



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

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of the ACBS

February 2024



Hello Fellow Classic Boaters,

This year has started off on a wonderful note, I believe. The workshop at Lowell Boats was a big success. We had thirty or so people attend. It is always fun to see what Gary has going on there and his mini-seminars offer many useful tips for our amusement and amazement. Thanks for having us Gary!

In our last newsletter, we challenged y'all to try your hand at the AI image generator. Several of you gave it a whirl and the results were very interesting. One doesn't need be the least bit creative to do this. You just enter a few words and AI does all the creative stuff for you! WOW!

Some other items of interest include:

- The notes from our Chapter board meeting
- Our 2024 Budget
- Information on our Feb 17th planned regional meetings (something new)

- March 9th Trailer workshop at the Piglet
- Info on our planned visit to the Newport News Mariner's Museum and Park on Saturday, March 30th
- Tech article on African Mahogany

If you have not poked around on our website in a while, several members are selling boats and details can be found on the member trading dock page, the photo albums page has pictures of our chapter events, and our services and products section is packed with contact information. We love to have more pictures of members' boats in the media center page. Send yours to webmaster [Judy Hills](#).

Please sign up for one of the regional gatherings, the trailer workshop, and do plan to meet us at the Newport News, VA Mariners Museum and Park in March.

This is your captain signing off...

Alan Hills, President

WoodyBoater has new Forum: The Old Boats Home [Click Here](#)

MECHANICAL DESIGN/STYLE HULL CONSTRUCTION PARTS

How can we help?

Just click here and sign up!

A NEW CLASSIC BOAT FORUM POWERED BY WOODY BOATER

Synopsis of Minutes of the 31 January 2024 Chapter Board Meeting

Established a quorum.

Zoom meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Alan Hills.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Treasurer was absent, but we reviewed:

- Final finance report for 2023 (is included in the 2023 Annual Report)
- Proposed budget for 2024. Approved as presented. Is available on p. 3.
- Judy reported on the ACBS Membership Committee and the ACBS Chapter Development Committee.
- Judy provide a brief recap of the event of the last quarter of 2023. While attendance might have been better, everyone who participated enjoyed the event. We thanked the Conleys again for hosting the Christmas Party and Awards dinner.
- Jim Alexander was unavailable so we did not have a report on scholarships.
- We discussed membership:
 - We sent out a chapter directory to the members this month. Please look at it. If you recognize someone who is not attending events, please issue a personal invitation.
- John Dougherty will get with Jim A. to possibly assign Board members to contact those who are not attending events.
- Judy has made minor updates to the website. Keeps the event calendar with links posted on the home page to make it easy to find.
- Judy thanked those who have provided articles and pictures for the newsletter. We had good participation with the AI Image contest. Would like to include one technical article each month. Can be something small—a review of a technique, a product or a project.
- Great attendance (30+) at Lowell Boats workshop on January 13th. Three chapters has members attend.
- We completed the ACBS End of Year survey as required and on time.
- We reviewed upcoming events (February to October).
- Want to identify a member who needs hands-on help with a boat project. Could be a pop-up event if it doesn't fit our planned event calendar.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00.



Proposed 2024 Chapter Budget

Proposed 2024 Budget:

Receipts	2023 ACT	2024 BUD
Membership Dues	\$720	\$800
Ship's Store	\$50	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0	
Boat Show / Donations	\$770	\$750
Total Receipts	\$1,540	\$1,550

Expenses

Operational

Awards	\$137	\$150
Website	\$23	\$25
Name Tags	\$107	\$75
Ship's Store	\$0	\$0

Boat Show

Venue	\$0	
Advertising	\$0	
Food & Beverage	\$481	\$500
Awards	\$0	
NCMM Sponsorship	\$300	\$300
Events & Workshops	\$0	\$500

CFCC Scholarships	\$0	\$1,025
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Total Expenses	\$1,047	\$2,575
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NET:	\$493	-\$1,025
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Beginning Balance 1/1/24		\$8,098
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Projected Ending Balance 12/31/24		\$7,073
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From Treasurer Kevin Leiner: Despite our best efforts, the account balance continues to grow - increasing by \$600 this year. There is no reason for us to maintain this much money in the Chapter account, in my opinion. I suggest we work over the next few years toward maintaining a balance somewhere between \$4000 - \$5000. This would be more than adequate based on the limited flows in and out of the Chapter account.

