



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

# Messing About In Boats

## Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont  
Chapter of ACBS

January 2025



Ahoy Mates,

I hope everyone came through the "Blizzard of '25" unscathed. That was the first real snowfall we've had in New Bern in 7 years. Now it's time to get back to the task at hand; working on these old boats.

As you will see by the 2025 calendar, we have lots of opportunities for y'all to mess about in your boats and otherwise attend a chapter event. We started the year off with tour and workshop at Cape Fear Community College Boat Manufacture and Service facility in Wilmington, NC. Program director and chapter member John Olsen led us on a tour of the facility as well as a workshop on proper boat wiring practices and a hands-on demonstration of spray-painting techniques and vacuum bagging in fiberglass boat construction. We also welcomed a group from Sea Scout Ship 244 from Cary, NC. We are hoping to have more interactions with them in the future.

Next month we will hold our 2nd annual regional get-togethers to take place on Feb. 8th in Raleigh, Wilmington and New Bern. All who attended last year had a fun time so pick the one you would like to go to and make your reservation! Details later in the newsletter.

We still need a point person(s) for the March 1st Mardi Gras parade in Beaufort, NC. This is not task requiring a lot of work so please reach out to Judy or myself to get the details of what needs to be done for this.

Lastly, please take a look at our 2025 calendar and see what events you would like to participate in and perhaps even volunteer to help out. In the meantime, get busy working on your boat or help someone who might need a hand with their project.

Yours in classic boating,

*Alan Hills, President*

## February Contest

Create a story, backstory, or detailed description (use) of the product pictured on the right.

[Email it to Judy Hills](#)  
by February 25th.

More participation = More fun



## Recap of Minutes of 30 January 2025 Chapter Board Zoom Meeting

- Called to order by Alan Hills. Approved Minutes of 4 October 2024 Annual meeting and electronic vote to apply for 501c3 designation.
- Final financial report for the 4th quarter of 2024 accepted as presented by Kevin Leiner. See 2024 Annual report posted on our website.
- Jim Alexander reported on his effort to get ACBS members who live in our service area but who are not affiliated with a chapter to join our chapter.
- Jim A reported on the status of CFCC Scholarships—need to reconsider criteria for awarding as no awards have been made in several years. CFCC instructor and member John Olsen provided some background info. Board authorized Jim A to draft new criteria with CFCC Foundation input to circulate to the Board for consideration.
- Judy Hills reported on the newsletter, website, and ACBS Headquarters.
- Jim Dean won the membership contest and is to receive a copy of the printed ACBS Directory.
- Judy reports that we have not yet cleaned up the issue of our new name for our old EIN number and subsequently are not able yet to apply for 501c3 status. She continues to follow up.
- We submitted the required EOY report to ACBS on time.
- We need a member to collaborate with the Sea Scout Ships in our service area. Discussed some possibilities.
- New Treasurer John Dougherty and President Alan Hills are both signatories on our checking account. We reviewed and approved the 2025 budget. We have ordered new checks and a new debit card as the old ones had Kevin's name on them. John and Kevin will continue with the transition.
- We approved a procedure to follow for the death of a member or co-member.
- We established an ad hoc committee to determine how to handle funds and items bequeathed to our chapter by Bill Baker. Members to include: Alan, John J, Jim A., and Bill C.
- We discussed the 2025 Event Calendar. One addition: Cindy Jordan's Bath family home is open to our members May 16-20. We are trying to organize a river/creek cleanup for May 17th with a Sea Scout Ship.
- Member Rob Weller who attended the meeting volunteered to work on a Veterans' event in his area and will try to engage the Sea Scout Ship in Denver which is near his home.
- Discussed the Chapter's Boat Show. We will ask Larry Lettick to continue to pursue using the facilities in the community where he live-s—Cypress Landing in Chocowinity.
- Judy completed the 2024 Annual Report and it is available on the website.
- We discussed applying for the ACBS Chapter of the Year award since we will have representatives attend the 50th Anniversary International show in September.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## Regional Chapter gatherings Saturday February 8th

Last year was the first year we held regional social gatherings. February's weather is not generally conducive to outdoor activities, so it is a perfect time to get to know each other better.

