



Messing About In Boats

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

January 2024

Happy New Year Mates!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. First off, I'd like to thank Jeff Martinson for serving us so well as chapter president the last two years; Bravo, Jeff! My plan going forward is to keep the boat floating, so to speak.

Thanks to the efforts of my wife Judy, the 2024 chapter calendar offers many opportunities for our members to attend and participate in club related events throughout our geographic area and beyond. Since our chapter does not have a "home lake", we have tried to schedule events as best we could as to not favor one particular region. This year we are going to try something new that has me very excited: an overnight cruise from Vandemere, NC, to Bath, NC, and back. I see this as a great opportunity to get out and really use our boats and enjoy the fellowship that goes along with it.

To many of us, the new year represents a chance to make changes for the better, things we commonly refer to as resolutions. This might mean lots of things, like eating better, avoiding unhealthy habits, improving relations with others and so on. Along those lines, I'm hoping that those members who do not participate in chapter events make a resolution to attend at least one event in 2024. So please, pick out an event that you can attend and come on out and experience what we have to offer! You won't regret it.

I hope you all enjoyed reading about the exploits of chapter member **Torben Kasimzde** in the latest issue of the Rudder Magazine as much as I did. If you haven't read it yet, do yourself a favor and check it out.

In closing, I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and great boating!

Best Regards, *Alan Hills, President*

Artificial Intelligence Image Contest

It has been a while since we had a newsletter contest. Here is a new one we are going to try. Every day we are hearing more and more about artificial intelligence. When using AI to create images, you have to use your words to decide what you want to achieve.

Image Creator generates AI images based on your text. [Click here](#) to learn more and to see examples of the type of phrase needed to create the sample image (scroll

over the image). This is an incredibly cool option for pictures and graphics.

Here are the contest rules:

1. The picture must be done using an AI image generator program.
2. The image must include a boat.
3. The image must be in jpeg format and submitted to jahnbnc@gmail.com by January 25th.

2023 Chapter Christmas Party and Awards Dinner

The 2023 Chapter Christmas party and awards dinner was just delightful! We had 18 members and co-members at the home of our hosts Sharon & Bill Conley. In addition to Sharon and Bill, the following attended: Jeff Martinson, Jim Alexander, John Dougherty, Cindy Jordan, John & Pam Justice, Alan & Judy Hills, David & Marion Stowe, Kevin & Jen Leiner, Bob & Molly Banta, and Denise & Neal Keeter,

We begin with drinks and appetizers. We were all so busy chatting and catching up with those we had not seen in a while that we had to ring the dinner bell to get everyone's attention and to start the buffet line. Sharon and Bill prepared the main dishes of chicken tetrazzini and baked ziti. We had plenty of side dishes and desserts to compliment the main courses.

After dinner the guys played two games: Match the movie title to the boat photo from the movie and fill in the missing word in the title of a movie about boats. They had fun, but Jeff beat the guys out on both games. Those not winning did not go home empty-handed—we had consolation prizes.

The gals played the same movie title matching game. The very competitive Jen won once again this year. Then we played Christmas Carol Bingo. Everyone got a prize of some sort.

Then the guys and gals came together to play the Liquid Asset game. Every person was given one of the wrapped liquid assets then each person in turn rolled a dice and depending on the number that came up they had to take certain action with the item such as passing left or right, opening it or designating someone to open the one they were holding. At the end, after everyone had had a turn, the item you were holding was yours to keep. The Liquid Assets varied from wine, moonshine, liquor, Fireball, olive oil and Marvel Mystery Oil.

Jeff gave a speech thanking our hosts and those organizing the games. He then gave out a few awards. Jeff mentioned that he had already given the President's Award to Blackbeard Sailing Club at the Boat Show in recognition of their valued support of our show for the past few years. Commodore Arch Altman received it. While Mike Triplett's boat misadventure did not quite rise to the level of the coveted Broken Cable award, Jeff did offer a box of tissues in absentia as a condolence prize. John Justice was the recipient of a box of Klondike bars for allowing the Chapter to use the Piglet. Jeff could not find John's favorite Moon Pies. The only other award given went to Alan and Judy Hills for their continued strong support of the Chapter all year long. Jeff presented Judy with a basket of wine and edibles to enjoy during the holiday season. He thanked the members for their support of his Presidency over the past two years.

