



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

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

February 2026



Hello Fellow members,

Well, it doesn't get much more wintery than for me than what's going on at the Hills household.....snow falling, fireplace burning and a nice hot mug of Irish coffee. My dear wife, being a native Floridian, just loves a snow storm. Me, being a Long Island native, not so much. The one good thing is it usually melts off pretty quick so I don't have to deal with removing it. Let's hope that holds true this time!

Now that January is in the rear-view mirror, things are starting to pick up a little bit. This weekend we will be having our regional get-togethers. If you haven't already RSVP'd, please do so. See details in the newsletter for the date and time for your area. Come join the fun and fellowship!

Things really start ramping up in March, highlighted by the Sunnyland Chapter show in Tavares, FL. I have attended many times and I would consider this show bucket list material. We have included a calendar of upcoming events you may be interested in attending. Some dates have not officially been announced so we took the liberty of slotting the in their traditional time.

You may have noticed that there is no chapter boat show listed on the calendar. At the last board meeting it was decided to forego a show this year and instead have as many of our members as possible attend one of the shows of a neighboring chapter. I think that would be a lot of fun and would provide an

excellent opportunity to show your boat (or just attend) and to mix and mingle with the host chapter. We are also in the process of putting together a woodworking workshop with friend Gary Lowell of Lowell boats in Greensboro. More on this in the future.

I want to take time to thank our board members, and especially secretary Judy Hills and treasurer John Dougherty, for taking care of the business side of the chapter. Their behind the scenes efforts keep our chapter running smoothly and transparently. Kudos!

That's it for now. Please plan to attend one or more events this year, and in the meantime, be safe, have some fun and maybe do something nice for someone else.

Yours in classic boating,
Alan Hills, President



Summary of Minutes of 28 January 2026 Board Meeting

Quorum present. Meeting called to order by President Alan Hills. Approved minutes of Annual Meeting, 11/15/25.

John Dougherty presented the 4th quarter financial reports and shared the bank statements. John reviewed the highlights. Our bank balance is \$9,889 as of 12/31/25. IRS form 990N is due soon and John will take care of that. Discussed what income belongs to the category of "Bill Baker Estate." John to make some small adjustments.

Jim Alexander reports that our membership is in a steady state. Discussed ACBS payments for renewals. John D did not get any in December, but we did have some renewals. John to check on this.

Jim Alexander did not have anything new on the scholarships with CFCC.

Judy Hills gave a brief report on ACBS Headquarters. Our 2025 Annual Status report is due to ACBS. Judy and Alan have completed it and it will be sent in by the end of January.

Judy is working on the Chapter 2025 Annual report. The website has been updated.

John Justice provided an update on Bill Baker's estate. It is still with the courts. In January 2025, we established an ad hoc committee to determine how to handle the funds and items bequeathed to our Chapter by Bill Baker. Volunteers: John J., Jim A., Alan, and Bill Conley. That committee will meet soon. John J told us that the money from items sold from Bill's shop are to be considered unrestricted donations. The money the chapter will eventually get from the estate will be restricted funds.

We are still trying to establish a stronger relationship with the Sea Scouts.

We encouraged participation at the regional events to be held in February. Details will be in the February newsletter.

We reviewed the proposed 2026 budget. Approved it by vote. Copy is included in this newsletter.

We spent a lot of time discussing the 2026 events. Major points:

- Decided not to have our own boat show this year, but we will pick out one or more other shows to support as a chapter. That decision will be made next month.
- Decided we would again hold the Annual Meeting in November at a restaurant. We will do some research on a place.
- Decided to hold the River Cleanup in Washington again this year.
- Bill Conley is going to talk to Gary Lowell to ask if he would do a class for us. Rob would like to have a workshop on steam bending and replacing planking above the waterline.
- Discussed the possible location of the July mid-week chapter meeting and run on a lake.
- Need to support Board member Rob Weller as he tries to host events in the Lake Norman area. This is at the western boundary of our service area.
- To do a regional gather for IVBD in August rather than a show in Wilmington
- Discussed a possible September run on a lake.
- Discussed the Christmas party. We are looking into making it a weekend at some place special (hotel/.venue).

We invite your ideas for events!