We are holding the socials in three different geographic locations to make it more convenient for members. You can choose the location you prefer, but you need to let the host know you are coming.

Since the Super Bowl is being played on Sunday February 9th, the theme is Super Bowl. Guests are encouraged to wear the colors of the team they are rooting to win. Think indoor tailgate for the food and

beverages. Each host will decide on activities, games, and food specifics. Please ask your host what you might bring to contribute to the social. Start times vary.

### Choose your location:

**New Bern**—Hills residence 1307 Heritage Drive at 2 PM. [Click here](#) to notify Alan via email.

**Raleigh**—Bantas residence 1109 Vestavia Woods Dr at 3 PM. [Click here](#) to notify Bob via email.

**Wilmington**—Deans beach house—Wrightsville Beach at 2 PM, 128 Waynick Blvd. [Click here](#) to notify Jim via email.

## Snow! Snow! Snow!

Since January 22nd was a wintery wonderland for those of us in eastern NC—the first time in several years since we have seen that white stuff on the ground—we couldn't let it go unnoticed. We didn't get any pictures of snow on boats, but Kevin Leiner did send us his innovative snow shovel picture. Note the use of a piece of wood, clamps, and a garden spade. Kudos to Kevin for making do with what he had to solve a problem that only infrequently occurs—the need to shovel snow off a walkway!



## Get the ACBS 50th Anniversary Logo Merchandise

[Click here](#) to check out the selections on the ACBS Ship's Store



## Celebration of Life for Jim Moores

On January 4th, widow Margaret Moores and family held a celebration of Jim's life. Since Jim was bigger than life, how fitting that the weather service issued a special weather statement due to gusty northwest winds of up to 25-30 mph. with a high of only 41 degrees. Being the sailor that he was, Jim would have laughed at the irony.

Jim was definitely a party-guy and he loved regaling his friends with his many stories. So today we had the opportunity to impart our "Jim stories." There are those who believe that what we say hangs in space, in the ether. We hope our stories and Jim's are out there somewhere in perpetuity.

Alan & Judy Hills, Jim & Anne Marie Hartman, Leif Eriksson, and Austin Lewis attended to represent our chapter.



Margaret Moores



Alan



Leif



Jim, Anne Marie & Austin

## Welcome New Chapter Members

We hope you read the names of the new members that we list each month in the newsletter. Our "membership guy" **Jim Alexander** does a great job of sending each of them a personalized newsy email welcoming them to the chapter and inviting them to the next scheduled event. Sometimes they reply with a little about themselves. This is from **Richard Morlock**. Richard just joined ACBS in December. His primary chapter is Lake Hopatcong which is where he and **his wife Gloria** spend the summer. They move around coastal SC and NC in the winter which is why they joined our chapter as well (secondary).

"I have been interested in boats, airplanes, motorcycles, and cars since the age of 14. At 14, I built my first go-cart. I then had my first boat, an 8 foot flat bottom racer with 4 cyl. outboard motor. At 17, I bought a 1953 GMC carry all to move my go-cart and boat. The key was performance in whatever I built. My 2 custom motorcycles follow the same path to performance. Both top out at 140 mph. Not bad for a 1966 motorcycle.

"From 1973-1979 I was crew chief to a very successful NHRA race team that won 3 championships and was written up in national race magazines.

"I have an Aeronautical Engineering degree, EPA Federal license, NJ Firemen's license, Black Seal High Pressure in charge. I am known as the go-to guy for mechanical or electrical problems.

"In 2012, my brother gave me my current boat - a 1985 Chris Craft Scorpion 210 which topped out at 42 mph on the Hobbs meter. The boat was a fresh water boat in Lake Hopatcong, NJ. When moved to North Carolina, it ran in salt water, and ruined the motor block, cylinder

heads, exhaust manifolds and exhaust towers all of which had to be replaced. The boat is all wood except for the hull. All the interior wood - seats, side panels, has been replaced with marine grade wood and covered with marine grade Naugahyde matching the original colors. This all has been documented in a photo album with a short description. The '85 Chris Craft is nearing completion. The new motor dynoed at 400 hp, 57 mph in super cruise.

