



Messing About In Boats

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

January 2023

Greeting Fellow Boating Enthusiasts:!

2 PM I hope this letter finds you safe and content, having had all the blessings of a hearty holiday season! Given all the health, weather, travel and other complications that seem to have abounded during the final months of 2022, I realize this might have been no mean feat. Such vexations visited the Martinson household to close out our year, but fortunately we were able to make it all work in the end. If nothing else, it gave us a reason to be grateful for all the “uncomplicated” Christmases of yore, and grist for great tales in the years to come.

4 PM January is a time to reflect back and also plan ahead, and this newsletter keeps with that spirit. Our club accomplished tremendous things over the preceding twelve months, with numerous get-togethers, workshops, socials and other activities. We added several new members and did a great job in general getting the word out to the community about our hobby. You can read about the most recent events and additions in the articles below. You can also read about the marvelous Christmas Holiday Party put on by Bill and Sharon Conley. It was an epic night with games, trivia, delicious food and overall conviviality. Thank you to the Conleys and Hills for organizing the activities!

Next month, our ACBS neighbors in the Smith Mountain Lake chapter have an excellent workshop event planned for Saturday, January 14th. Several speakers will share their insights regarding wood, canvas and fastener selection. The SML folks always put on a good show, and this one includes donuts, coffee and lunch for \$10. See page 8 for additional information about the day.

In conclusion, the upcoming year promises to be as full as the last - or more so - with the club officers and directors meeting on January 25th to sketch it all out. Last year, we fielded an extensive survey asking what kinds of things y’all wanted to do; the results will still inform our decisions this year, but please don’t hesitate to contact any of us if you have additional suggestions! And please remember that everyone is invited to the monthly meetings, most of which are held over zoom.

With that, I’ll wish you all a healthy and happy New Year!

Cheers,

Jeff

Happy
Newyear

Chapter Christmas Party 10 December 2023 at the Conleys

There were ten couples and three guys for a total of 23 people who attended the annual Chapter Christmas party at the home of Sharon & Bill Conley. Sharon and Bill had just finished some major renovations and were proud to show them off. The house was beautifully decorated with lanterns lining the path to the front door. It takes them days of preparation to host us. We are so very grateful for their hospitality.

Attendees included: The Bantas (Bob & Molly), the Baringers (John and Nancy), Leif Eriksson, Dan Bixler, the Justices (John & Pam), the Leiners (Kevin & Jen), the Keeters (Neal & Denise), the Lewis' (Austin & Amy), the Peacos' (Joe & Bev), the Martinsons (Jeff & Alice), the Hills' (Alan & Judy) and of course Sharon & Bill Conley.

We gathered and consumed appetizers while sipping on the beverage of our choice. Dinner was Sharon's renown Chicken Tetrizzini as well as shredded beef served over yellow rice. Guests brought salads, side dishes and desserts (as well as the appetizers). It was a lovely meal served on festive tables.

After dinner, the guys gathered in the dining room while the gals gathered in the family room where each group played the same games. The jingle bell toss was like beer pong—we threw bells into small cups that were numbered. Scores were tallied after two rounds where each person threw five bells. Amy Lewis was the winner for the gals and John Baringer beat out the other guys.

Both groups played a written trivia game. The topics were: guys—Chapter & ACBS; gals—

Christmas. Alan got 22 right out of 25 questions, and ever-competitive Jen Leiner beat the other gals.

The last game was a bunch of small gift items wrapped up in a saran ball. As the layers were peeled off—the individual won the prize that appeared. Lots of fun with the prizes, but the one that took the cake was the pregnancy test “won” by Bev. Joe said they would be very rich if Bev were pregnant.

We topped off the evening with the wine exchange and Jeff Martinson gave out the 2022 Chapter Awards. Rookie of the Year went to John Dougherty, who unfortunately was not able to attend due to an out of town trip. John has engaged himself with the chapter—attending events and helping when asked. He even agreed to serve as a Chapter Director for 2023. The Broken Cable Award went to John Justice. As Jeff said, “This requires some explanation but John is the king of broken boats. Honestly, who owns or has taken under his wing more basket cases than John? This includes mechanical, electrical, structural and cosmetic issues on both boats and trailers. His individual broken cables are maybe not the most dramatic and story-worthy, but taken together they represent a voluminous tome of such tales. Sort of a “Lifetime Achievement of Broken Cables.”” As the President's Choice Award was presented to Sharon Conley for all the support she has given to Bill and to the Chapter over the years.



Christmas Party Photos



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Christmas Party Trivia (Guys)

At the party we had a written trivia game. The idea is to not only see what the guys knew, but also to educate them on the questions they were not able to answer. See how you do on this quiz.

Q. Last name of Chapter member who used to restore Trumpy yachts

A. _____

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Q. Name of the ACBS Weekly email communication

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Q. Name of the company that manufactured the 1966 16' Restorator seen in the movie "Secondhand Lions."

