



## Messing About In Boats

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

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### Greetings Fellow Boating Enthusiasts!

Happy Fourth of July Weekend! I hope you are all healthy, happy and well and perhaps using the water to escape summer's heat!

Usually, I use my column to make additional observations about the weather, review what's been going on in the club and preview what's upcoming. Not this month. (You know what the weather's been like, and you can read for yourself the reports of recent events and the calendar of upcoming ones!) What I want to focus on instead is our content creator and how we can all help her to keep the newsletter entertaining and informative.

If you're unaware, our content creator editor is the indomitable, ever-reliable Judy Hills. She makes sure the newsletter, our website and really all communications get out every month on time and is full of pertinent info. Occasionally, fellow members contribute additional content, but I'm here to ask for more!

How can we all help? To start, you can make a submission. Full articles on basically any topic are welcome. As you can see in this edition, we're a club about our members and not just about boats! What did you do this summer? Have you had an extended travel-vacation? Any grandkids whose arrival should be announced? A good boating location to share? A product experience or

boating "hack"? Short or long it's all worthy of inclusion.

Alternatively, how about pictures? They say they're worth 1000 words - we think so, too! Send us your boating pics and let us all enjoy or commiserate with you as appropriate. Maybe it could be a "caption this" photo? Those are always fun.

Finally, you can also get up with our capable scribe, Judy. Got something to say but don't know how to say it? Have a convo with our newsletter editor and work with her to transform it into an article.

With that, I'll end this month's column and let you get to the heart of the newsletter. Thanks as always to the members of the club who work to "make things happen." I especially want to acknowledge Jim Dean for organizing the Wilmington meet-up on June 24th, and the hosts for letting us tour their collections and businesses. We have a face-to-face board meeting, picnic and cruise scheduled for July 11th at Jordan Lake. It's been a while since we've held that event, so we're raring to go again. Would love to have you there!

To everyone, happy boating and I'll hope to see you at an event soon!

**Cheers,**

*Jeff*

***PS: There may be a surprise well-known guest at the July 11th outing!***

## 1955—A Very Good Year by Anne Marie Hartman

Jim Hartman was busy the first week of June traveling to the Thousand Islands, NY and bringing home a new family member, a 20' 1955 Chris Craft Continental. Her name is LOON.

She was built in Cadillac, Michigan and delivered to a dealer in, Canandaigua, NY, on August 16, 1955, Hull #104 of 221—just 4 months younger than Jim, but he is one of one! List price was \$4,660. Those were the days.....

The boat stayed mostly in the Finger Lakes Area, in upstate NY. First known records are of the second owner, Frank Riedman, who kept the boat in Conesus Lake in NY and the boat was named McPherson at the time. The third owner, Otis Clayton, took the boat to Florida in 1991. Interesting fact, while still named McPherson, Classic Boating did a very complimentary article on the boat in the magazine. The article "Testing the 55 Chris Craft Continental" appeared in the Jan/Feb 1994. (Jim has a copy of said article if anyone is interested)

John Foster, of Mt. Dora, Florida, was the fourth owner of the boat. He bought her in 1997, and renamed it KEUKA because he was from the Keuka Lake area of New York state. At this time, the boat was still 100% original and Mr. Foster had it taken down to bare wood and refinished. He then trailered it to the 1998 Clayton Boat Show where

KEUKA won First in Class for Chris Craft Utility.

The fifth owner, Karl Eaton, of upstate NY, bought the Chris in 1999, renamed this beauty LOON. The 6th owner, Tom Dam, bought LOON in 2012, from Mr. Eaton's estate. Mr. Dam was more of a collector than a boater, and LOON was on the market for a long time before Jim bought her.



