

Messing About In Boats

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

January 2020

Happy New Year! We hope this will be a banner year for our Chapter in terms of new members and greater participation by all members. Last month we ran the proposed calendar of events. Those are listed in our calendar of events and meetings on the last page. Because our chapter does not have a "home lake" on which we can run a boat show, we list boat shows sponsored by other ACBS chapters as well as those run by others. We hope you will enter those shows. We will include the pertinent information in the newsletter prior to the show.

This year we are also encouraging you to contact the local antique and classic car clubs to see about displaying your boat at their meets and shows. Other ACBS chapters around the country are doing this and we have certainly seen antique and classic cars displayed at boat shows. They are logical partners. Be sure to take our chapter information (or a few copies of our newsletter) with you to encourage others to join us.

We changed our quarterly chapter business meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday. The Traili Irish Pub has trivia

night on Tuesday and it can get very noisy. We had been looking for another centrally located restaurant that had a better meeting room, but so far, we have not found one. If you know of one that will not charge us for the use of the private room and that will not require a guaranteed number of meals, let us know. Preferably we would like to be able to show PPTs on a screen occasionally and be able to hear the discussion over the din of the other diners—a tall order to be sure.

Our first outing will be in February: a field trip to the Budsins Electric Boats Company in Marshallberg. They build beautiful boats which will undoubtedly one day meet the classic and antique boat definition. <https://www.budsins.com/en/> More on this trip in next month's edition.

If you have never been to the Sunnyland ACBS show in Tavares, FL, we highly encourage you to make the trip—better yet, enter your boat! It is huge and lots of fun. We also hope you make the Cape Fear Community College Boat Show and Facility Tour in March. We provide scholarships to students in

the boatbuilding program there. They will take us on a special tour. This is a land display show so there is no reason not to go if your boat is ready.

We continue to encourage you to submit articles and photos for this newsletter. So far, the burden has been on our editor to come up with the majority of the material. While she is very competent, she doesn't really have the knowledge needed for the more technical subjects. This newsletter is not just for fun articles and pictures, we hope to provide technical tips and tricks and will help you renew your antique and classic boats. So please consider submitting something this year. Spouses and significant others are also invited to submit pertinent material and photos. Don't forget to share this newsletter with your spouse, significant other, friends, family and prospective members!

Hope to see you at meetings, events and on the water in 2020!

Best regards, *Alan*

Chapter Christmas Party

First and foremost, we want to thank Sharon and Bill Conley for once again doing such a superb job hosting our annual Christmas Party.



President's Award:

This year several members stepped up to assist this first-time president learn the ropes and take some of the load off. This particular individual took over the very important role of membership chair and did a great job of reaching out to those with expiring memberships as well as welcoming newly-minted chapter members. He also organized one of our on-water events this year. Thanks for a job well done to Jim Alexander.



Special Recognition Award:

What can I say to show our chapter's appreciation to a member who has had a steady hand in its operation and leadership ever since the chapter was founded? He has held numerous positions as an officer and board member with great distinction. When he informed me this year that he would like to retire from the roles he has performed for so long, I got it. I also knew that it was going to take several people to fill his shoes. It took four members with one doing double duty, to cover bases. He reminds me of a fellow we had out at Hatteras Yachts who could do anything you needed. As a field service representative, I knew he could be relied upon to complete any task that needed doing. Because of this, he was known as the Swiss army knife around the place. That said, it is my honor to present this token of appreciation to our swiss army knife, Bob Banta. BTW, he has not divested himself totally of his chapter responsibilities: He has agreed to serve on the board of directors for 2020.



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Spirit of Cal Jordan Award:

Trying to figure out who should receive award was a no-brainer for me. In keeping with what Cal brought to our chapter, this individual has done terrific job of doing the type of things that we all remember about Cal. Aside from his high-quality restoration abilities, he has taken up the mantle for our late member Richard Askins in preserving the legacy of Barbour boats. He has put in a tremendous amount of thought and labor to produce a marvelous display chronicling the history of the Barbour Boat Works. He has displayed this and several of his beautiful boats in numerous shows this year, talking up Barbours and the ACBS. He has assisted the NC History Center in their long running Barbour display and lectured there on restoration techniques and boat construction details. He has also attended almost every chapter activity this year and helps us out with the newsletter by contributing content for your amusement and amazement. If you attend nearly any show within a half day drive, I guarantee you will see him there. He is a true asset to our hobby and our chapter and I challenge any of you to try to keep up with him! Thank you, Joe Peacos.



