what was a pretty mild January. We're a busy group indeed!

The rest of this newsletter details the particulars of those events with reports from Judy Hills and contribution from one of our "newest" members, Neil Keeter. You'll also see that Alan Hills is well underway planning the 2023 boat show, and that there's a hand-on workshop event and a paral-

lel ladies outing scheduled for Saturday, February 25th. And perhaps you're interested in having the gang over to do some work for you or just to hang out – there's information on how to call for such a "pop up event" in these pages, too. Finally, we've got a crossword puzzle and Webpage "Where's Waldo?" hunt for those who want a little mental challenge, and a neat story on collectable toy boats.

In conclusion, and by way of thanks for all those who make this club "tick", I'll repeat a line from the annual report I submitted to national ACBS just recently: "With that small group, we're able to do a lot of fun – even meaningful - things over the course of a year."

Thanks again!

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Cheers,

Jeff

Chapter Business Meeting 25 January 2023 via Zoom at 7:00 PM

President Jeff Martinson presided over the meeting. A quorum was established. All Board members were present with the exception of Treasurer Kevin Leiner. The following are the key points and decisions made at the meeting. [Click here](#) to read the full set of minutes (draft).

Finances: We started 2022 with a bank balance of \$6,167.65 and ended with \$7,493.71. We income of \$2,750 and expenses of \$1,423.94. We came in under budget for the year. We worked on the 2023 Budget, but did not finalize it.

CFCC Scholarships: We discussed some issues with this program. Currently the CFCC Foundation is holding \$2,000 of our Chapter's funds for scholarships that have not been awarded yet. We did not spend the \$1,025 that was in the budget for this purpose. We decided to change the term of this line item on the 2023 budget from "scholarships" to "community service" which gives us more latitude for spending. Judy and Alan Hills will be seeing CFCC Foundation members at an event on 2/2 and will discuss the situation with them.

ACBS: Judy and Alan Hills will be attending the Sunnyland Boat Festival in March. Alan will be Jeff's proxy to attend a Chapter President's event being hosted by the ACBS Chapter Development Committee (CDC). Judy will be at the ACBS Board meeting as a member of the CDC.

Club merchandise/SWAG: We kicked around some ideas, but nothing definitive was decided.

Jeff is going to coordinate a meeting with Dan Bixler (we decided to give him a role: Creative Director) and Mike Triplett to review our options.

Membership: It was suggested that when you renew your ACBS membership that you consider adding secondary membership in the Blue Ridge Chapter and/or the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter as we attend events put on by both these chapters.

Chapter 2023 Calendar of Events: We finalized our major events for the year. We hope members will not only attend, but that they will also suggest/lead pop-up (last minute) events like workshops, work sessions, and boat runs.

2023 Chapter Boat Show: Chair Alan Hills said that we are all set to hold the show at Blackbeard Sailing Club on September 30th with a cruise and get together on September 29th. See next page for details. We agreed to donate \$200 to BSC as a thank you for allowing us to use their facility at no charge.

2022 Annual Report: The Board is working on content for this report.

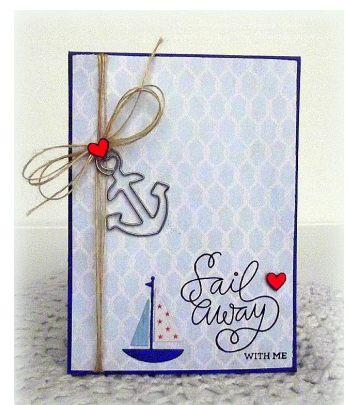
ACBS EOY Chapter Report: Jeff indicated that he has submitted our chapter's information. He rated our chapter as "Excellent."

Next Board meeting: April 26th

Chapter Website Hunt

OK, we're trying something a little different. We can tell from the metrics that except for the webmaster, others don't visit our website much. We'd really like you all to be more familiar with its contents, so we have hidden something on the website and we want you to look for it. First person to [email Judy Hills](#) a screen shot (or cell phone shot) of the object hidden on the site will

get bragging rights (and maybe even something more tangible!). The February object is a valentine.



Chapter Workshop & Gals' Outing 25 February—Raleigh



Not sure what Bill Conley has planned yet, but you can bet it will be interesting! On Saturday February 25th, members are invited to Bill's Boat House 9204 Ranworth Way, Raleigh. The chapter will provide lunch, so we would like you to [email Bill](#) if you plan to attend—and we hope you will! Time: 10 AM to 3 PM.