"Our home and boat are now in the Sound Side Community off River Road by Snows Cut Bridge, half mile from the boat ramp. We purchased the house in 2005. Right now we are in NJ for the holidays and plan to return to Wilmington the end of January. It will be like old home week, as when we cruise we go to 5 different trips:

1. South Myrtle Beach to the Grand Dunes Hotel and Marina.
2. Wrightsville Beach via intercoastal waterway to the Blue Waters Restaurant - Excellent.
3. Southport to the seafood restaurant on Main Street - Excellent.
4. Downtown Wilmington. We dock on the Riverwalk and walk to the German Cafe in the Cotton Exchange.
5. Picnicking on the sand dunes just past the Carolina Beach Park inlet.

"Looking forward to meeting you and the other members of ACBS."

You can reach Rich and Gloria at [rmandgm1@verizon.net](mailto:rmandgm1@verizon.net) Welcome aboard!

### VIDEOS FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

While this is not the Morlock's boat, here is a link to a YouTube video of a 1985 210 Scorpion underway. [Click here.](#)

[Click here](#) to see a video on Christopher Columbus Smith. Lots of fun old movies/still pics.

## Workshop at CFCC Saturday, 11 January 2025

On the day of the workshop, the wintery mix made travel iffy depending on where you lived, but 20 individuals braved the roads to attend. We had 14 Chapter members and six guests. Chapter members included: **Alan Hills, Leif Eriksson, Jim Hartman, Austin Lewis, Jim Dean, John Justice, Neal Keeter, Mike Schneider, Jim Quinn, Tyler Brown, Stuart Benson, John Tinney, and John Olsen** who was also an instructor at CFCC and our presenter. Guests included **Austin's mother Diane Wilson** who is a skilled craftsman and **Tyler's son Kristopher**. We had **two adult Sea Scout leaders and two teen Sea Scouts from Cary's Ship 244—Dawn Treader**.

Alan welcomed the workshop participants, made a few remarks about our chapter and the CFCC Boat Building Scholarship that we sponsor. Because Jim Hartman was out of the country for our Christmas awards dinner, Alan presented Jim with the Spirit of Cal Jordan award trophy. He then reminded those attending about upcoming Chapter events and turned the program over to John Olsen.

John went over the basics of electrical systems on boats demonstrating various principles and discussing safety.

After the electrical session, John showed a boatbuilding video while the attendees ate lunch. The Deans had picked up subs and chips. Judy Hills had made chili and crispy oatmeal raisin cookies that were a hit ([click here](#) for recipe).

During lunch there was a lot of interaction—which we encourage. After lunch, John took us on a tour of the facility. We saw the library where they have books on various boat subjects and the room where students in the boat building program learn to loft plans.

Next we had a tour of the workshop

where the students learn various skills. John did a demo of the bag vacuum lamination process. One of the Sea Scouts helped him.

John's final session was on spray painting. Students learn this skill using a sprayer filled with water. They apply the misted water to a large piece of brown wrapping paper stapled to a board. He gave us some tips and then allowed the three youth present to try their hand at using the sprayer.

We are so grateful to John Olsen and to CFCC for hosting our chapter at this wonderful facility! What a marvelous day we all had!

Here are some takeaways from the day:

- Looking for a home for those books you have on boat-building skills that you never use? Arrange to get them to John Olsen. And yes, you can borrow a book from that library, provided you return it.
- Did you know that they have a bunch of boat plans that people ordered but never built the boat? Donate yours or see if they have one you are looking for.
- Make your own donation to this program or do so through our chapter.
- Did you know that ACBS also provides scholarships to this program?
- John has some ideas for one-day workshops. If you have an idea for one, [email John](#).

As a thank you to John and CFCC, we sent him a copy of a book he needs for the program, "Boat Strength."

