



NC C&P CHAPTER
Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of the ACBS

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Ahoy Mateys,

I don't know about y'all, but time seems to be whizzing by for me. I feel like I have been busy every day, and yet I don't seem to see much progress on my projects. Perhaps there is some cosmic power at work to keep me moving along, or maybe something akin to the saying "it's about the journey and not the destination"? I don't know...as long as there is some fun thrown in there, it's all good.

One event that stands out was the Chesapeake Bay Chapter's boat show in St. Michaels, MD. They had fantastic weather and lots of boats of all types. Besides Judy and myself, chapter members Jim & Anne Marie Hartman, Robert & Patsy Blanchard, and John and Beth Coffman attended. John showed his beautiful 22' Chris Craft sedan, "Made In The Shade" and she was well received. The Blanchard's brought Lil' Rascal, their 18-foot Chris Craft Sea Skiff. We also met up with friends from other chapters who we have come to know and enjoy over the years and had a great time. I highly recommend this show to all of you who have never been there; the venue is incredible (Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum campus) and you can get all the crabs you ever imagined at the on-site restaurant.

As is often the case, there have been numerous instances of one of our chapter's most valuable perks: members helping members. There are many tasks in boat repair and maintenance that require an extra set of hands, an extra brain, or a special tool, to name a few. Many of us find use of these

"assets" difference makers in our pursuit of our boat goals. Thanks to all of you (you know who you are!) for sharing what you have to benefit the hobby. If you feel that you need help or guidance with something regarding your boat, reach out and help will come!

Coming up next month, we will have a fun run/meeting/picnic at Jordan Lake on the 17th. See the newsletter for details. Also, take note that Cindy Jordan has made available to us her family's house on Bath Creek for an event similar to the one we had in April. This was a fun filled and memorable event for those who attended, so check out the dates available and secure a "berth" before they are all spoken for! [Email Judy](#) to reserve.

Heard there was a pop-up event at the Piglet, John Justice's workshop in Pittsboro. John and Jim Alexander helped Jeff Gelm and his son Oliver work on their boat.

Lastly, I wish all of you a happy and safe 4th of July, and please use precautions in dealing with hot temperatures and sun exposure.

Yours in classic boating,

Alan Hills, President



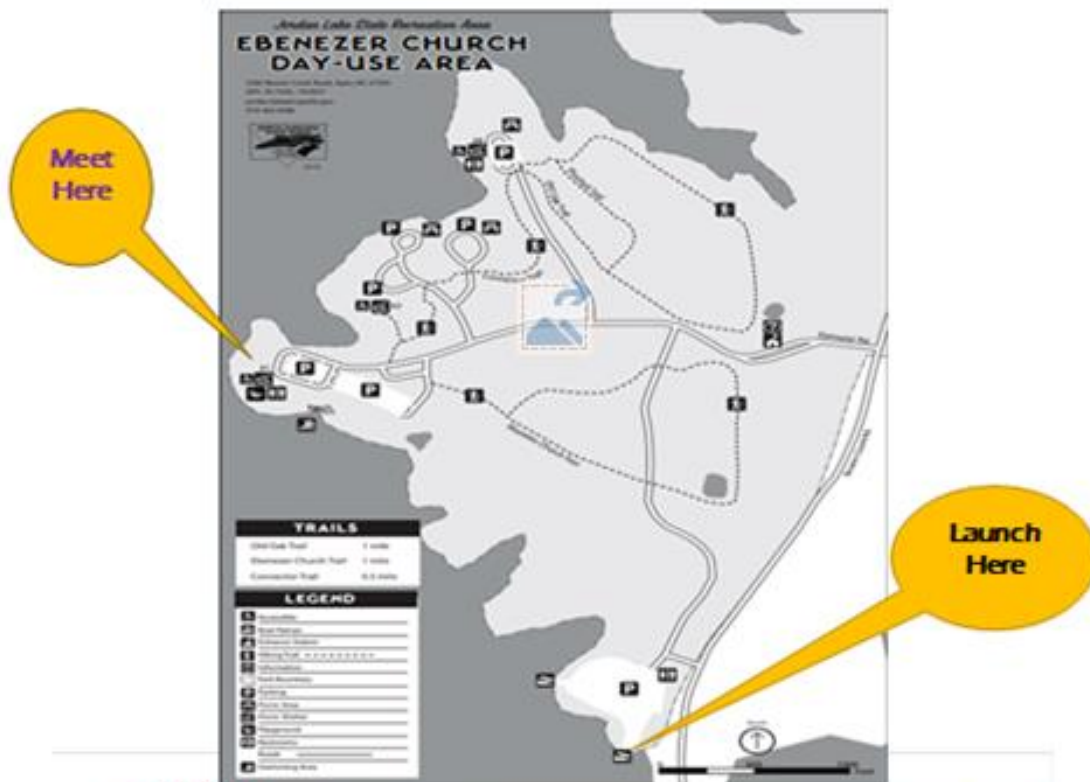
Jordan Lake Board Meeting, Family Picnic & Run Wednesday July 17th 4 PM 2582 Beaver Creek Rd. Apex, NC 27523