And while the guys are messing about with boats, the gals will meet at the Conley's and then carpool off for a Raleigh adventure. First stop will be the State Farmers' Market. Then lunch at the onsite State Farmers' Market Restaurant for some real down-home cooking. From there we'll head to the NC Museum of Art. Time: 10 AM to 3 PM. Please do come! It will be fun! We'd like to get a head count, so [email Sharon](#) if you plan to attend.



Save the Date for the Chapter Boat Show! By Alan Hills, VP

Hey Gang! We have been approved by Blackbeard Sailing Club to hold our chapter boat show there for the third consecutive year. This year's dates will be September 29th and 30th. We will be following the same basic format as last year featuring a Friday afternoon cruise on the Neuse River, Friday evening catered social, and Saturday show.

The show hours on Saturday will be the same: 10:00 AM to 2 PM. This allows those who have to do some traveling to get an early start on the trip home. We are also going to move the land display area into the infield of the circular driveway to enhance our visibility to the public.

We are very fortunate to have use of this wonderful facility located in the Fairfield Harbour area of New Bern, NC. For those of you who have not yet attended, the amenities include ample dock, parking and display space, private (free!)

launch ramps, camping and RV areas, plenty of shaded spots, deck with beautiful views of Broad Creek and Neuse River, nice waterways to run our boats, picnic shelter with tables and grills, bath house with showers, and a restaurant about ½ mile away. The beautiful downtown New Bern is 15 minutes away and is chock full of every kind of establishment you would want in a small Southern town.

So go ahead and mark your calendars NOW! If you need lodging, it might pay for you to check it out sooner than later. Plan on coming early and taking in the charm and history of the area. There is plenty of free secure parking for your boat while you in for the show. Let's make this year the best show yet! Blackbeard URL: www.blackbeardsailingclub.org



Pop-Up Chapter Events

In addition to the events scheduled on our calendar, we invite members to create a "last-minute" gathering and notify chapter members of the opportunity to participate. This could be a workshop, an "I need help with...", a run on the lake, or something else special that you have run across or want to do.

Here is how it works:

1. You identify the opportunity
2. You email the details to [VP Alan Hills](mailto:VP@blackbeardsailingclub.org)
3. Alan will forward the information to all chapter members ASAP
4. You take pictures, write up the event, and submit a them to the [newsletter editor](mailto:newsletter@blackbeardsailingclub.org)

We'll also publish this on the website.

Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Chapter Workshop in Virginia

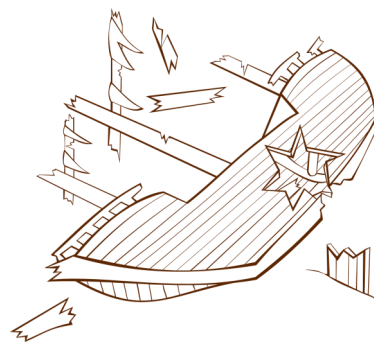
Submitted by Neal Keeter. Photos by John & Neal. John Justice and I attended the workshop at Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA on January 14, 2023.

It was a great time of interesting topics and fellowship with others afflicted with our passion for boats, engines, tools, techniques, and tips. They had 39 folks attend, their highest number for a SML workshop.

Alan Fredrick (host) is building a custom 36ft boat he had specifically designed for the giant Hudson engine (see photo).

After the workshop, John & I went to see the 1929 Chris Craft triple that Mark Thompson is restoring. What a beautiful job he's done. He's also using a 454 Crusader. Plenty of "how did you do that's". As you know, John is restoring a 1928 triple with a 454 Crusader. A very nice extra personal session to top things off. Thanks Mark!

Our chapter and the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter frequently collaborate on events.



Need Help With Your Boat Project?

That's one of the best benefits of chapter membership—we've got your back! You don't have to do it alone, especially if you lack the specific knowledge or skill needed. We are here to help, but you **HAVE TO ASK FOR IT!** We can't know that you are struggling, if you don't tell us. Working on a boat together is a great way to get to know fellow members better.

So the next time you are stumped, start by contacting our resident expert, John Justice. [Email](#) or call (919.244.0942). Alternatively, you could go on the ACBS member portal. On the boats tab, select boats. Select our chapter and plug in a search parameter (e.g., manufacturer or engine manufacturer). Contact the member that best fits your need.