L to R: President Alan Hills, 2019 Cal Jordan Award winner Joe Peacos and Cindy Jordan, Cal's widow.



Broken Cable Award

And now, the moment you have all been waiting for, the broken cable award. This coveted award is given to a member who may have experienced an unfortunate occurrence at one of our events that could be caused by bad luck, poor judgement, or any other determining factor or combination thereof. I have been working on our boat pretty hard this year and kept missing show after show due to lack of progress and an aching body. I was finally able to get it good enough to carry to Lake Gaston for our fun run. I dutifully did a short sea trial to ensure that all systems were go. At Gaston, we headed out after a brief orientation. When I had done my sea trial, I was alone in the boat and she did fine. Well, now I had 2 passengers with me and the outboard started bogging down like it was starving for gas. Consequently, I could not maintain speed enough to keep up with the pack. I figured "oh boy, this is my broken cable moment" I started thinking up excuses that might disqualify me from such a fate. My dear wife conveniently provided

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my alibi because she had broken her arm a few weeks earlier and couldn't stand the bouncing motion of the boat at speed. Yes, this would save me. But it was not necessary, for I was bailed out by Blue Tango, which at about the same time developed a little issue of smoke pouring from her generator. In my book, a smoking generator tops a fuel delivery issue every time! Whew, thank you Bill Conley or so thought our illustrious President! But wait, Treasurer Kevin Leiner grabs the spotlight and proceeds to detail Alan and Judy's Lake James saga (see June 2019 newsletter if you are unfamiliar with the adventure). It was a no-brainer who should receive the award—Alan and Judy Hills.



Recap of 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2019 officers and board of directors. John Baringer, VP; Garfield Karpiak, Secretary; Bob Banta, Treasurer; Jeff Gelm, immediate Past President; board members Cindy Jordan, John Justice, Kevin Leiner, and Lonnie Sieck. I would also like to recognize my wife Judy for all her behind the scenes work on stuff like the newsletter and website, among other things.

Our chapter had a very busy year in 2019. Changes that took place included the renaming of our chapter to NC Coastal and Piedmont, the resumption of a monthly newsletter, a new website and an ambitious calendar of events. Some of the outings we planned worked out quite well, others, meh. The workshops at Moores Marine and Lowell boats were big hits. The Lake James meet-up was almost a complete failure, and I say that because it did produce a story of my trailering fiasco for the newsletter. The NC Maritime Museum wooden boat show came next with several members displaying there. Next came the poker run in New Bern. Everyone who attended enjoyed it, but it sure would have been nice to have better participation. We had to call off the Phillips Plating shop tour when it became apparent that doing this in mid-summer was not a really good idea. We had three boats and five members come to the Smith Mountain Lake show; always a good time but Judy's absence due to a broken arm put a damper on it for me. Then came the Lake Gaston fun run. We had decent participation here and a good time. Our last event was to be the swap meet and picnic at the Blanchard's place, but mother nature put the kibosh on that. I feel we provided lots of opportunities to get together and enjoy our boats and friends and we'll try to do better in 2020.

We thank John Justice for getting the plaques engraved with our new logo and again thank the Conleys for their hospitality.



Photos from Christmas Party (thanks fo Joe Peacos)



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Spirit of Cal Jordan Award—for those new to the chapter

The Spirit of Cal Jordan Award

Cal Jordan joined the Raleigh Durham Chapel Hill Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society in the fall of 2008 soon after purchasing the 1952 Chris Craft Kit Boat he named the Admiral Alexander.

Cal had been around the water and boats for the majority of his life. He spent many good times at his parent's vacation home in Bath, North Carolina where his Great Grand Father had once been a builder of wooden work boats. Some of those boats are still at the family home on the water today.

