

Messing About In Boats

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

July 2020

Good Golly, another month gone by and still no end in sight! Most all of the shows have been cancelled this year. I know we have all had a belly full of the COVID-19 but we must continue to follow the safety guidelines until it is safe to resume normal activity.

However, it is not all gloom and doom as a group of fellow members found out on June 27th at Hyco Lake. We held our lake tour and cookout (Thanks Lonnie and Carol Sieck!!), masks and all, and managed to enjoy a day of beautiful weather, beautiful boats, great food and wonderful fellowship. To be safe, we followed NC guidelines for COVID-19 gatherings.

The publisher of Hyco Lake Magazine was on hand and plans to feature our outing in the fall issue. Thank you, Joe Peacos, for making that connection through his Barbour Boat Enthusiast Facebook page.

We also welcomed a

new member to the chapter, Peter Krause, who joined us for the cookout and brought along his Grady White for us to see.

In lieu of our scheduled meeting set for July 29th, we will hold a Zoom meeting. I must clear the date and time with Kevin Leiner as we will be using his Zoom account and not have to be concerned with the time limit. I'll get that out to y'all when we have it nailed down. In the meantime, please consider contributing something for us to put in the newsletter so I won't have to write AGAIN about one of my various boating/trailing debacles. A man can only bare so much of his soul!

One last thing; our chapter secretary position is still unfilled. This is not a particularly difficult position. Taking the meeting minutes is really the only task involved here. Garfield Karpiak did a fine job and we have been publishing the minutes in the newsletter. I

sure would like someone to take this position, especially maybe one of you who has been kind of hanging out in the periphery and not much involved. Our core members have been serving us well for a long time and I do not want to tax any of them any further, so come on and volunteer. Let's see some new blood step up!

I will keep everyone updated regarding our ever-changing chapter calendar as any planned events draw near. In closing, I urge you all to get out for a boat ride if you can, and do it often. It's great medicine for these times. Enjoy the newsletter!

Best regards,

Alan

(See p. 11 for Alan's latest debacle—The Never Ending Story!)

Building a Sailing Dinghy and Meeting a Bunch of New Friends

Submitted by Kevin Leiner

After always wanting boat, I decided to build one in a storage unit behind our apartment in New York. The largest I could manage to build in the space available would be 14' x 4' or so – this would leave about 1' fore and aft and about 18" on either side, after allowing for a 2' wide work bench. I settled on a glued lapstrake sailing dinghy designed by Arch Davis – his Penobscot 14 design.



Stringers installed and ready for planking.



After 18 months of working nights and a few hours here and there on the weekends, I finished the boat after about 400 hours of work (not including the mast, spars, and rigging). I named the boat after the nickname my wife and I have for our son – *Little Fish*.



The station molds set up with stem and keelson installed.



The hull completed and ready to be flipped.

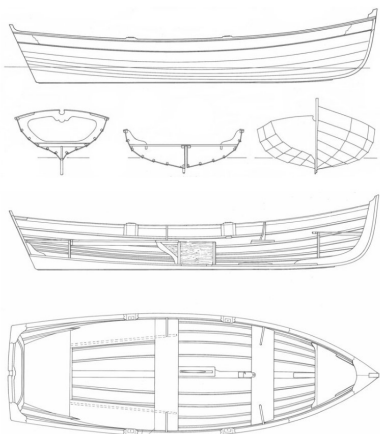
We rowed Little Fish for a couple of years until we were able to commission a sail maker (I had no desire to sew my own sails) and purchase all of the supplies for rigging. It is because of this boat that I became involved with the RDC Triangle Chapter ACBS (now the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter). My son and I had stopped for lunch one day after a row on Falls Lake in the late summer of 2004 and when we came out there was a business card for the Chapter left under my windshield wiper. I decided to call and check it out, despite being a group of stinkpotters, and ended up joining and becoming one myself.

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Little Fish by Kevin Leiner (continued)



Little Fish on Falls Lake, 2004.



Little Fish on Lake Wheeler at the first RDC Triangle Chapter ACBS Antique and Classic Boat Show.



Sailing around Beaufort during the Great Fourth Race, with Kenny at the helm probably 6 or 7 years ago.

ACBS Cancels International Show

Dear ACBS Member,

The ACBS Board of Directors held its summer meeting today. During the meeting, the ACBS Board of Directors voted unanimously to cancel this year's boat show September 18-19 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The health and safety of ACBS members, guests, sponsors, and the public are most important along with the restrictions and complications related to Covid-19. The annual membership meeting will be held virtually. The date and time of the annual membership meeting will be announced later this summer.

The Board of Directors agreed to appoint a small committee to develop a revised boat show schedule for the next 4-5 years. There are quite a few options to consider. The process will include an open comment period from June 20th – July 13th. Comments may be submitted to ACBS.