The chapter is starting the year off strong! Next up, our regional social gathering on Super Bowl Sunday. Don't miss it!

# Workshop Pictures

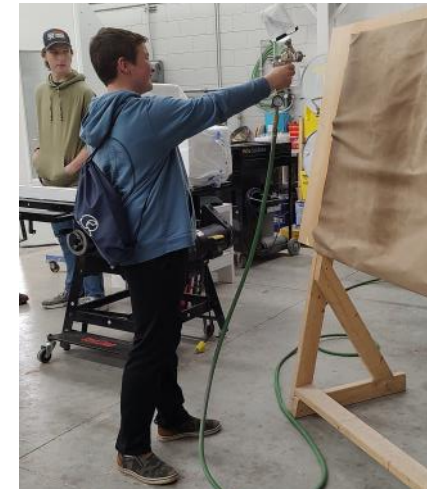


Task List - Christmas Wherry

- 1. Build deck
- 2. Build hull
- 3. Build keel
- 4. Apply fiberglass
- 5. Finish hull
- 6. Build

1. Fill and sand all open hulls  
2. Sand all hull joints  
3. Lay out and glue the joints  
4. Apply fiberglass  
5. Sand and seal  
6. Apply epoxy  
7. Sand and seal  
8. Sand and seal

# Workshop Pictures





# Sea Scouts—Ship 244: Dawn Treader—Cary

## Sea Scout Ship 244

Public group · 118 members

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Write something...



Judy Hills

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The NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society enjoyed having two adults and two scouts from Ship 244 at a workshop at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington on Saturday January 11th. They learned about marine electrical systems, the marine programs available at CFCC, vacuum bag veneering, and spray painting. Lunch was included with the workshop. Our Chapter hopes to do more with all the Sea Scout Ships located in the coastal & piedmont areas.



## Gal's Cotton Exchange Excursion & Lunch 11 January 2025

Four of us gals (Anne Marie Hartman, Alice Dean, Alice's friend Kaye Forester, and me) braved the brisk wind and cool temps to walk the two blocks from the CFCC Boatbuilding facility to the Cotton Exchange—an eclectic collection of small shops and eateries. Now for some that might be boring, but it's all in how you "look" at things. For example, the first shop we perused was devoted to hot sauces. It might have been "ho-hum" but for the labels on the jars and bottles. After looking at a few of them, we thought that the store should consider an adult section—like they used to have at the video stores—you know, the one behind the dark curtain. Tongue in cheek innuendos and outright racy descriptions along with colorful, funky pictures were cause for peals of laughter. Who knew we could have so much fun in a hot sauce store!

In a fancy accessory establishment devoted mainly to a Taylor Swift product line we had a blast trying on cowboy hats (female version, of course) and wraps—sooooo soft!

The next stop was the foot ware shop. Now our hot sauce shop might have taken a few pointers from this store. Their racy socks had warning labels hiding the actual sock motif. That reminded me of the days when the girlie magazines at the newsstand had plain covers on them. We got a lot of ideas from the sock

display, but we also had some fun with shoes. It is amazing what can be done with graphics to make a shoe look like it has ties, when it doesn't.

The other stores and displays in the common areas were a feast for our eyes as well. The Exchange had lots of pictures of Wilmington's history as well as paying homage to "Wilmywood" which is Wilmington's version of Hollywood, featuring shows and pictures filmed there. Being the street photographer that I am, I had a very enjoyable time taking pictures of various artful grouping of objects. We also talked to a man with a large dog outfitted in a sweatshirt. The dog was on the way to the vet. Bet the dog got the best-dressed award! LOL

When we'd had enough of walking, we headed to Paddy's Hollow, an on-site restaurant. It was a dark, warm, pub—perfect place on a cold day to kickback and chat—tongues loosened by a little imbibement. And chat we did! Since the three gals were from the Wilmington area, they talked about the city and the memories evoked by the pictures in the Exchange common areas.