Cal and his wife Cindy made many friendships with the members of the ACBS boat club. They enjoyed showing the Admiral Alexander at various boat shows in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Cal was a great story teller and taking the Admiral to shows gave him the opportunity to tell anyone interested the stories they had discovered about their little boat and its builder Robert Eugene Alexander from Asheville, North Carolina.

Cal passed away in 2012 after a battle with cancer. As a gesture of good will from his friends at the boat club they decided to carry his enthusiasm of all things wooden boat related forward at their annual boat shows with a special award called the Spirit of Cal Jordan Award. This award is given to the club member each year that most resembles Cal's spirit and passion for wooden boats, the boat shows and the boat club. The person who receives this award each year has added value to not only the club and its members during the year but has lived the mission statement of the club – "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."



Cal and Cindy



Admiral Alexander

Photo Caption Winner for December—NOT

For shame, there were no entries for the December caption! You were even given some hints: "BTW, Judy did take the photo at the right although you may have seen it any number of times on the Woody Boater website."

Might have submitted, "Man kisses boat, boat bites owner" or "There's nothing like the smell of 12 coats of varnish!" Or in the case of Matt Smith's boat Stinky (that photo is him and Stinky), "There's nothing like the smell of rat turds." (OK that last one was from Alan, not me!)

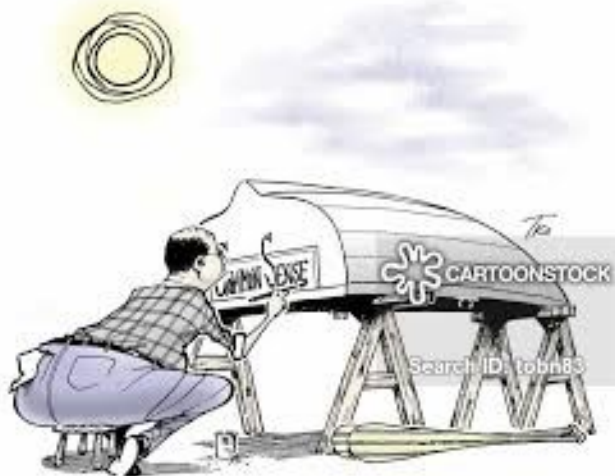
Anyway we are going to give this contest a rest for 2020 and go with a new topic. See below.



Just for Fun in 2020: How Did Your Boat Get Its Name?

ACBS Chapter members' inquiring minds want to know! How did the boat get its name? It does not have to be a boat you currently own. It can also be a boat your family once owned. Every boat name has a back story. Submit yours by the 25th of each month.

Here is what we are hoping you'll provide: 1) Name of the boat; 2) Owned by; 3) Boat description; 4) Boat history; 5) How the boat got its name; and 6) Photo of the boat. Can't wait to see what you submit!



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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. Please add these dates to your calendar and participate as much as you can! Support the boat shows listed and others. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.

- 1/29 **Chapter Business Meeting at Trali in Morrisville, 6:00 PM**
- 2/22 **Fieldtrip to Budsins Electric Boats in Marshallberg**
- 3/7 NC AACA Car Show Cape Fear Chapter in Wilmington
- 3/19-22 Sunnyland Boat Show in Tavares, FL
- 3/28 Cape Fear CC Boat show and Facility Tour in Wilmington
- 4/17-19 Oriental Boat Show & Nautical Flea Market in Oriental
- 4/25 NC AACA Car Show—Old Salem Chapter—Winston-Salem
- 4/29 **Chapter Business Meeting at Trali in Morrisville at 6:00 PM**
- 5/2 NCMM Beaufort Boat Show in Beaufort
- 5/9 NC AACA Regional Spring Car Show in New Bern
- 5/16 Lake Lure Boat Show—Blue Ridge ACBS 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 1941 inclusive

Classic: A boat built between 1943 and 1975 (any material)

Late Classic: A boat built 1977 to 25 years prior to the current year. This classification is not eligible for "best of show" awards and is neither restored or preserved

Production Contemporary: A production wooden boat built 1969 to present

Custom Contemporary: A modified or one-of-a-kind wooden boat built 1969 to present

Replica: A boat built in a non-production manner, intended to be a one-of-a-kind and usually an exact copy or duplicate of a boat previously built or manufactured.