Jim found LOON through Fritz, of Antique Boat America in Clayton, NY, who referred him to Tom Dam. Jim was in the market for a boat that would be easier to trailer to boat shows on fresh water. Jim first contacted Tom in October 2022 but the snows beat him and he did not get to see the boat until early

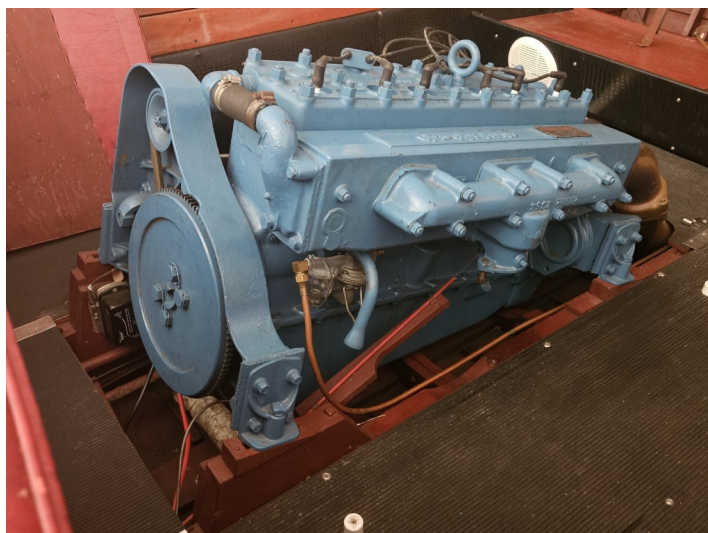
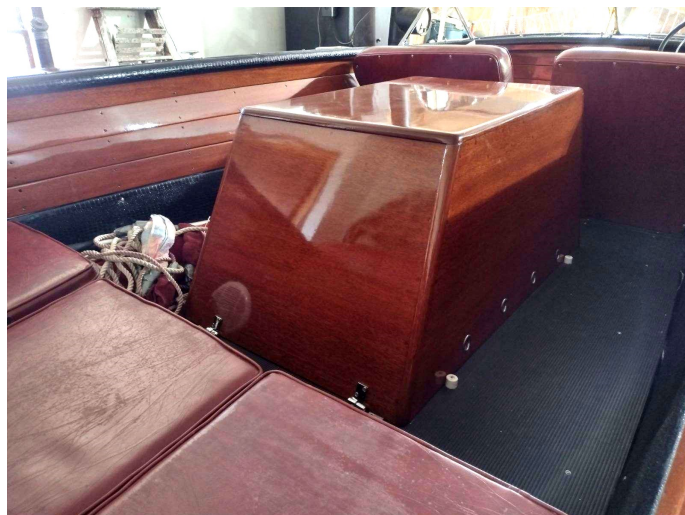
June 2023 when he met Tom Dam in person and spent several days near the south shore of Oneida Lake in NY checking her out. The future remains to be seen! Jim reports that the boat appears to be in excellent condition cosmetically, but as expected, anything sitting for 11 years is going to have a few small problems, as he is finding out.

Jim trailered LOON her to her new home in New Bern, NC, where she and her 7th owner are getting acquainted, and working out the glitches. For now, we are happy with the name LOON!

Not sure what BOO BOO (Jim's 1958, 23' Chris Craft, of 30 years) will think of her new older sister! (more photos on next page)



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## Name Tags—Don't have one? The First One is Free!

Wearing your chapter name tag at boat shows is a sure way to help attract new members. Please remember to do so at chapter events so we can get to know you. At the Beaufort NCMM show, we had several new members in attendance who had not yet received their name tags. We will get those on order and were wondering if anyone else might have need of a name tag. 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



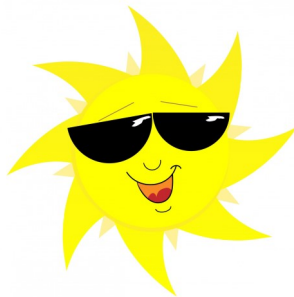
for a co-member. [Click here](#) to read information on how to order.

## Sun Safety Tips for Boaters

"If you're a boater, it's not exactly a news-flash that you're going to be spending a significant amount of time in the sun once the summer season arrives. You're probably not too worried about it, because you carry plenty of sunscreen and hats, and honestly, we've come a long way since the baby-oil tanning days of the 1970s and '80s.

"We have indeed, but here's the thing. Boaters spend an average of 5.7 hours on the water per outing, and we're not always aware (or we forget) that we receive an additional 10 percent of ultraviolet exposure reflected from the water. Then there's the additional 10 percent reflected from the boat itself. That's a lot of UV radiation. And without protection, you'll burn in about 20 minutes.