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Q. Name of lake that Lonnie Sieck lives on

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Q. Last name of former Chapter Treasurer & founding Chapter member

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Q. Acronym for the outboard motor group

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Q. Name of John Justice's current boat shop

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Q. Name of the College where our chapter president is a professor

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Q. Definition of a boat built between 1919 and 1942 inclusive

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Q. Name of a color that is part of the name of Conley's boats

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Q. Definition of any wooden boat built within the last 25 years

A. _____

Q. "Bill" Baldwin was the founding President of our Chapter. His nickname was "The _____"

A. _____

Q. Name of the Florida town where the Sunnyland Chapter holds its Boat Festival each year

A. _____

Q. State where the 2023 ACBS International Show will be held

A. _____

Q. On the 20th day of this month, we celebrate International Vintage Boating Day

A. _____

(answers on p. 9)

ACBS End-of-Year Report Training 1 December 2022

The Chapter Development Committee of which Judy Hills is a member, provided training to ACBS Chapter leaders on how to complete the new ACBS Chapter End-of-Year Report which, for the first time, will be done online in Survey Monkey. About 40 people were on the Zoom call.

As ACBS Executive Director Lora Hanson explained, ACBS will be able to actually analyze the data and compare information which will help both the ACBS International Board and the local chapter to make decision going forward. The comments during the

meeting were very positive. The link to the survey will be emailed to the Chapter Presidents. The President is responsible for selecting one person in the chapter to complete the report. They have until February 24, 2023 to do so.

Judy will be analyzing the survey results and sharing the analysis with the Chapter Development Committee at their meeting in early March. She will make any requested adjustments and then the CDC will convey the results to the ACBS Board for their March meeting in Sunnyland.

ACBS Member Recruitment & Retention Training 8 December 2022

Brian Mortimer of the eastern Michigan Chapter, led the discussion. There were about 40 people on the Zoom call. There were a lot of really great ideas both to attract and retain members. The point was made that it is easier to retain than recruit and the while social media can help you market your chapter—it takes a person reaching out to actually get the prospect to join ACBS.

Our chapter could probably do more to attract new members, but we do have a very

strong onboarding process led by Jim Alexander. Judy Hills was on the call and took a lot of notes which she shared with our chapter Board members. There will be a discussion on this topic at our 25 January 2023 Chapter meeting. If you have some ideas, we'd love to hear them! All Chapter members are welcome to attend these zoom meetings.

New Chapter Members: Murray & Janet Baldwin

Murray and co-member Janet Baldwin joined ACBS and our chapter this December. They live in Rougemont, NC. Rougemont is about halfway north between Durham and Roxboro. They have a 1952 16-foot Lyman Islander. Murray reached out to our chapter when he was looking for a reputable restorer to work

on his boat. Alan Hills made the contact and encouraged him to join ACBS.

We welcome Murray and Janet and hope to see them in 2023 at one or more of our events.

FALL/WINTER 2022 SML-ACBS WORKSHOP**JAN. 14TH, 2023, 9 AM – NOON****1100 OAKSHIRE LANE, WIRTZ, VA.****COST: \$10.00 USD which includes coffee, donuts, lunch plus all the new knowledge you can absorb.****(Bring along a friend or potential new member for all the fun!!)**

Workshops are always a great way for us to get together to talk about boats and all the trouble we can seem to get into while working on them. So, in order to gain more knowledge and skills, what better way than to ask the experts. This workshop will focus on our pool of local talent who have had years of experience in their field. Seating is limited so bring a chair along.

- 1). **Mark Thompson** - Over the years of running a successful woodworking business in NC, Mark has ordered millions of board feet of lumber, both domestic and exotic, so he will show us what to look for when you need to order lumber at a local yard and what all those confusing abbreviations actually stand for.
- 2). **Margaret Gober** - As proprietor of Virginia Canvas (@ Hales Ford Bridge), Margaret will show us what's the latest and greatest materials she uses not only for covers but also for bimini's. What better way to protect a great varnish finish than to cover it from the elements, both on the trailer and lift.
- 3). **Chuck Breen** - Chuck has been selling industrial fasteners for years so he can guide us through the maze of information, not only on what those funny marks are all about on hex head bolts, but also why silicon bronze fasteners may be the best choice for boat builders. And those metric fasteners, what's that all about anyway.
- 4). **Alan Frederick** - Time permitting, he will give you an update on the "Big Boat" build, including some tips and tricks learned along the way.

Need more information? Contact Alan Fredrick at (540) 352-8653 jeanandalan588@msn.com

Or John Coffman (443) 204-6500 jecoffman@verizon.net

It's Contest Time Again!

We had the most participation when we ran the caption contest for pictures.