Entries into the AI Image Contest



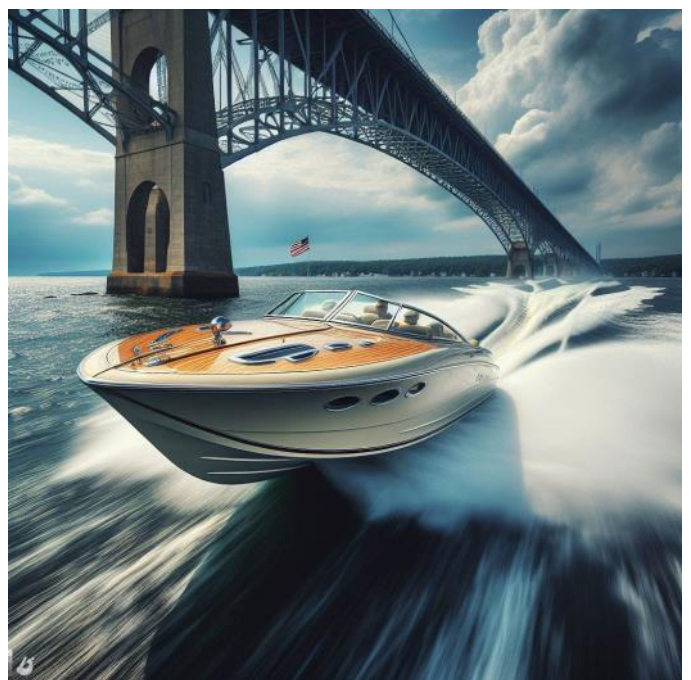
If a caveman had a boat: "A caveman driving a 1955 Chris Craft boat escaping a dinosaur." by John Coffman



"Back to the 50's wooden Chris Craft goes over Niagara Falls" by Ann Marie Hartman



Women can do anything! "Scout Boat" By Sharon Conley



"23 foot Chris Craft Continental at warp speed under Thousand Island's bridge NY." by Jim Hartman

Entries into the AI Image Contest



Wooden speedboat, seahorse, water skis, pickup truck rocket. Submitted by Alan Hills



Jeff Martinson's idea of the perfect hybrid a recreational vehicle!

WOW! See, you just need your imagination, not artistic talent to create something. This could be addictive. While we called this a "contest", the truth is it is impossible to pick a "winner" as each entry is so unique. So we are calling this a "draw." John Coffman, Ann Marie Hartman, Sharon Conley, Jim Hartman, Alan Hills and Jeff Martinson all get gold stars! Thanks for entering!



Valentine Wishes Oh! say that you, in a little canoe
Will paddle with me, your whole
Life through.

Chapter plans regional meetings for Saturday February 17th

We recognize that our chapter, like so many other ACBS chapters, covers a wide geographic area. This year we have planned to have a meeting in each of the three areas where our chapter members are concentrated. We invite members to **pick the most convenient location**. Members, co-members, guests, and prospective members are invited. We really hope you will make a point to bring a prospective member and their significant other. We thank John Dougherty, Jim Dean/Stan Thorn, and Kevin Leiner for stepping up and inviting us into their homes. Here are their addresses and phone numbers.

John Dougherty—Fairfield Harbour
2125 Royal Pines Dr., New Bern, 28560
321.662.6838

Jim Dean & Stan Thorn—Wilmington
Wilmington Marine Center
3410 River Rd. Wilmington, 28412
910.232.1655

Kevin & Jen Leiner—Wake Forest
1505 Wildhurst Ln. Wake Forest, 27587
919.368.3412

So, what's the plan? The hosts will provide the main fare (assorted sandwiches, hot dogs, or hamburgers) and drinks.. This will vary from host to host. We are asking those attending to bring a side dish, dessert, or chips & dip to share. Bring your Super Bowl or Valentine's Day leftovers. You are welcome to contact the host to discuss your options.

Time: 11:30 AM to 2 PM for all locations

John has planned a fun group game that will test your acumen.

Kevin says he might have you help him clean and organize his shop (just kidding). It is more likely that the guys will get a tour of his workshop while his lovely, talented wife Jen will have a wine and paint party (canvas, not walls, LOL) for the gals. We promise that it will be fun!

Jim and Stan are planning a get together at Wilmington Marine Center focused around Stewart Benson's 1919 Matthews 60' motoryacht Mary Elizabeth. It has been undergoing a 5 year restoration involving the application of C Flex on the entire hull. Games and tour of marina & boat yard. Also opportunity to inspect barn find 30' Crown Point Dory located at 210 48th street. It needs a new home!

Parking instructions:

John: The neighborhood has an unmanned gate. There is a keypad and microphone for visitors to call the security shack for access. Visitors can tell them they are going to 2125 Royal Pines Drive for a social event, and gate will be opened. (I will let the security shack know there will be visitors that day.) Turn left immediately after going through the gate onto Royal Pines Drive.

Kevin: Park along the street in front of the house.

Jim: Any available parking spot at the Marine Center.