Next up was incoming President Alan Hills who gave Jeff a shirt monogrammed with the chapter logo as a thank you for his Presidency of the chapter. Earlier Alan had presented Sharon & Bill with a box of wine and edibles as a thank you for hosting the Christmas Party & Awards dinner. Alan hyped a chapter event planned for April 27-28, 2024—an overnight boat cruise from Vandemere (in Pamlico County) on the Pamlico River to Bath where we would spend the night. He also highlighted several more events scheduled for 2024 including a trip to Greensboro to Lowell Boats planned for Saturday January 13, 2024. The calendar will be published soon and he requested that we pencil these events in. Alan thanked the members for electing him as President for 2024.

Everyone had a marvelous time!

Pictures from Christmas Party—Photos by Cindy Jordan & Judy Hills



Sharon & Bill



Molly, Bob, Bill, Pam & John J



Denise & Neal



Alan, Judy & John D



Jeff



Denise



Denise & Molly



The Gals



Bob, Molly, Judy, Sharon



Cindy



Alan & Judy



John J



David & Marion



Jim



Cindy & John



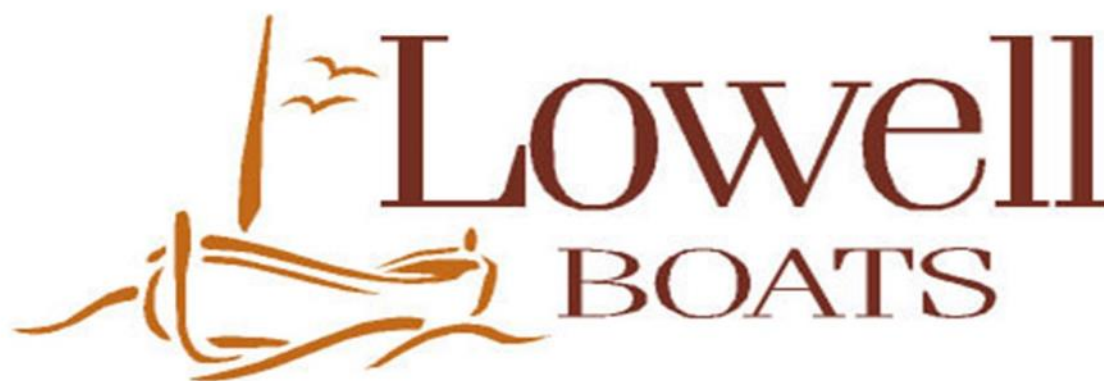
Alan & Jeff



Judy & Jeff

Photo Credit: Jim Alexander.
Judy receiving gift from Jeff





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NC Coastal & Piedmont ACBS Chapter Event

127 Blue Bell Rd. in Greensboro, NC 27401
Saturday January 13, 2024 11 AM to 2 PM

**Calling all chapter members and guests!
Don't miss this opportunity!**

- 11 to 12 Tour the shop area, visit the artisans, exchange ideas
- 12 to 1 Lunch provided (on site donation suggested \$10 each)
- 1 to 2 Workshop by Gary Lowell

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up (on SignUpGenius)

We suggest you bring a prospective member and/or travel with other members. Please sign up so we will have enough food & drinks and enough seating. Members of the Blue Ridge Chapter and the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter have also been invited to attend.

Gary will cover a number of topics during the workshop session.

Questions? Call or email Alan Hills ahills@suddenlink.net or 252.514.8525

Chapter 2024 Schedule of Events

If you are like us, in December we start filling in dates for events on the 2024 calendar. While we are still fleshing out our Chapter calendar of events for 2024, here are some dates you can put on your calendars. Watch newsletters for details. [Click here](#) to see the full tentative schedule for 2024. Please attend as many of these as you can and bring a prospective member with you!