2026 Budget Approved by the Board

Receipts		2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Membership Dues		\$1,480.00	\$1,500.00
Donations		\$2,750.00	\$200.00
Ship's Store		\$350.00	\$60.00
Name Tags		\$14.00	\$60.00
Reimbursements		\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous/Bill Baker		\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Boat Show		\$550.00	\$500.00
	Total Receipts	\$6,494.00	\$2,320.00
Expenses			
	Operational		
	Awards	\$0.00	\$200.00
	Website	\$23.19	\$25.00
	Name Tags	\$114.05	\$125.00
	Ship's Store	\$0.00	\$120.00
	Miscellaneous	\$600.58	\$0.00
	Boat Show		
	Venue	\$0.00	\$200.00
	Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Food & Beverage	\$99.95	\$250.00
	Awards	\$0.00	\$75.00
	Sponsorships	\$550.00	\$550.00
	Miscellaneous	\$386.13	\$0.00
	Events & Workshops	\$1,209.68	\$1,000
	CFCC Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$1,000
	Total Expenses	\$4,983.58	\$3,545.00
	NET:	\$1,510.42	-\$1,225.00

2026 Chapter Schedule of Events

Month/day	Event	Place/Area
January		
10		
15	Submit EOY Report & officers	
28	Chapter business meeting	Zoom
February		
8	Super Bowl Sunday get together	Regional Triangle, New Bern & Wilmington
March		
1	Submit request to ACBS	
27-29	Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show	Tavares, FL
April		
11	Cape Fear Comm. College Boat Show	Wilmington, NC
10 to 12	Oriental In-water boat show	Oriental, NC
22	Chapter business meeting	Zoom
16-18	Lake Hartwell Rendezvous	Hartwell, GA
25	SML Workshop	TBD
25	Lake Norman, NC	Peninsula Yacht Club
May		
1 to 3	Atlanta Motoring Festival Concours d'Elegance	Lake Lanier Islands
2	NC Maritime Museum Boat Show	Beaufort, NC
9	Lake Rabun Wooden Boat Show	Lakemont, GA Halls Marina
16	National River Cleanup Day	Regional event: Raleigh, New Bern, Wilmington
June		
6	Chapter workshop	New Bern
19 to 21	Chesapeake Bay ACBS Show	St. Michaels, MD
30	Submit nominations to ACBS	
July		
22	Picnic, run on the lake	Lake Norman/Lake Jordan
22	Chapter Board meeting	In-person

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August

15	International Vintage Boating Day	Regional event--Sea Scouts?
31	ACBS to send Pres Award	

September

12	Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show	Reedville, VA
11 to 12	Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show	Moneta, VA
11 to 13	Century Boats 100th Anniv Show	Manistee, MI
13 to 20	ACBS International Show	Port Huron, Michigan
25-26	Lake Greenwood	Cross Hill, SC
26	Wings, Wheels, and Keels Show	Topping, VA

October

??	Lake Lure Show	Lake Lure, NC
10	Renew domain name	
16 to 18	Georgetown Show	Georgetown, SC
24	Roanoke Island Maritime Museum boat show at Manteo, NC	Manteo, NC
30-Nov-01	Concours d'Elegance	Hilton Head Island, SC