Please signup

Please select your host site from the list below and sign up on SignUpGenius by Tuesday February 13th so hosts can prepare for the planned attendees.

New Bern: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48A8A92FA4F94-47295868-newbern>

Wake Forest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48A8A92FA4F94-47296190-wake>

Wilmington:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48A8A92FA4F94-47296081-wilmington>

If you have any questions either contact the concerned host or Judy Hills at jahnbnc@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you and your guests there!

Chapter hosts workshop at Lowell Boats in Greensboro

Don't know Gary Lowell? Here is his bio.

Gary Lowell was born and raised in a small town in Maine and is a descendant of the New England boat building Lowell's. Gary is the president of Lowell Boats Inc., an award winning boat shop that specializes in restoration of wooden boats of all types and sizes. Celebrating 30 years in business. Gary has also been teaching boat building at The Woodenboat School in Brooklin, Maine. In addition to wooden boat restoration, Gary is an Accredited Marine Surveyor with The Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors.

We had 34 people who signed in for the workshop at Lowell Boats. 20 were from our chapter, 6 from the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter, 6 from the Blue Ridge Chapter, We had one who was ACBS, but not affiliated with a chapter and one whose membership had expired (from our chapter). Two others walked in after lunch, but they did not sign in. In addition to the guys, we had nine gals in attendance.

As they arrived, attendees were permitted to wander around the warehouse to see the progress on the various boats. Gary had labeled the boat so we would know what they were. We were able to ask him questions.

Gary provided Subway sandwiches for lunch along with chips, drinks and his famous Gumbo, which was very tasty. Our chapter provided desserts.

After lunch, Alan welcomed all and introduced Gary. As always Gary gave a very informative talk about paints, shop hazards, wood, fasteners, and fire extinguishers. The following are a few notes from his talk, for the benefit of those unable to attend.

- Interlux's Interstain Mahogany Wood Stain may be going away along with other two-part paints.
- [Pettit](#) has bought up a number of Interlux's color lines. Pettit is upping their game.



- [Pettit's Hydrocoat](#) is a good anti-fouling bottom paint.
- All paints will be water-based in the future.
- Everything we use in our shops is hazardous.
- Wood dust is a carcinogen. Any boat built prior to 1972 may have lead and/or asbestos in the paint.
- Use nitrile gloves and N-95 mask when creating sawdust.
- Gary uses [Dyneel](#) woven fiberglass cloth (feels like cloth) and then rolls epoxy over it using [West epoxy system](#)
- [Hamilton Marine](#) in Maine is a good source for unique parts.
- Gary uses a lot of [South American Mahogany](#) (common names: Genuine, South American or Honduran)
- He also uses [African Mahogany or Sapele](#)
- It is hard to get longer lengths of wood (e.g., 16 foot boards)
- Don't use stainless steel screws below the water line unless your bottom rarely touches water. Bronze is the way to go even though they are much more expensive than stainless steel.
- Gary reviewed the types of screws used and how best to use them.
- Recommends using a cobalt drill bit when drilling in the hull in case you encounter an old screw.

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Chapter hosts workshop at Lowell Boats in Greensboro (Cont'd)

- If screw hole is too big, insert part of a toothpick or part of a wooden match, fill the hole with epoxy. Let it cure, redrill, then insert the new screw.
- 5200 needs moisture to kick off.
- Get rid of extinguishers with plastic handles—replace with one with a metal handle.
- Replace extinguishers that are over 12 years old.
- Mount extinguishers in a convenient place.

- Boats 26 feet or longer require two extinguishers.
- Boats with accommodations (head or cuddy cabin or cabin) require CO2 detectors in the space.

After Gary's talk we had a drawing for door prizes that included pints of varnish and hats.

No one left hungry or without some new knowledge. All donations for the lunch were given to Gary. Mission accomplished! We are so fortunate to have Gary so close to us.



Chapter hosts workshop at Lowell Boats in Greensboro (Cont'd)



Newport News, VA Mariners Museum & Park Saturday March 30th

The Saturday before Easter, March 30th we are planning a day trip to the Mariners Museum & Park in Newport News, VA.. There are many exhibits, but we thought you would be particularly interested in the International small craft center that showcases 150 boats from throughout human history. This will be a real treat for those who have not ever visited this museum and for those who have not been in a long time. [Click here](#) for the Museum's website.

We have invited members from surrounding ACBS chapters to join us: Blue Ridge, Smith Mountain Lake, Tidewater and Chesapeake Bay. If we can get at least 15 to sign up, the Museum will arrange a boxed lunch (\$17) lunch and a special presentation which our chapter will pay for.