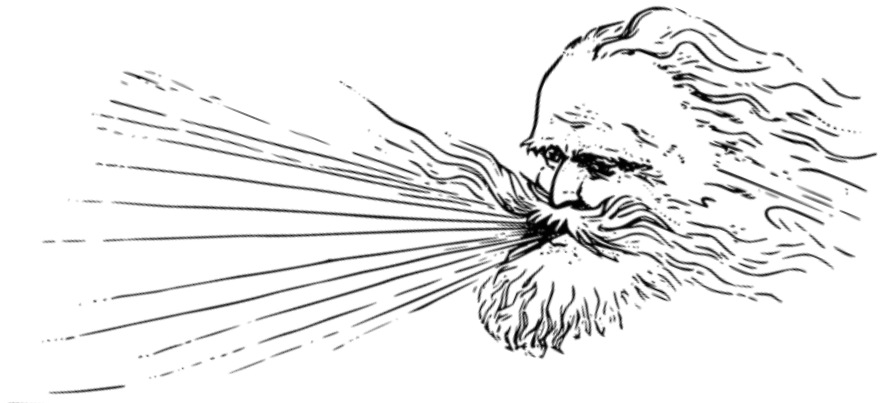
Soon it was time to head back and hook up with the guys. We got to enjoy the last part of their program—a visit to workshops. All-in-all we had a marvelous time!



# Gal's Cotton Exchange Excursion Pictures



Above L to R: Kaye Forester, Alice Dean, Judy Hills, Anne Marie Hartman at Paddy's Hollow Pub  
 Center L to R: Ann Marie—checking out the Glam; Kaye considering a tattoo?, and sexy socks  
 Bottom L: Judy—Irish pub + cold day = Irish Coffee—only logical choice!



## Noteworthy

- John Olsen announced that the CFCC Boat Show will be held on Saturday May 12th.
- Sponsorships are available for the CFCC and NCMM Beaufort shows
- Some recommend 4200 over 5200 for a no soak bottom as while both may be considered “permanent”, the 4200 is more flexible and therefore more easily removable.
- [Click here](#) for a link to building your own vacuum press (demoed at workshop)
- [Click here](#) for tips for improving transfer efficiency for spray gun painting—begin with selecting the right spray gun.
- Did you know that the Phillips head screw was invented and patented by John P. Thompson in 1932, but named for Henry Frank Phillips who bought the patent from Thompson. Phillips refined the screw head, re-patented it and formed the Phillips Screw Company. [Click here](#) to read more.
- Getting ready to paint your boat in your shop? Wet the floor to reduce dust.

## 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.



## 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 to those who hold primary membership in our chapter. 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: Tom Morrow (Charlotte), Tom Doering (Clover, SC), Blake Stevens (Chapel Hill), Richard Morlock (Scotch Plains, NJ/Wilmington, NC area)—we are his secondary chapter). Tyler Brown (Wilmington)

Renewed: Jim Dean (Wilmington); Julian Arrington (Beaufort), John Justice (Pittsboro), Larry Lettick (Chocowinity, NC), Kevin McGugan (Greensboro), John Dougherty (New Bern), Margaret Moores (Beaufort), Blake Stevens (Chapel Hill—new to our chapter), Eric Golden (Clayton, NC),

Total Membership: 70 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 60 Not Primary Chapter: 10

*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, 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:

2/8 Super Bowl Saturday Regional Get Together (food, & fun)  
New Bern—The Hills—2 PM [Email](#) if attending  
Triangle—The Bantas—3 PM [Email](#) if attending  
Wilmington—The Dean's Beach House 2 PM [Email](#) if attending

3/1 Mardi Gras Street Carnival & Parade in Beaufort

3/20-23 Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show in Tavares, FL

4/12 Cape Fear Community College Boat Show in Wilmington

4/23 Chapter Board Zoom Meeting

4/25-26 Lake Hartwell, GA Rendezvous—Blue Ridge Chapter

5/3 NCMM Boat Show in Beaufort, NC

5/16-20 Bath mini-vacation courtesy of Cindy Jordan

5/17 National River Cleanup Day

### 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](#).