November

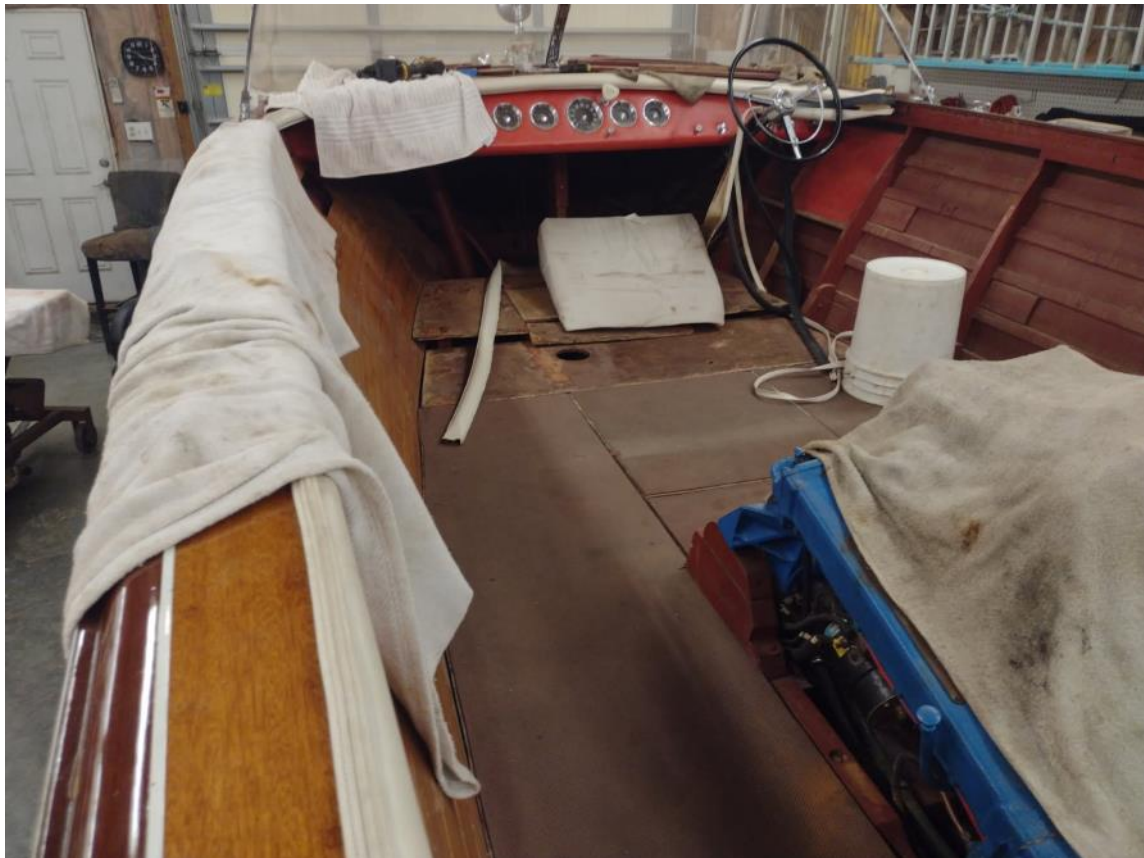
7	Southport Boat Show	Southport, NC
14	SML Workshop	TBD
21	Chapter Annual Meeting & elections	TBD

December

12	Chapter Christmas party	Somewhere special--hotel?
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Jim Hartman: Winter Project—BooBoo's Interior

This is what it looks like when you start tearing a boat down in the winter time and start working on it. Plan is to remove all the interior boards and varnish them. Next the crash rail gets replaced and all of the flooring gets redone. Last, but not least, all the upholstery gets a makeover.



ACBS Weekly Web Watch—Bid on this unique clock

We hope you are reading the WWW. Members are invited to contribute articles and photos to editor Amy Scanlin, who is also the editor of the Rudder. [Click here](#) to submit.

Our chapter appears several times a year in the WWW. We send pictures and articles. In the January 3rd edition we have an AI-generated image. In the last several editions, there is an online auction of a beautiful clock created from an upcycled Chris-Craft gas tank and piece of mahogany created by one of our members, **Jim Barrick**. Jim also happens to be a director on the ACBS International board. [Click here](#) to bid.



CHAPTER REGIONAL GATHERINGS

We had three hosts step up. You may attend the location of your choice (NOTE DIFFERENT DATES), but please let the host know you are coming. Please bring a prospective member or couple. Show them we know how to have a good time!

Specific information is on the next three pages.



Bill and Sharon Conley invite you
to a gathering of the North Regional ACBS

DATE: Saturday, February 7, day before Super Bowl

TIME: 11:00-2:00

We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, rolls, and the fixins.



BYOB and something you'd like to contribute: veggies, salads, chips, salsa, guacamole, shredded lettuce, desserts, etc.



Let us know what you'd like to bring.



Guys can visit in Bill's shop while cooking.

Gals can visit in the house. Feel free to bring a game.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

Bill and Sharon Conley

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CENTRAL/EASTERN CHAPTER GATHERING

PRE-SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday February 8th 1 PM to 4 PM

Host: Jim Hartman

1988 Den Tree Court, New Bern

RSVP to Judy Hills (helping Jim)

Cell: 252.670.1913 Eml: jahnbnbc@gmail.com

THE PLAN

Drinks: Bring your own soft drinks, beer, and/or other liquid refreshments and mixer

Food : We will provide: Chili & crackers, hot dogs & buns, big pretzels, veggie tray, fruit tray.

Guests may supplement with: wings, dips, chips, nuts, desserts

Guy activities: Visit Jim's workshop, play cards

Gal activities: Train dominoes, Uno, Yahtzee, or Scrambled



SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER GATHERING



PRE-SUPER BOWL PARTY

Saturday February 7th 11 AM to 3 PM

Hosts: Jim & Alice Dean

128 A South Lumina or Waynick, Wrightsville Beach

RSVP to Jim Dean

Cell: 910.232.1655 Eml: captjim4@gmail.com

THE PLAN

Drinks: We will provide non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB.