In case you missed it, the ACBS Weekly Web Watch on Saturday January 27th had an article entitled, "The Legacy of Chris-Craft Lives



on at the Mariners' Museum & Park." [Click here](#) to read that post.

This should be a nice get-together. We will set up a sign up on Signup Genius.

Trailer Maintenance Workshop at Piglet on Saturday March 9th

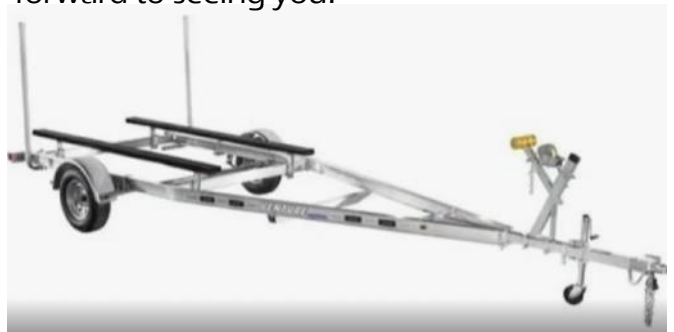
Once again John Justice is graciously allowing the chapter to use his workshop in Pittsboro for a trailer maintenance workshop. He'll have a few trailers to use for the training, but if you want help inspecting yours, we invite you to bring it to the workshop, but we may not have time to work on every trailer.

John's address is 10 Crosswinds Estates Dr. Just follow the drive to the back of the property where you will see several buildings. The workshop begins at 10 and will probably end around 2 PM. The chapter will provide lunch for those attending.

Here are some links regarding trailer safety:

[Used Boat Trailer Buying Checklist](#)
[BoatUS Buying a Used Trailer](#)
[Basic Boat Trailer Maintenance Checklist](#)
[Trailer Your Boat Checklist](#) by member Jim Alexander

[Click here](#) to sign up so we can have enough food and drink for lunch. We look forward to seeing you!



African Mahogany vs Sapele

According to Cameroon Timber Export, traditionally African Mahogany has generally been higher priced than Sapele because of its high demand and extraordinarily properties, but Sapele is catching up. See chart on right for comparison of the two products.



African Mahogany, aka Khaya, comes from a tree that is 100-130 ft tall and has a 3-5 ft trunk diameter. Heartwood color ranges from pale pink to dark red. The wood grain is straight.

Sapele comes from a tree that is 100-150 ft tall and has a trunk diameter of 3-5 ft. Heartwood is golden to dark red. Ribbon-like and other patterns are common.

[Click here](#) to read more.

#1 Differentiation On The Basis Of Properties

MAHOGANY VS SAPELE

	MAHOGANY WOOD	SAPELE WOOD
Scientific Name	Swietenia	Entandrophragma Killindricum
Uses	Furniture, cabinet, flooring and boatbuilding.	Veneer, Plywood, Furniture, Cabinetry, Flooring, Boat Construction, and Musical Instruments.
Color	Reddish-brown and Color tend to darken with age.	Golden to dark reddish-brown. Colors darken with age.
Hardness	Mahogany wood hardness is 800-900 lbf.	Sapele wood hardness is 1410 lbf.
Average Dried Weight	40 lbs/ft3 (640 kg/m3)	42 lbs/ft3 (670 kg/m3)
Bending Properties	It can bend and carve easily.	It can bend easily.
Workability	It can be easily worked with. It can be cut and molded in any shape and size.	Like mahogany, it can be easily done with.

www.cameroontimberexport.com

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.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

New: Loren Lettick (Chocowinity, NC—Primary chapter is Blue Ridge)

Renewed: Keith Colonna (Norfolk, VA), Leif Eriksson (New Bern), John Gray (Wilmington), Cindy Jordan (Hillsborough), John Justice (Pittsboro), Jim Moores (Beaufort)

Total Membership: 57 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 46 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 11

Welcome!

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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. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your 2024 calendar:

- **2/17** Regional get-together: New Bern area –John Dougherty hosting; Triangle area–Kevin Leiner hosting; Wilmington area–Jim Dean & Stan Thorn are hosting.
- **3/9** Trailer Maintenance workshop at Piglet in Pittsboro (John Justice)
- **3/21-24** Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show in Tavares, FL
- **3/30** Chapter Day Trip to Mariners Museum & Park in Newport News, VA
- **4/12-14** Oriental Boat Show
- **4/13** Confirmed date of Cape Fear Community College Boat Show
- **4/24** Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom
- **4/27-28** Overnight Cruise from Vandemere (Pamlico County) to Bath on Sat and return on Sun
- **5/4** NC Maritime Museum Boat Show in Beaufort
- **5/17-18** Lake Lure Boat and Auto Show (Blue Ridge Chapter)



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.

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.](#)