



Messing About In Boats

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

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Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year fellow boat enthusiasts! I hope this message finds you and yours healthy, happy and well rested at the end of a trying year.

I'm honored and excited to be swapping roles with Alan for 2022. He will be vice-president, and I'll fill in as president. His (boating) shoes will be mighty difficult to fill, but I know that with the help of the rest of the officers, the board and the general membership we have pretty good prospects for the coming year!

For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, a little introduction is probably in order: I originally hail from Portland, Oregon, where I grew up constantly badgering my dad to take us out on his 42' 1963 Chris Craft Constellation. Having upsized to a boat that he was increasingly uncomfortable using in the narrow and swift sloughs of the Columbia River, the best response I could usually get was, "we'll see..."—my dad's attempt to say "no" without breaking my spirit. When I finally got my own first boat many years later, I lovingly christened it *We'll See* as a reminder of those days and the vagaries of boating - and life - despite the best intentions.

In 1999, my wife, Alice, and I left Oregon for Ohio and then North Carolina, landing in Raleigh in 2006. I've been an active member of the RDC-cum-Coastal & Piedmont ACBS chapter ever since, serving various roles, and learning more than I could have ever imagined there was to know about wooden boats along the way. The "queen" of the fleet is our 18' 1962

Chris Craft Holiday, and its ladies-in-waiting are two late-70's 22' MacGregor sloops and a '17 1958 Thompson Sea Lancer. Our crew consists of Alice (my prime mate) and three daughters, ages 13, 11 and 11. Suffice it to say, my abiding passion is boats and boating, and the rest of the family is well on the way to sharing the same sentiments!

As for the club, 2022 holds lots of amazing possibilities for meet-ups, workshops and on-the-water events! Of course, the never ending health situation means we'll need to be flexible and cautious, but if I can say so without jinxing it - we've learned a bit about that over the past two years. The survey that many of you completed (24 total responses, which is a huge return rate!) provides excellent insights into the members needs and wants. We'll be consulting it thoroughly to establish our calendar, which we'll firm up and publicize in the next several weeks. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, I again send my best wishes to you and your families. Please don't ever hesitate to me with any questions or concerns you have about your club. Thank you for your support of the club, and I'll look forward to having fun with boats sometime soon!

Cheers,

Jeff Martinson, President

Chapter Christmas Party 11 December 2021 at the Conley's

We had a total of 17 people attend the gala—and it was quite a party! We started off with appetizers brought by the guests, drinks and conversation. Joe Peacos had his camera set up to take portraits of those attending against a Christmas backdrop that the Conley's provided. We had dinner—Sharon's famous chicken tetrazzini along with Swedish meatballs and mashed potatoes—complimented with salads brought by guests. The discussions continued over dinner and then we had scrumptious desserts—again provided by the attendees. After dinner the guys and gals separated. Alan led the guys in two games—one involving using their phone and another was the price is right—with nautical items of course! Judy led the gals through the phone game and then the price is right—with Christmas themed items.

Everyone who attended brought a wrapped gift which we used as prizes for the games. After the games were done, we came together to distribute the prizes to the winners which included most everyone. We got a lot of laughs about the items.

After that we settled down for President Alan Hills to announce the award winners. He gave out the formal awards first:

President's Cup went to John Justice for the invaluable help he gives to any member requesting it. A Special Recognition went to Bill and Sharon Conley for the many years that they have hosted our group's Christmas party. The new Rookie Award, given to a new member who has immersed himself or herself in the chapter—went to Dan Bixler. The Broken Cable Award given to a member who experiences an unfortunate occurrence at one of our events that might have been

caused by bad luck, poor judgment, or other factor was presented in absentia to Dan Bixler—his Chris Craft almost sank at the dock at our July boat show.

Then President Hills gave a few “just for fun” awards. For “courage under fire” he gave Jeff Gelm a mini fire extinguisher for his role in the infamous grill fire at the March workshop at the Piglet.

A movie clap board was given to Joe Peacos—he'll need it to direct the videos he is so fond of producing for us.

The “patience and perseverance” award of an hourglass was presented to Jared Smith. Jared's boat has been in Gary Lowell's shop for years.

And the Oscar for “Best Actress in a Supporting role and Fashionista Extraordinaire” went to Bev Peacos who tags along with Joe to all our events.

Last but not least, the “nuts & bolts” awards (yes—nuts and bolts in a pouch) were given to John Justice, Jim Alexander, Kevin Leiner and Bill Conley for all the help and support they have given to the chapter over the past year.

President Hills thanked all the members and wives for their participation in the events this past year.

John Justice took over at this point and gave Alan a token of the chapter's appreciation—several pounds of sausage from Ray's shop—a favorite of Alan's.

[Alan's speech](#) is posted on the website along with [Joe's video](#) of the party. Photos by Joe.



