

Messing About In Boats

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

June 2019

Ahoy members!

It was great to see the turnout at the NC Maritime Museum in May. Member Joe Peacos did a wonderful job in setting up a display for the Barbour Boats and did a booming business selling Barbour T-shirts. The Barbour owners and the chapter are grateful to members like Joe who help make this a vibrant organization. Be sure to read the article and look at the photos.

The Lake James Adventure Weekend turned out to be a REAL adventure. Read all about—it is a real nail-biter. It is a beautiful area and a pretty lake. The weather was perfect! The Smith Mountain Lake Chapter had three couples that came down from Virginia to join us. It is embarrassing when the host chapter has a smaller showing than the visitors. Judy and I were the only chapter members that attended. Nuff said.

Saturday June 22nd is another opportunity for club members to participate in an on-the-water activity in New Bern—a poker run by boat. As I said in an earlier email, it doesn't get any better than this. You can launch your boat, park your vehicle and trailer, use the facilities, and eat—all at one easy location—Blackbeard's

Sailing Club (BSC). We plan to eat lunch at noon and launch from BSC by 1 PM. There is a raft race around Union Point in downtown New Bern and they will be racing in waves between 11 AM to 2 PM. We'll have to go slow around the park, but that race should not impact our poker run—just more people to see our beautiful boats. We will have five stops to pick up sealed envelopes (with playing cards in them) and will return to BSC around 4:30 PM. After we retrieve the boats, we'll eat dinner, play some games, and then give out the awards. We encourage your "poker team" to dress up and we ask that you create a special pennant for your boat. In addition to an award for the best poker hand, we'll also have an award for the best dressed poker team and for the craziest pennant. It would be a good day to have family and friends join you for the ride. We ask that you let me know via email if you will attend. I need to know the name of your boat, the number of children under age 13 and number over the age of 12. The cost is \$25 per boat (with one or two people—any age) and \$10 for each person over the age of 12. This is to help defray the cost of the event

(food, material, prizes). Please bring your own beverages for the day. We are providing both lunch and dinner. To reserve your spot [email me](#) by 6/17. We will provide more specific information to registrants via email.

We want to encourage you to consider attending the Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show in Huddleston, VA at Mariners' Landing September 13-14. Hopefully you can enter your boat in their show and if not, then just support them by showing up. Judy and I have attended several times and have enjoyed it greatly. [Click here](#) to access the information: Let's support our neighboring ACBS chapter!

And we want to announce that we have had another new member join our chapter. Next month we hope to be able to tell you more about John Tinney from Wilmington.

So do get your money's worth out of your membership and join in the fun. Hope to see you at the poker run on June 22nd! Best regards, Alan

Intergenerational Painting Lesson

No, they are not painting an antique or classic boat. Yes, they are painting the hull of a fiberglass 420 (13'9") sailboat using the roll and tip technique learned from Gary Lowell's demonstration. This intergenerational painting crew consisted of Chapter President "Pappy" Hills, daughter Stephanie Currier and granddaughter Emily Currier. This is Emily's contribution of sweat equity for her new pride and joy which she is naming "Andiamo!" ("let's go" in Italian). What are you doing to encourage the younger generation to be involved in boating?



Left is Stephanie, Pappy, and Emily at work. Right is Emily sailing a 420 at sailing camp.

New name tags, hats and shirts

As you know we have a new logo and that means we need new name tags and apparel. This past month we gave you the opportunity to order new name tags with the first one for the member being paid for by the club. Additional name tags for you or your significant other will be charged at cost (including mailing) to the member. The Treasurer will bill you and the company making the name tags will mail them to you directly.

We have taken our logo to New Bern Sports to have it digitized for use as an embroidered logo (for hats and good shirts) and as a screen print logo for T-shirts. We chose this

company because they do not have a minimum number of embroidered items. Also we can choose the shirt we want and either purchase it from them or get it to them to have it embroidered.

We have selected an unstructured ball cap with a three-inch deep curved bill in a khaki color—similar to what we have now except the bill is deeper. The bill and the top are the same color. As soon as the logo is digitized we will start taking orders.

The T-shirt has not been picked out yet. If you have a preference (color, weight, fabric) let President Hills know.