We chose a weekday evening in order to miss the weekend crowd and the hot day temperatures. We invite you to bring your family and friends. Pack a picnic meal and bring your own drinks. We'll grab a shelter, but you may want to bring your own chair. The business meeting will start at 4 PM and will be short. Then we'll eat and later launch our boats. No boat, no problem! There will probably be room, but it would be best for you to let Alan know if you need a ride. Just [email him](#) the details (number of adults and if special sizes of life jackets are needed for children). Leave early or stay late—your call. The park closes at 8 PM.

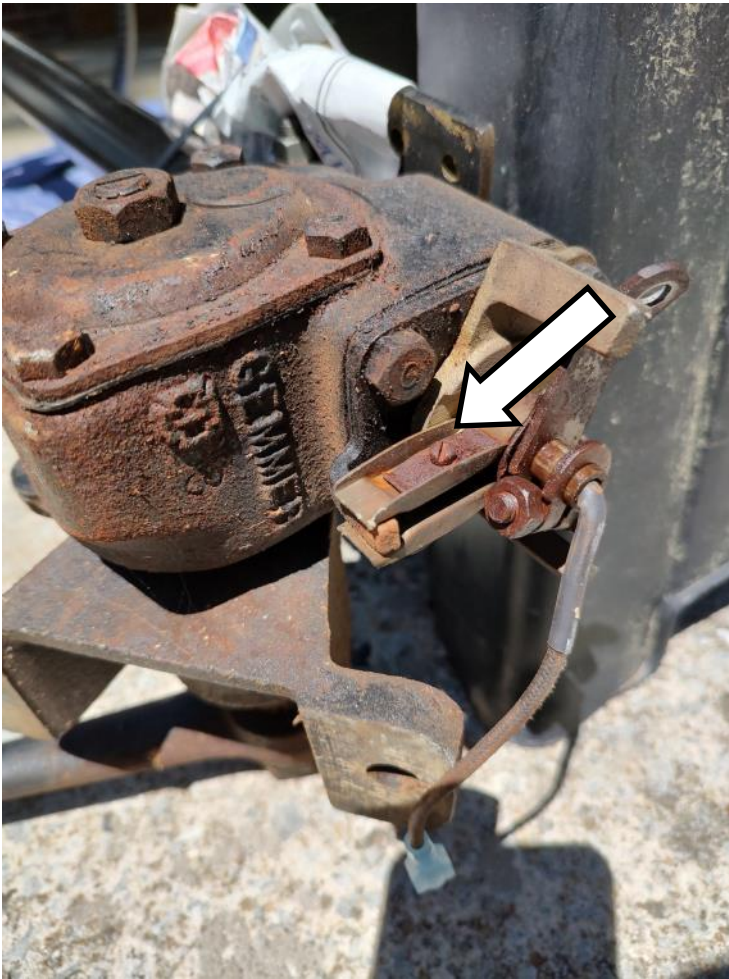
Meet at Ebenezer Church Recreation Area at the picnic shelter—just look for our boats at Ebenezer Shelter #1 near the lake on Ebenezer Road.

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

Hope to see our "old" and "new" members there! This is your opportunity to meet fellow ACBS chapter members and their families.



Calling all motorheads—can you guess what this is?



Thanks to those few who responded (Alan Frederick and Jim Hartman). Yes, this is a steering box, but what Alan really wanted you to note was the throttle friction adjuster (see arrow). Here is Judy's entry:

**Dirty, rusty, metal part
Can't make a turn without it.
Wonder when it falls apart?**

Come on! I know many of you are creative. Let's have some fun with these guesses!

Below is the July contest. What's wrong with this picture (taken at the St. Michael's show)? Make up a story to go with it for style points!