"Important tips for sun protection If we were being honest, a lot of us would ad-



mit that we put sunscreen on in the morning. Some of us reapply once more during the day (maybe). We wear our hats, and we call it good. We need to do more. "We advocate an integrated approach to sun safety," Seltzer says. "It works best."

- Wearing sunscreen is a given, but here's the twist: No matter what you're doing, be sure to reapply every two hours.
- Wear sun-protective clothing. That means in addition to sporting a hat, include a long-sleeve cover-up in your boating wardrobe. SPF protective clothing is best.
- Protect your eyes with UVA/UVB sunglasses.
- Seek shade whenever possible, particularly between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun is most intense.

[Click here](#) to read the whole article.

**Jordan Lake Board Meeting, Family Picnic & Run on the Lake**  
**Tuesday July 11th 4:00 PM**

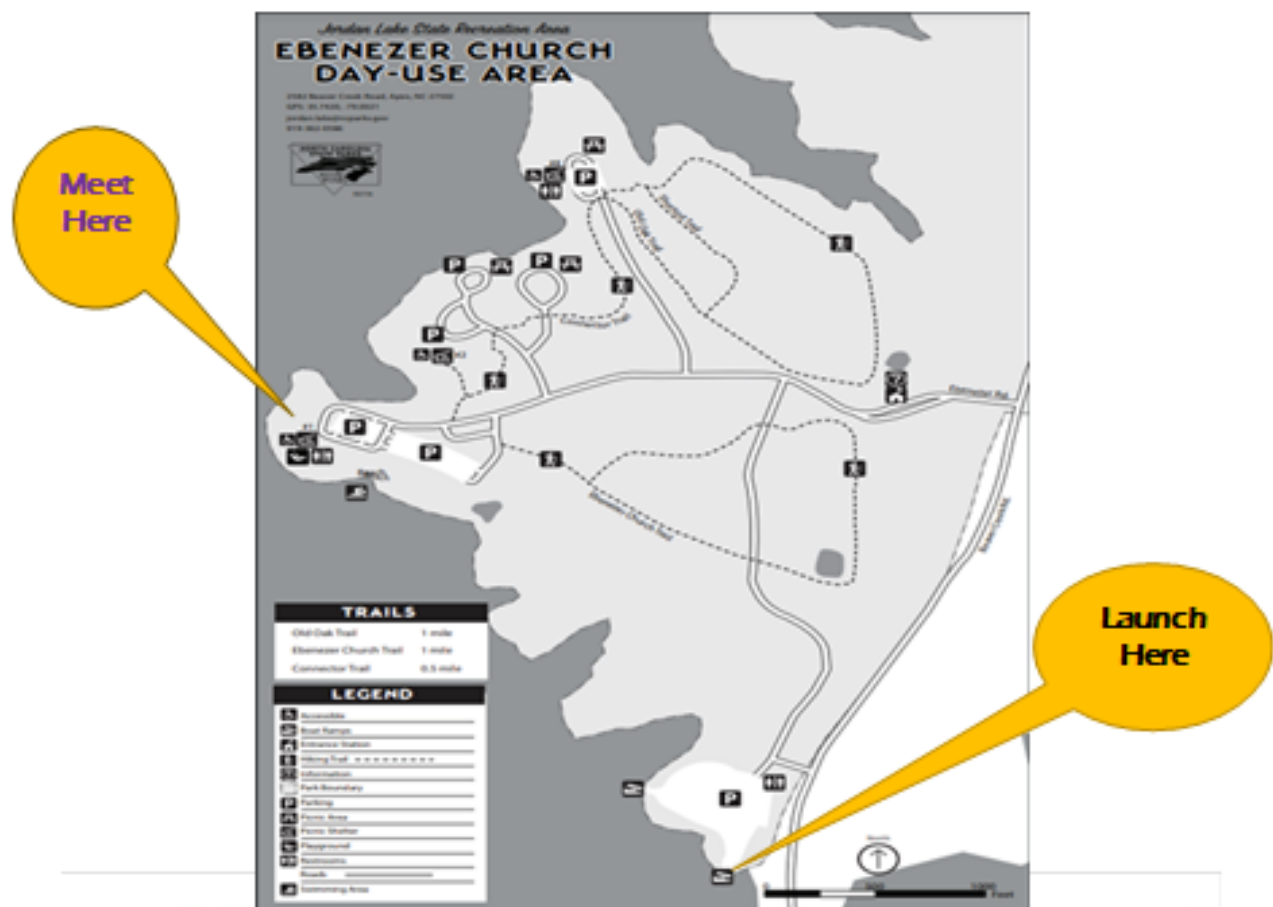
2582 Beaver Creek Rd., Apex, NC 27523

This will be a nice opportunity to gather for a picnic and run on the lake and avoid the weekend boat ramp traffic. Bring your own food and drinks. We'll have a short business meeting at 4:00 PM, eat at 4:30 PM., then we'll launch the boats and take a run on the lake. Leave early or stay late—your call. Park closes: 8 PM.

Meet at: Ebenezer Church Recreation Area at a picnic area—just look for our boats at Ebenezer Shelter #1 near lake on Ebenezer Road.

Launch from: Jordan Lake Ebenezer Church Boat Ramp just off Beaver Creek Road.

No boat, no problem! Just [click here](#) to let us know and we'll hook you up. Bring the family. Hope to see you there!





## Wilmington Road Show: One Man's Treasures...

Saturday, June 24th turned out to be a warm day, but thank goodness for the shade trees and cool breeze coming off the creek at Ted Hewlett's place. We had 16 people show—about half from our chapter and half from the Outboard Motor Club. It was the American Pickers' show all over again. Ted's collection of motors, outboards, tractors, tools, and stuff was spread over several buildings and storage units—an accumulation of a life-time of collecting. You had to know what you were looking at and know what you were looking for to truly take advantage of this opportunity—and a