Chapter Events for 2023—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

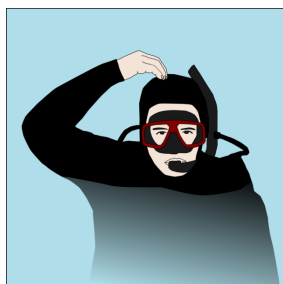
Month/day	Event	Place	Coordinator
February			
25	Workshop at the Conley's	Raleigh, NC	Bill Conley
25	Chapter Ladies Outing	Raleigh, NC	Sharon & Judy
March			
11	Workshop--Bridgeton Boat Works	New Bern, NC	Mike Webber
23-26	Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show	Tavares, FL	Sunnyland Chapter
April			
1	Cape Fear Comm. College Boat Show	Wilmington, NC	Jim Dean
14-16	Oriental In-water boat show	Oriental, NC	
	Trent River Run & Lunch at Saltwater		
22	Grill in River Bend	New Bern, NC	Alan Hills & Jim Hartman
26	Chapter business meeting	Zoom	President
May			
5 (tent)	Pre-show event	Beaufort, NC	Alan Hills
6	NC Maritime Museum Boat Show	Beaufort, NC	Bill Conley
18-20	Lake Lure classic boat & auto show	Lake Lure, NC	Blue Ridge ACBS
June			
9-10 (tent)	Thomasville, NC Vintage Power Show	Thomasville, NC	Ben Rhodes
16 to 18	Chesapeake Bay ACBS Show	St. Michaels, MD	Chesapeake Bay ACBS
24	Wilmington- (TBD)	Wilmington, NC	Jim Dean/John Tinney
July			
11	Evening Picnic & Run--Jordan Lake	Durham, NC	Jeff Martinson
22	Try your hand at sailing	Blackbeard Sailing Club	Alan Hills & John Dougherty
26	Chapter business meeting	Zoom	President
August			
20	International Vintage Boating Day		
20	Lake Townsend (Greensboro area)?	Raleigh, NC	Kevin Leiner & Dan Bixler
September			
9 (tent)	Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show	Reedville, VA	
10 to 16	ACBS International Show	Petoskey, MI	ACBS
15-16	Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show	Moneta, VA	Smith Mt. Lake ACBS
30 (tent)	Wings, Wheels, and Keels Show	Topping, VA	
29	Chapter Boat Show welcome party	BSC in Fairfield Harbour	Alan & John Dougherty
30	Chapter Boat Show	BSC in Fairfield Harbour	Alan & John Dougherty
October			
21-22	Georgetown Show	Georgetown, SC	SCMM
25	Chapter Annual Meeting & elections	TBD	President
	Roanoke Island Maritime Museum		
28	boat show at Manteo, NC	Manteo, NC	
November			
4 (tent)	Southport Boat Show	Southport, NC	Local nonprofit
11	Fall fun run at Lake Gaston	Eaton Ferry, NC	Jim Alexander
December			
9	Chapter Christmas party	Raleigh, NC	Bill & Sharon Conley

January Photo Caption Contest

To the right is the January photo of Jim Alexander and Jeff Martinson.

THERE WERE NO ENTRIES—WHAT'S WITH THAT????

Jeff said this was a diver surface signal for OK. Might have been interpreted as "Have you lost your head? What were you thinking?" While Captain Jim is hollering "Ahoy there! Are you nuts?"



ACBS Training 18 January 2023

In an effort to help Chapter Leaders continue to develop in their roles, ACBS held a virtual roundtable meeting on Wednesday, January 18. This roundtable focused on chapter officers both new and experienced. The goal was to help new incoming officers understand their roles and the resources that are available to them through the ACBS. In addition, experienced chapter officers shared ideas and processes that have helped their particular chapter.

ACBS realizes that no two chapters are the same, so there's no cookie-cutter formula that

works for everyone. It is hoped that through meetings such as this, ACBS can help each chapter develop their own best practices which will in turn help the entire organization.

This Chapter Roundtable was led by Ed Andrews, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, and Scott Mason, Pacific Northwest Chapter. There were 56 members in attendance including four from our chapter.