ACBS: New Port Captain Program

From ACBS: "The newly announced ACBS Port Captain Program is off to a great start. We hope that every chapter will solicit their members to participate in this program. We are asking each chapter to find one or more individuals to act in the capacity as a local Port Captain. Port Captain list will be made available on the members only side of the ACBS.org website. We hope to have members from throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe participating. We're planning on developing one of those drop-pin maps like you see in a chapter list. It should be fun and offer the opportunity for members of each



chapter to interact with members from other distant chapters."

Because our chapter members are so spread out, we have sent ACBS the contact information for our President Alan Hills. When Alan receives requests for assistance, he will determine the chapter member that can best assist the visiting ACBS member. If you are called upon for this task, please accept and do everything you can to accommodate the ACBS member. Then please write an article for the newsletter on your experience!

Chesapeake Boat Show St. Michaels, MD Jun 14-16

Those chapter members who attended included: Alan & Judy Hills, Jim & Ann Hartman, Robert & Patsy Blanchard, and John & Beth Coffman. The Hartmans and the Hills were just spectators and remarked how nice it was not to have to be babysitting a boat on display. The Blanchards were showing the Hills' old Chris Craft Sea Skiff, Lil' Rascal in the water. John and Beth were showing their Chris Craft Custom Sedan, Made in the Shade.

The Hills and the Hartmans hooked up for lunch with their ACBS buddies from the 2023 Clayton, NY show: Ed Andrews (ACBS VP), Ed's friend Carmen DeLeo and Carmen's grandson Austin (below).



L to R: Jim & Anne Marie Hartman,
Judy & Alan Hills



Robert & Patsy Blanchard



John & Beth Coffman

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They also saw ACBS friends from the Sunnyland show (March 2024) who belong to the ACBS Chesapeake Bay Chapter that included Alicia Boardman (running the St. Michaels' show) and Bob Hamilton. Being members of ACBS is such a wonderful way to make new friends.

We got to see many type of craft include big cruisers that we don't get to see very often because most of the boat shows are on lakes. We saw boats we have seen and admired before as well as ones we have not seen before. We got new ideas for features and staging.

This show was large enough to include craft and food vendors. We helped the local economy by purchasing gifts. Of course, we could not leave without getting a T-shirt with the show graphic. I think I need to start numbering them (#102?). You know that old saw about "he who dies with the most toys wins?" Well I think it should go, "he who dies with the most boat show t-shirts wins!" I believe there are a number of you in our chapter that are in the running for that recognition!

Alan even found a new beer. I liked the can better than the taste of it. Spooky! Whole crabs

were a big hit at lunch. Too much work—I went with the crab cake. Hey, you can't go to Maryland without eating crabs at least once!

The weather on Saturday was perfect for the show: sunny, high 70's, with a slight breeze. We walked and talked. We salivated over certain boats. We enjoyed the museum's exhibits including their new visitors' center. The day could not have been more perfect—it ended with an Italian dinner with the Hartmans.

The whole eastern shore area is dotted with quaint towns: Cambridge, Easton, St. Michaels. We'd like to go back just to explore them.

So, once again we encourage those of you who have not been to this show yet, to add it to your bucket list! Enjoy the pictures!



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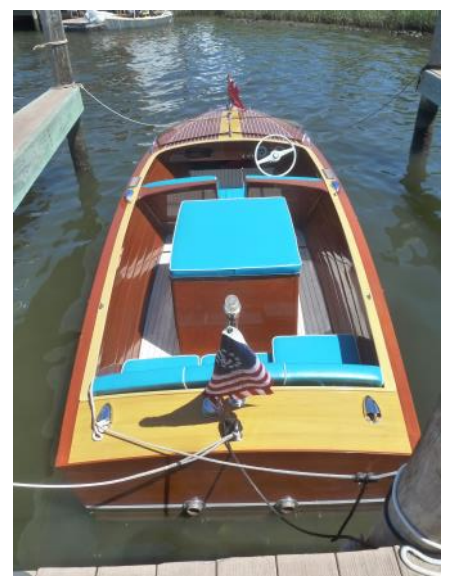
Now available. We have our logo with an embroidery company in New Bern. For \$8 each we can get almost any cloth item embroidered. You pick the shirt or other item.

[Contact](#) Alan Hills if interested.