few did. Some of the purchases included: outboard motors, an anvil, a hand-truck, a utility trailer, an old sign, lumber and a band saw. A few are even going back the next week to look some more.

Attendees from our chapter included: Jim Dean, Stan Thorne, Austin Lewis, Neal Keeter, John Justice, Jim Hartman and his wife Ann Marie, as well as Alan and Judy Hills. We appreciate Ted allowing us to view his collection and we thank member Jim Dean for making the arrangements. It was a very interesting experience to say the least!





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### Ken Tatum's Saw Mill in Burgaw

Members Austin Lewis, John Justice, Neal Keeter, Jim & Anne Marie Hartman, and Alan & Judy Hills had a nice lunch at Bandanas in Burgaw then took a look at Ken Tatum's saw mill. As you would expect there were several open sheds, tree trunks, boards drying, saw dust and a big saw. But there were also several boats and one old buy-boat wheelhouse as well—all of which added to this unique experience. Ken filled us in on his operation and actually ran the saw for

us—cutting two-inch slices off a large pine log. Made us think of how hard it must have been for early settlers to cut lumber. The process gave off a unique smell.

Then we went to see Ken's place on the NE Cape Fear River. He has a trawler that he keeps at the dock.

Again we thank Jim Dean for setting us up with Ken. All-in-all a full day of unique experiences! And unfortunately a few of us brought home some unwanted guests—chiggers! All part of the outing.





## Ken Tatum's Saw Mill in Burgaw





## Accessorizing Your Boat at a Show

We all acknowledge that our hobby, like many that have been around for a long time, needs new blood if it is to continue. While some may think that we just have to get the guys to buy the appropriate boat, the truth is that we need to do more than just appeal to the guys—we need to appeal to that significant other as well. According to the National Women Boaters Association, 27 million women currently boat and fish (January 2014 article) and a 2015 Forbes article on Women Consumers has a number of interesting points that are germane to this topic. Pay attention now to how these points might apply to our hobby.