Food : We will provide: White chicken chili, chips, and salsa.
Guests may contribute: veggies, salads, cheese, desserts, etc.

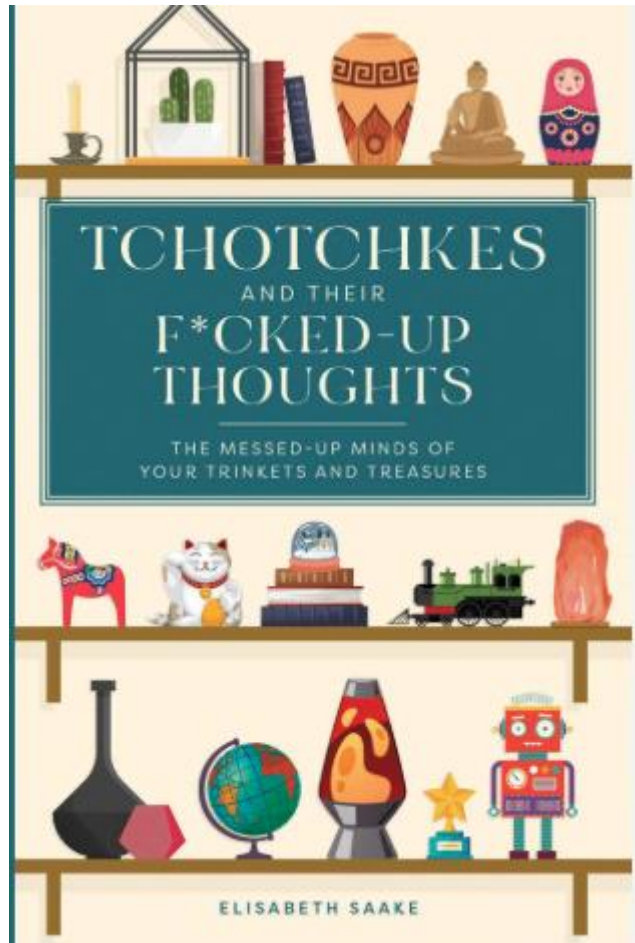
Hopefully, we will have a classic antique boat on the dock
for inspection and to tour.

If you play an instrument, please bring it!

New Contest for February: How many nautical books do you own?

OK, this is a simple one. If you can count, you can enter. No creativity required!

Inquiring ACBS minds want to know how many nautical books do you own, excluding magazines cause we know you probably have lots of those? Count them, take a picture, and [email both to editor Judy Hills](#) by February 25, 2026. Bragging rights go to the winner! Style points added for nautical tchotchkes or nautical bookcases.



Chapter Burgees

We have three chapter burgees available for sale at \$35 each (\$40 if mailed).

They are 12x18, laser etched, double sided (logo correct on both sides) and made of a durable material. See photo at right for style and colors. If we sell out the first order, we'll place a second order so that we have some on-hand.

Contact Alan Hills to buy a burgee.



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: None

Welcome!

Renewed: Richard Booth (Littleton, NC), David Coone (Independence, VA—primary is Sunnyland, FL), Leif Eriksson (New Bern, NC), Richard Morlock (Scotch Plains, NJ—primary Lake Hopatcong, NJ), Rob Weller (Terrell, NC), Ted Clark (New Bern, NC), John Justice (Pittsboro, NC), Kevin Leiner (Wake Forest, NC)

Total Membership: 69

NCC&P Primary Chapter: 57

Not Primary Chapter: 12

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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. On August 24, 2022, our Chapter was incorporated as a nonprofit in the State of NC. On May 23, 2025, the IRS designated our chapter a 501c3 nonprofit .

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.

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:

February

7 Super Bowl Regional Get Together at Conleys in Raleigh

7 Super Bowl Sunday Regional Get Together at Deans in Wrightsville Beach

8 Super Bowl Sunday Regional Get Together at Hartmans in New Bern

21 SML Chapter The Antique Outboard Club meeting at Bob Pennoyer's Shop 9 AM 405 Mallard Point Rd. in Wirtz, VA

March

27-29 Sunnyland Show in Tavares, FL

April

22 Chapter Board Zoom Meeting

16-18 Blue Ridge Chapter Lake Hartwell Rendezvous (tentative)

25 Lake Norman car & boat show Peninsula Yacht Club

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.](#)