Here is a photo taken this past year. What do you think Jeff and Jim are trying to communicate? Email your caption to [news-letter editor Judy Hills](#) by January 25th. Or you can just make up a story about the picture. Best entry gets bragging rights!



Answers to Guy's Christmas Party Trivia Game

Q. Last name of Chapter member who used to restore Trumpy yachts **A. Moores**

Q. Groups of people interested in a particular brand-manufacturer of boats or style of boats **A. Marque clubs (just Marque is acceptable)**

Q. Name of the ACBS Weekly email communication **A. Weekly Web Watch (just Web Watch is acceptable)**

Q. Name of the company that manufactured the 1966 16' Resorter seen in the movie "Secondhand Lions." **A. Century**

Q. Name of lake that Lonnie Sieck lives on **A. Hyco**

Q. Last name of former Chapter Treasurer & founding Chapter member **A. Banta**

Q. Acronym for the outboard motor group **A. AOMCI (Must be exact)**

Q. Name of John Justice's current boat shop **A. Piglet**

Q. Name of the College where our chapter president is a professor **A. Meredith**

Q. Definition of a boat built between 1919 and 1942 inclusive **A. Antique**

Q. Definition of a boat built up to and including 1918 **A. Historic**

Q. Name of the Traverse City, MI boat insurance provider that just merged with Aldel Financial **A. Hagerty**

Q. Last name of person who organized the 2022 fall fun run on Lake Gaston **A. Alexander**

Q. Last name of one of our newest Directors who lives in

Kernersville **A. Bixler**

Q. Name of John Justice's Chris Craft Continental **A. Fins**

Q. Name of a color that is part of the name of Conley's boats **A. Blue**

Q. Name of the lake that we had a weekday picnic on in August 2022 **A. Jordan**

Q. Last name of the current ACBS President **A. Lyons**

Q. Last name of person from our chapter who won the ACBS Broken Gunwale award **A. Hills**

Q. Definition of a boat built between 1943 and 1975 **A. Classic**

Q. Definition of any wooden boat built within the last 25 years **A. Contemporary**

Q. "Bill" Baldwin was the founding President of our Chapter. His nickname was "The ____" **A. Helmsman**

Q. Name of the Florida town where the Sunnyland Chapter holds its Boat Festival each year **A. Tavares**

Q. State where the 2023 ACBS International Show will be held **A. Michigan**

Q. On the 20th day of this month, we celebrate International Vintage Boating Day **A. August**

FYI, Alan Hills answered 18 of the 25 questions correctly. When asked how he knew so many answers, he said, "Because I read every Weekly Web Watch; I read every Rudder; I read every chapter newsletter." We encourage you to do likewise.

Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: Murray & Janet Baldwin (Rougemont, NC)

Renewed: Leif Eriksson, John Justice, Jeremie Marlowe,
David Stowe, NC Maritime Museum

Total Membership: 61 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 50 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 11

Welcome!

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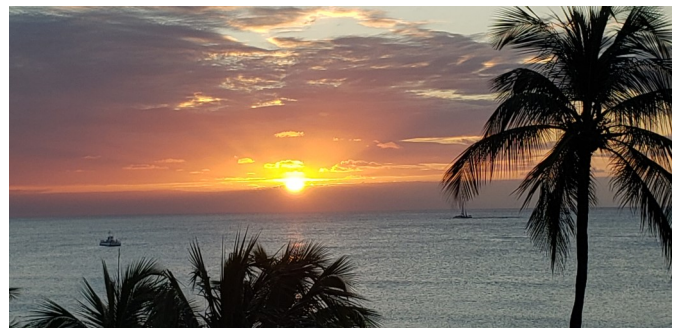
Now available. We have our logo with an embroidery company in New Bern. For \$8 each we can get almost any cloth item embroidered. The long-sleeved, light-weight fishing shirts to the right (men's and women's) are available at Academy Sports for \$25.

Contact [Alan Hills](#) if interested.



Just to Make You Jealous

Here are pictures of Aruba where member Jim Hartman and his wife Ann Marie vacationed in December. Looks like Santa picked a warm place to be wrapping his toys for good girls and boys!



Chapter Business Meeting 25 January 2023 via Zoom at 7:00 PM

We invite all chapter members—not just Board members—to sit in on our quarterly meetings. There is no program—we just discuss chapter business (goals, financials, events, etc.). At our January meeting we will

set a tentative schedule of events for 2023, set some goals, and review 2022. The Zoom link will be posted on the home page of the website a few days before the meeting. Please join us if you can.

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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. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

1/14 Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Workshop 9 to 12—1100 Oakshire Lane in Wirtz, VA \$10 for AM refreshments + lunch

1/25 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 PM

3/23-27 Sunnyland ACBS Boat Festival in Tavares, FL. [Click here](#) for show site.

3/25 Cape Fear Community College Boat Show (tent)

4/7-9 Oriental in-water boat show (tent)

4/26 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 PM

Happy New Year!

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](#).