Chapter Member Mentioned in Weekly Web Watch 28 Jan 2023

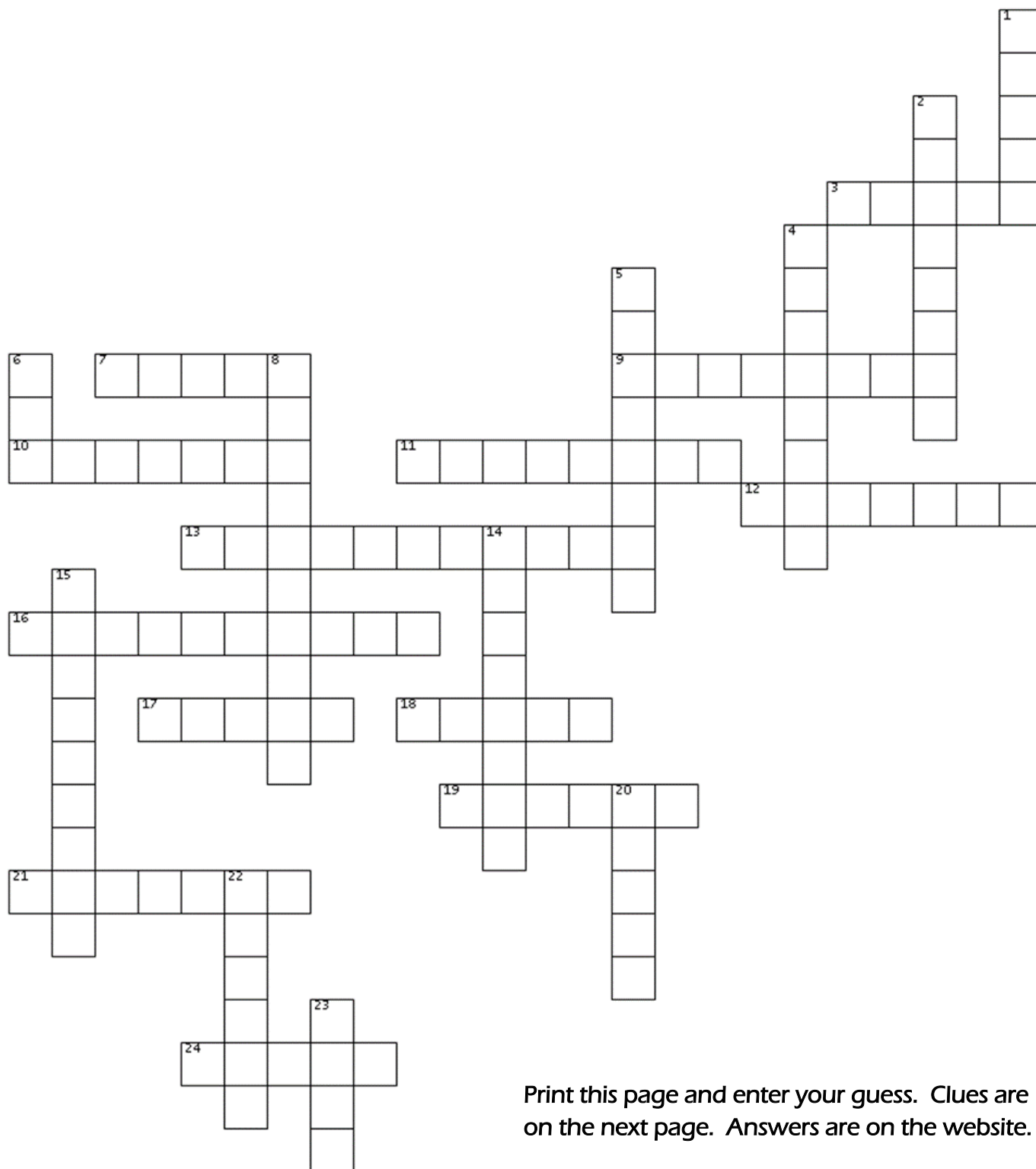
Did you happen to read the "Tangerine" story? It was the first fiberglass production boat—the BB Swan, a center-board sail boat. The hull was built by General Electric and the Beetle Boat Company finished them off. John Harrison of the Sunnyland chapter bought hull #6 (1947) and was referred to Chapter

Member Jim Moores who refurbishes boats at his place in Beaufort, NC. There is a picture of the boat in Jim's shop. Those of us who have attended events there will recognize it.

So next time you see Jim, be sure to mention the article.

Boating Crossword Puzzle from PuzzleMaster Alan Hills

BoatCross #1



Print this page and enter your guess. Clues are on the next page. Answers are on the website.