- Sat Jan 13 Workshop at Lowell Boats in Greensboro – includes shop tour and workshop—
(suggested donation for lunch to be provided is \$10 each or more if so inclined)
- Wed Jan 31 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom (all members are invited to tune in)
- Sat Feb 17 Regional get-together—informal potluck and some fun activities. These are the
hosts:
Wake Forest—Kevin Leiner, New Bern—John Dougherty, Wilmington—Jim Dean
- Sat Mar 9 Trailer maintenance Workshop at Piglet in Pittsboro John Justice to host
- Mar 21-24 Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show in Tavares, FL
- Sat Mar 30 Day trip to Mariners Museum & Park in Newport News, VA
- Sat Apr 6 Tentative date for Cape Fear Community College Boat Show
- Apr 12-14 Oriental Boat Show
- Wed Apr 24 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom (all members are invited to tune in)
- Apr 27-28 Overnight cruise on Pamlico River—launch at Vandemere in Pamlico County on
Saturday with overnight in Bath then retrieval at Vandemere on Sunday. This is
about a 40-mile run that will take 3 to 4 hours depending on speed and conditions.
- Sat May 4 NC Maritime Museum Boat Show
- May 17-18 Lake Lure boat & auto show (Blue Ridge ACBS Chapter)
- Sat Jun 1 Chapter Workshop (location and topic TBD)
- Jun 14-16 Chesapeake Bay ACBS Show in St. Michaels, MD
- Wed Jul 17 Chapter Board meeting, picnic, and run on a lake in the Triangle area (TBD)
- Sat Aug 17 Run on Neuse River & lunch at Persimmons on the water in New Bern
- Sep 9-15 International ACBS Boat Show Gull Lake in Brainerd, MN
- Sep 14 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show—SML ACBS Chapter Moneta, VA
- Fri Sep 27 Chapter Boat Show cruise & welcome party at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern
- Sat Sep 28 Chapter Boat Show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern
- Sat Oct 19 Georgetown, SC Boat Show
- Sat Oct 26 Annual Chapter meeting and elections—In-person, place and time TBD

Using our Chapter Website Resources and Links Pages

When is the last time you perused this section of our website? Since winter us upon us and since it is too cold to do much else, we invite you to poke around on these pages. You never know what you might find. Here are a few things of interest:

- [WoodyBoater](#)—President Alan Hills visits this site each morning as Matt Smith always has something new which might enlighten you, might entertain you or might get you riled up.
- [DIY Wood Boat](#)—a mishmash of all things related to boating and wooden boat restoration. The postings aren't as frequent as on WoodyBoater, but you never know what you might see.
- [Mahogany & Chrome](#)—A YouTube channel—also has infrequent postings but the videos are wonderful to watch—just what you need to scratch that itch for the “need for speed” during the winter doldrums.
- [The Mother of all Maritime Links](#) (John's Nautical Links List)—This is as advertised—a searchable list of almost any boating related topic you can think of from canals, to ferries, to law, to navigation, to Vikings—you get the picture. Got time on your hands, just click one of the categories and head down a rabbit hole.
- [The Hull Truth](#) is a list of boating forums, classified ads; recreational boating and fishing groups; and a host of other forums.

The services and products section lists individuals and companies we are aware of. These are not endorsements—just a list. Some of these sites have educational components. [Click here.](#)

And don't forget to visit our [boating safety and NC Boating Info page](#). Please consider getting your boat inspected by either the Power Squadron or the USCG Auxiliary when you re-launch in the spring.

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—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.

Members who joined or renewed recently include:

New:

Renewed: Jim Alexander (Chapel Hill), Jeremie Marlowe (Denver, NC), Ted Clark (New Bern), John Peck (New Bern)

Total Membership: 58 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 47 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 11



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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. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your 2024 calendar:

- **1/13/24** Workshop at and tour of Lowell Boats in Greensboro. Workshop topic TBD.
- **1/31** Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom 7 PM
- **2/17** Regional get-together: New Bern area –John Dougherty hosting; Triangle area–Kevin Leiner hosting; Wilmington area–Jim Dean hosting.
- **3/9** Trailer Maintenance workshop at Piglet in Pittsboro (John Justice)
- **3/21-24** Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show in Tavares, FL
- **3/30** Chapter Day Trip to Mariners Museum & Park in Newport News, VA
- **4/6** Tentative date of Cape Fear Community College Boat Show
- **4/12-14** Oriental Boat Show
- **4/24** Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom
- **4/27-28** Overnight Cruise from Vandemere (Pamlico County) to Bath on Sat and return on Sun
- **5/4** NC Maritime Museum Boat Show in Beaufort
- **5/17-18** Lake Lure Boat and Auto Show (Blue Ridge 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 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.

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.](#)