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Chesapeake Boat Show Award Winners: the Coffmans & the Blanchards

According to Kathy Jones, Chief Judge at this show, “We judge our boats on a point system and the categories are platinum (100-93), gold (92-84) and silver (83-75). We also have some other categories for awards. Outboard Motor, Best Preserved, Best Non-Wood, Best Resto-Mode, People’s Choice, Chris Craft Stewardship, Herb Zorn, Dominic Fiaschetti and Best of Show.”

“John & Beth Coffman’s Made In The Shade, a 1948 22’ Chris Craft Custom Sedan was awarded a gold award as well as Best Preserved. ACBS defines preserved boats as those containing at least 60% of their original deck and topside material and are constructed using the same methods and materials as the original. Bottom replacement is expected in order for the boat to be usable, but the method of replacement must duplicate the original. The use of plywood as the inner bottom when not used by the original builder will cause the boat to be classified as restored. The Coffman’s live in Huddleston, VA and belong to the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter” (and to ours as well). John reports, “That’s my wife’s boat and she’ll tell you it is too!”

Robert & Patsy Blanchard’s Lil Rascal , a 1957 18’ Chris Craft Sea Skiff was awarded a silver award. The Blanchard’s live in New Hill NC and belong to the NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter.

Congratulations to the Coffmans and the Blanchards!



Pop Up Event: New Bern

John Justice, Neal Keeter, Alan Hills, and Jim Hartman got together in New Bern on Wednesday June 19th for lunch and shop-talk. John came to pick up a windshield that was being welded and then dropped it off at Jerry's for chroming. John brought a new (old) trailer for Alan's boat which he swapped for the one Alan had that was in poor condition but had new tires. Neal recited items from the trailering workshop checklist that they ignored in pulling the trailer. LOL! At least there was no boat on the trailer. John also brought Alan a beautiful mahogany plank. Those are the kind of deals that can be made with fellow chapter members! It was another successful New Bern pop-up event.



Chapter Membership Contest July 1 to December 31, 2024

We are not certain, but this might just be our chapter's first membership contest. 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of ACBS, Inc. They are printing a limited number of 50th Anniversary Directories to sell. Current members who meet the deadline for membership will be included. This is what gave us the idea for this contest.

Those members in our chapter (including the Board) who recruit a new or secondary chapter members (new to our

chapter) between July 1 and December 31 of 2024 will receive one point for each recruit that joins our chapter. You must [email](#) the name of your recruit to Secretary Judy Hills before their name appears in the ACBS membership report. She will verify that they joined our chapter. If there is a tie, one name will be drawn.

YES, WE WILL HAVE A PRIZE! The winner will receive a free copy of the ACBS 50th Anniversary Directory (est. cost \$40).

Unique Electric Boat at St. Michaels' Show

EV Little Debbie is owned by Jim & Belinda Black of Solomons Island, MD. The 1957 Johnson Javelin, 35 hp, was modified to be 100% electric. Boat and motor restored and equipped to be better than the original. This motor is truly "the smoothest-running Johnson ever." [Click here](#) to check out the Electric Runabout Conversions Facebook page. (Little Debbie received Platinum Level Award and Best Restored and Modified Boat Award at the show.)



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. **We also have chapter logo ball caps for \$30.** [Email Alan Hills](#) if you want one.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

New: Jim Quinn (Wilmington)

Renewed: John Tinney (Wilmington), Jim Hartman (New Bern), John Dougherty (New Bern), Thomas Hamilton (Richmond, VA), Neal Keeter (Cary)

Total Membership: 67 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 56 NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 11

Welcome!

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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:

- **7/17** Chapter meeting and run on Jordan Lake 4 PM. Bring your own food and drinks. Run on lake after meeting. (see p. 3)
- **8/17** International Vintage Boating Day—get her wet! Possible Marina Day in Wilmington—watch the Aug newsletter
- **9/5-15** ACBS International Show in Brainerd, MN
- **9/14** Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show
<https://rfmuseum.org/classic-boat-show>
- **9/14** Smith Mountain Lake Show at Crazy Horse Marina in VA
<https://www.woodenboats.net/boatshow.html>
- **9/28** Wing, Wheels, and Keels show in Topping, VA 8 to 4
<https://www.wingswheelskeels.com/index.html>
- **10/4** Chapter boat show pre-events: ride on the Neuse and welcome party on the deck at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern
- **10/5** Chapter Boat Show
- **10/18-19** Georgetown SC Boat Show
<https://woodenboatshow.com/>

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](#).