First, women drive 70% to 80% of all consumer purchases. Second, gender is often a blind spot for businesses. And third, women are females first and consumers second. What might this mean for ACBS? While we need to be “selling” the guy on antique and classic boats, we also need to be “selling” the significant other as well because that person may drive the purchase decision or at least greatly influence it. Certainly, women will want a boat that looks great and runs well, but to get their attention you need to appeal to their senses—you need to catch their eye. Think of the significant other as a photographer. The photographer is looking for a unique angle, interesting light, or a picture that tells a story. Photographers of ACBS boats and boating shows have tons of good pictures, but the really great photos have that extra something. And that is what we need to provide to attract females (who will make or influence a boat purchase decision)—that something extra.

So, what might that be? Females who attend

boat shows are looking for the accessories that show off the great interior, the period costume that give the boat extra pizzazz, and even period-correct music that wafts gently onto the dock pulling her in to the experience. Here are some photos of things seen at boat shows that may help “hook” that significant other.





## Accessorizing Your Boat at a Show (continued)





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This land display on the left even had period-correct music playing—"In the Mood" which was the name of the boat.

One of the most coordinated, tasteful displays that this writer has seen was the Rhubarb at the Racine show a few years ago. The owners had color-coordinated fender covers with the boat name, rhubarb wine (Red Ass), a cooler with a Rhubarb logo, rhubarb plants in a basket, and they even had a rhubarb recipe card to give out.

And while we enjoyed seeing the stylish women pictured in this article, we have also seen a show where there were a number of dummies behind the wheel (not live ones!).

An additional benefit of such displays might be attracting more couples to the hobby. So start planning your display now for our September show as we do have a staging category!

## Try Your Hand at Sailing at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern

A number of members of our chapter, in addition to having motorboats, also have sail boats. And sail boats can also meet ACBS classification rules. Perhaps you have never experienced these wind-powered vessels—never been on a boat so quiet that you could hear yourself think. Well this is your chance! Our members with sailing knowledge and sailboats welcome the opportunity to give you that experience on Saturday July 22nd. Of course, weather/wind will be factors in how the day plays out. We'll hope for the best and have an alternative date of July 29th if needed.

Family and children are welcome! If you have a life vest for the child, please bring it, but we will have some if you don't. We suggest you bring a picnic lunch and drinks.



Kevin Leiner at the helm

The date is **Saturday, July 22nd 11 AM to 3 PM**. If the day is a complete wash-out with rain, too much wind or no wind, we'll reschedule for Saturday July 29th 11 AM to 3 PM. **1215 Barkentine Dr. in New Bern—Fairfield Harbour**



## ACBS Membership Renewals

ACBS is moving toward automatic renewals of memberships for those paying online with a credit card. This is still many months away from becoming a reality. But for those of you who are interested in this, in case you were not aware, there is a 3-year renewal option already in place. Actually, this is better than auto-renewal as it locks in both the ACBS and Chapter rates for three years. You don't have to wait until your renewal date comes up, you can renew anytime.

### Membership Renewal

Renew your ACBC membership by following the steps below.

Note: Only Mastercard, Visa and Discover credit cards are accepted for payment.

#### Select Your Membership Type

☒ **Annual \$65** An Annual will cover yourself and one co-member for one year.

☐ **Associate \$200** This covers a business for one year.

☐ **Junior \$15** This covers an individual **under the age of 26** for one year. Date of birth will be required.

Length: 3 Years ▾  
 1 Year  
 3 Years

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Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: None

Renewed: Larry Bower, Edward Chewning, Joe Peacos, and Lonnie Sieck.

*Welcome!*

Total Membership: 57   NCC&P Primary Chapter: 46   NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 11

## EMBROIDERED SHIRTS

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. Get 'em before the boat show season begins!





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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! **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.**

7/11 Chapter business meeting, evening picnic & run on Lake Jordan 4 PM No boat, no problem! [Click here](#) to let us know you'd like a ride.

7/22 Try your hand at sailing at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern [Click here](#) to let Alan Hills know if you are coming.

8/19 International Vintage Boating Day

8/19 Possible Chapter outing—Lake Townsend—Greensboro area

9/9 Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show

9/10—16 ACBS International Show Petoskey, MI

9/29 Chapter Boat Show cruise and welcome event at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern

9/30 Chapter Boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern 10 to 3. Awards at 3:30 PM

9/30 Wings, wheels, and keels show in Topping, VA



### 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](#).