BoatCross #1 from PuzzleMaster Alan Hills

ACROSS

- 3. Your boat's "basement"
- 7. Eggs do this
- 9. These keep you on the level
- 10. Early king of speed
- 11. Popular classic boatbuilding material
- 12. Provides beauty and protection
- 13. Chapter award for a "Ruh-Roh"
- 16. Most common boatbuilding material today
- 17. Pirate's one way walk
- 18. Some are hard and some are soft
- 19. Steering part or a magazine
- 21. Item seen at most on-water classic boat events
- 24. A "fasten-ating" bit of hardware

DOWN

- 1. A part of the stem that sounds like a complaint
- 2. Feature of many 50s Chris Crafts
- 4. Most vintage inboards are this type
- 5. I'm shiny and lead the way
- 6. Early fiberglass boat pioneer
- 8. Type of race boat that may be unlimited
- 14. Cadillacs and Grummans are made of this
- 15. A real shady character
- 20. I help bring engines out of hibernation
- 22. Propulsion device of last resort?
- 23. I follow your boat

Answers are on website. [Click here](#)

Members Encouraged to Join Secondary Chapter(s)

If you read our member statistics, you will note that out of 60 paid members we have 49 for which our chapter is primary and 11 who show our chapter as secondary. ACBS members may choose to pay dues to a second chapter because: 1) they met some of the chapter's members at an event and liked them; 2) they have a second home in the ge-

ographic area of the chapter; 3) they live close to our chapter's boundaries; or 4) they heard what a great chapter we are!

We encourage you to join a second chapter to help support them. We suggest Blue Ridge and/or Smith Mountain Lake as we support each other's events and shows. So the next time you renew—do consider this.

Vintage Toy Boats and Cars with Wheels

Most of us that have vintage and classic boats have other old things that we collect or that we enjoy looking at. While the full-size thing is desired, scaling back is an option. We happened across a website that features wheeled vintage cars and boats—originally designed for children, but that are now collected by adults. You might enjoy seeing these—or maybe even try to create one! Let us know if you do! [Click here](#) for the full collection, but I have posted a few photos from that site here. Wouldn't this be a nifty thing at our boat show for kids to have their pictures taken in?



Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New:

Renewed: Ken Colonna (VA), Cindy Jordan (Hillsborough, NC)

Welcome!

Total Membership: 60 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 49 NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 11

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. Get 'em before the boat show season begins!



CFCC 2023 Riverfront Boat Show April 1st —Enter now!

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

- Dock space on the Cape Fear River (Trailer spaces also available)
- Ten judging categories plus special Simmons Sea Skiff awards
- Knot-tying challenge

BOAT/VENDOR EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Location: CFCC Wilmington Campus on the riverfront on Water St. (between the Hilton and Coastline Convention Center). Free parking in the CFCC Parking Deck on Nutt St.

Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Judging and Awards: Ten judged classes including special Simmons Sea Skiff awards.

Entry Fees: There is a \$35 charge for amateur boats and a \$100 for a commercial manufactured vessel or vendor. All amateur boat exhibitors and

commercial sponsors get a free t-shirt and two tickets to the dinner after the show.

Sponsorships: Sponsorships are available at \$250 for businesses featured on the 20th Anniversary T-shirt. Sponsors receive a text link on the official CFCC Boat Show website, two dinner tickets, and recognition at the awards ceremony. All sponsorships benefit CFCC boat-building student scholarships. If your business is interested in sponsoring the show, please contact John Olsen at jolsen@cfcc.edu or call 910-362-7361.

Sign up to be an exhibitor, vendor, or sponsor. [Click here.](#)



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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! **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.**

2/25 Chapter Workshop at [Bill Conley's](#) Boat House in Raleigh. Gals will have their own outing including lunch out. [Sharon.](#)

3/11 Chapter Workshop—Bridgeton Boat Works (New Bern) hosted by member Mike Webber and coordinated by [Alan Hills](#)

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

4/1 Cape Fear Community College Boat Show in Wilmington. [Click here](#) for show web page. Chapter entries coordinated by Jim Dean.

4/14-16 Oriental in-water boat show [Click here](#) for info.

4/22 New Bern—Trent River Run & Lunch at Saltwater Grill in River Bend. Coordinated by [Alan Hills](#)

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.](#)