Judy & Bill Baker



Bob & Molly Banta



John & Nancy Baringer



Bill & Sharon Conley



Alan & Judy Hills



John & Pam Justice



Kevin & Jen Leiner



John Dougherty



Joe & Bev Peacos



2022 Boat Shows

While our chapter is still developing its event calendar for 2022, there are a number of key boat shows that we have been able to confirm, although there is no guarantee given the mutation of the COVID virus variants that they will actually be held. But hope springs eternal! Do mark your calendars early if interested. We'll update this list as the information becomes available.

March 25, 26, 27—Sunnyland Boat Festival in Tavares, FL

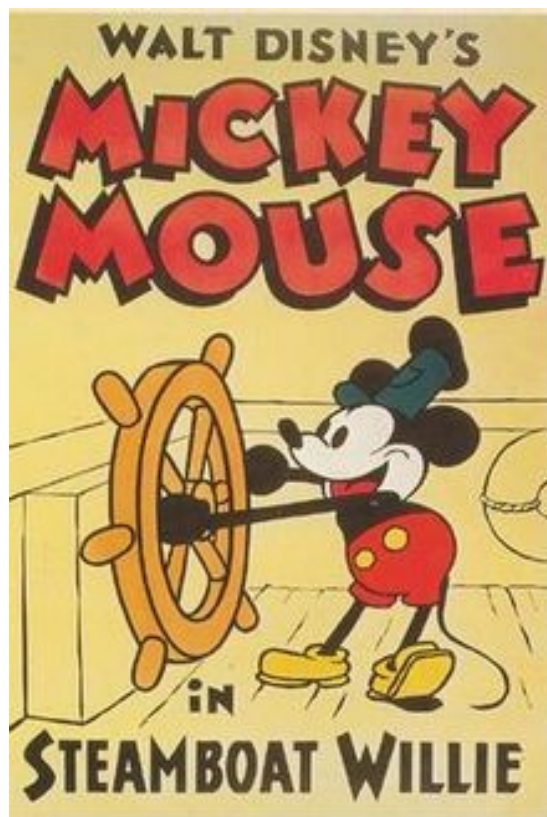
March 26—Cape Fear Community College show in Wilmington, NC

April 8-10—Oriental In-Water Show in Oriental, NC

May 7—NC Maritime Museum show in Beaufort, NC

May 20-21—Blue Ridge Chapter Lake Lure Spring show in Lake Lure, NC

June 17-19 Chesapeake Bay Chapter show in St. Michaels, MD



September 11-13—ACBS Annual Show in Port Huron, MI

September 16-17—Smith Mountain Lake show in Huddleston, VA

Introduction to Wooden Boat Building

Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center at NCMM
322 Front Street, Beaufort, NC

Explore the art of boat building from start to finish during a two-day, hands-on course at the North Carolina Maritime Museum's Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. The course begins with the design and lofting of boats and moves on to the setup, steam bending and...

Get Tickets \$162 – \$180 . Offered on the following weekends in 2022: 1/15-16; 2/5-6; 4/2-3; 6/11-12; 9/10-11; and 11/12-13. Great place to start if you are new to wooden boats! [Click here](#) to access their event calendar.



ACBS Announces Changes to 2022 Dues

Don't know if you read the ABCS Weekly Web Watch, but if you did, did you click on the "A Note from the President" to read the story? If not, you probably missed the big news. Ron Lyons announced that there will be a \$10 increase in National dues (from \$55 to \$65). This is to cover increasing cost and declining membership. We have lost 1,000 members since 2018—a significant drop in a short period of

time—probably due to a number of factors.

"However, we want to give all members the chance to renew at the current rate of \$55, so we are delaying the dues increase until February 1st. Please take this opportunity to renew your membership over the next month," said Lyons.

We encourage you to renew now!

NC Counties in NC Coastal & Piedmont Area

The counties in blue are in the Coastal area and the counties in yellow are in the Piedmont area. This is what makes it a challenge to get our members to attend in-person event. We take this information into account when developing our event calendar.



Update Your Membership

In creating a spreadsheet to track member participation in 2022, we wondered when was the last time you checked your information? Is your address, email, and phone, number correct? If you have a spouse or significant other, have you listed the name? Do you still have the boats listed? How about unmounted engines? To view your information, [click here](#) to get to the ACBS website, then log in.

Do you have a current name tag—one with our new name and logo? Does your spouse or significant other have a current name tag or a name tag at all? If you need a name tag, [contact VP Alan Hills](#) as he is **putting an order in on January 10th**.

And don't forget that [Alan](#) also has khaki ball caps with our logo for sale at \$20 each. Other apparel is available from [ACBS](#).

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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. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

**We are in the process of developing our events for 2022.
Watch the website for updates!**

New Members:

Karen Dunn, Wrightsville Beach, NC
Ralph Saunders, Elm City, NC

Renewed Members:

Leif Eriksson, New Bern, NC

New Forum on Facebook for ACBS Members

Have a question about your project? Not sure how to fix an engine issue? Join the ACBS Members Group on



Request to Join

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](#).