The Board of Directors also voted unanimously to extend the term of the current Past President, President, and Vice President by one year. There will be an election for the open spots on the Board, as usual, and a ballot will be mailed with the summer issue of the Rudder for the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, and four Directors. Ed Andrews, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, was appointed in accordance with the Bylaws and Constitution, and approved by the Board of Directors to fill the remaining term of Bill Root, who sadly, passed away suddenly earlier this year.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Best wishes during these challenging times.

Timothy C. Bush, President of ACBS

[Email Tim Bush](#)



Lake Hyco Get 'Em Wet Event

Saturday June 27th was a glorious day at Lake Hyco (near Roxboro, NC). The sun was shining, there was a cool breeze and the boat traffic was light in the morning. We launched from the ramp (\$25 a pop—but worth it!) between 8 and 9 AM before the boats started lining up. We had six boats signed up and five showed. Two “lived” on the lake and the other three were trailered.

Lonnie and Carol Sieck hosted the event and they were in “Symmetry” their barrel-back Chris Craft. Member Brian Roberts rode with Lonnie and Carol.

Joining us in their Hacker Craft were Frank and Brenda Harden who also live on the lake. The Hardens have been members for a few years, but this is the first time they have brought their boat “Mohican” to a club-sponsored event.

Jim Alexander brought his Century which is still nameless. Early in the morning he took the publisher of Hyco Lake Magazine Peter Berry and his wife on a short cruise and later John and Pam Justice rode as passengers.

Kevin Leiner and his son Kenny brought their Chris Craft Sea Skiff which is also still without a name or windshield. Kevin hopes to have it done by the end of this year (or next!). He’s thinking of calling it “It’s About Time.”

Alan and Judy Hills were in Clippin’ Along—their Barbour Silver Clipper. Club photographer Joe Peacos joined them for the ride.

All the boats ran well for which we were grateful. We were joined by a small Penn Yan Swift owned by Mark Drastal. We stopped and gave him Alan’s club business card and asked him to consider joining our chapter. He did email Alan the next day to thank us for allowing him to join our “parade.”

The run on the lake could not have been better. We were surprised at how few wake boats we encountered. Lonnie said they are usually quite a problem. Actually we did not encounter that many boats and the lake was smooth. It reminded us of Lake Gaston with its many coves and beautiful properties. We toured the lake for 2+ hours and then Lonnie and Frank took their boats back to their homes. The other three boats were pulled. The line of boats waiting to launch seemed to be about 1/2 mile long. Many were the dreaded wake boats so we were really happy to be pulling out just as they were launching.

Jim had to leave so the rest of us headed to the picnic shelter with our trailered boats and vehicles. We were joined by new member Peter Krause (6/26/20) who brought his Grady White on a trailer for us to see. We welcomed him warmly and believe that he will be an active member.

Lonnie cooked the brats, hot dogs and burgers while Carol organized the rest of the picnic. We did not lack for food! We really, really appreciate Lonnie & Carol doing such a fantastic job organizing the event. It made for a very enjoyable time for everyone. The shelter was in a shaded area by the lake—it was cool, breezy and there were no bugs! We did social distancing and wore masks when in proximity to one another. Who says you can’t have fun during COVID-19? We sure did and we’ve got the pictures to prove it.

So, those of you who weren’t able to attend missed another phenomenal club outing. Enjoy the pictures taken by Joe, Kevin, Mark, and Judy. We hope you can make the next scheduled gathering on August 22nd at John Justice’s Piglet. Details to follow.



L to R: Alan, Jim, Joe, Peter Berry & wife

Lake Hyco Get 'Em Wet Event Pictures



Peter Berry & wife



Frank & Brenda Harden



Joe Peacos



Kevin & Kenny Leiner

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Lake Hyco Get 'Em Wet Event Pictures



Lake Hyco Get 'Em Wet Event Pictures



John Justice & Jim



Mark Drastal



Lake Hyco Get 'Em Wet Event Pictures



Joe, Alan & Judy





Kevin, Alan, Frank
Displaying their "masks"



Peter Krause



Peter, John, Brenda



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!



Last month's submission from Jon Homeister

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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.

NOTE: Many events have either been cancelled or rescheduled due to the coronavirus.

7/29 Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM. Link to be sent via email around 7/22.

8/22 Workshop at Piglet (John Justice's place) in Pittsboro

9/18-19 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show **Cancelled for 2020**

9/14-19 ACBS International Show Coeur d'Alene, ID **Cancelled**

9/25-27 Oriental Boat Show & Nautical Flea Market

9/26 Poker Fun Run at Lake Gaston

10/17 NCMM Wooden Boat Show in Beaufort, NC at Gallants Channel location

Latest Debacle: Flat trailer tire 10 minutes after leaving Lake Hyco due to a wooden guide falling off the fender. Crappy spare tire—had to buy one. On way home other wooden guide started to fall off—narrowly averting another disaster. Bow eye came out of stem on trip home, but boat stayed on trailer.

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.

Boats classified as Historic up through Late Classic will be judged separately as Preserved or Restored boats. For more information [click here](#).