NCMM Boat Show 4 May 2019

What a beautiful day it was! What's not to like when you have clear (mostly) skies and the Beaufort waterfront in the background and wooden boats and fun owners in the foreground? NC C&P Chapter had a number of entries in the show: **Joe and Beverly Peacos** (Barbour Vacationer and a Barbour Utility); **Bill and Sharon Conley** (Chris Craft and a home built Swamp Scot sailboat); **Richard & Debbie Charles** with their beautiful Trojan Sea Queen and **Alan and Judy Hills** (Barbour). Plus **Jim Alexander** and **Jim and Alice Dean** showed up to view the show and cheer on our entries. Also Dave and Deb Mahoney (New Bern) who are currently members of the Chesapeake Chapter of ACBS will be joining our Chapter when they renew their ACBS membership in a few months. We have a number of other hot prospects—people we talked to at the show, which by the way is fertile ground for new members (both entrants as well as spectators).

Joe Peacos did a wonderful job organizing the Barbour exhibit tent. He even sold \$800 in Barbour shirts—much to his surprise and delight. Mr. Bill Rivenbark dropped by (grandson of Mr. Barbour) to talk to the Barbour owners and reminisce about Barbour Boatworks. And we got to meet Larry and Wendy Krabach of Port Huron (we wrote about the misadventures with their Barbour "Guilty Pleasure" last month).

Several of our members won awards: Joe Peacos won for "Best Classic Outboard" with his 14-foot utility and Bill Conley won "Best Classic Inboard" with Blue Tango. Another Barbour also won (not ACBS—yet): Laurel & Greg Sanders won "Captain's Choice" with Wabi Sabi.

All-in-all it was a really super outing. We encourage you to attend boat shows either as an entrant or as a spectator to both support the event and to help recruit new members. We were happy that a number of our members chose to attend this show and support the NCMM. Next year, NC C&P might get more involved in this show.



President Alan Hills
aboard the Duchess



Barbour Tent



Joe Peacos inside Barbour Tent



Winners

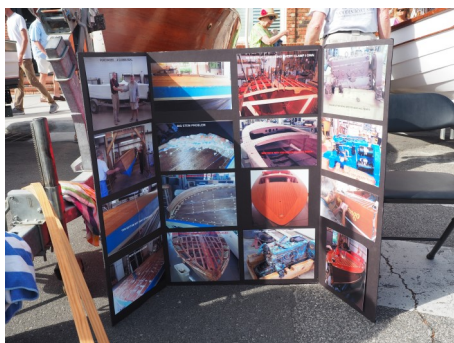
More NCMM Boat Show Pictures



Larry and Wendy Krabach



Jim Alexander



Sharon Conley



Deb Mahoney



Joe Prettyman,
Joe & Beverly Peacos



Mr. Rivenbark



Jim & Alice
Dean



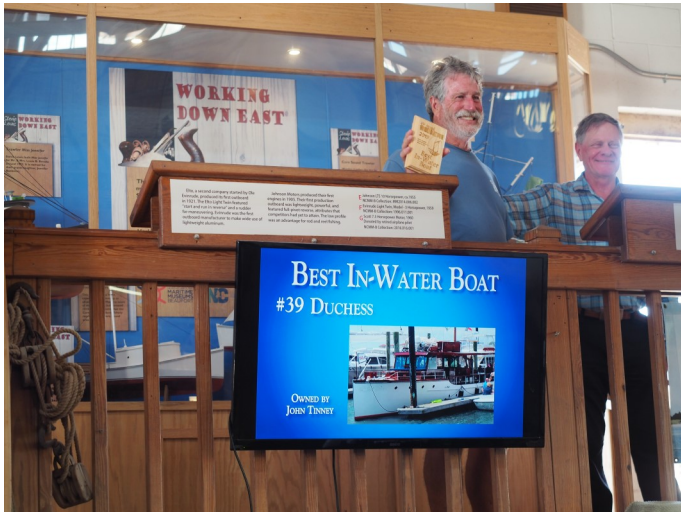
Bill Conley, Best Classic Inboard Winner



Joe Peacos, Best Classic Outboard Winner

Newest Chapter Member Wins Big at NCMM Show

John Tinney's 1930 50-foot Elco—Duchess—was a sight to behold. We had the opportunity to board this beauty prior to the show. She is gorgeous inside and out and a fine specimen of an antique Elco. Duchess won both Best In-Water Boat and Best of Show. Congratulations John!



Barbour Boat Exhibit to Return to Tryon Palace in June

Posted on the NC History Center website: Great news, Barbour Boats fans! The Barbour Boats Exhibit will be returning to the North Carolina History Center (New Bern), June 8, 2019 to January 12, 2020! This is a wonderful exhibit that details the history of the Barbour BoatWorks that was once located on the current site of the NC History Center.





Saturday June 22, 2019
Noon to 6:00 PM in New Bern, NC
Start/End at Blackbeard Sailing Club
1516 Barkentine Dr. in Fairfield Harbour

- 12:00 PM lunch
 - 1:00 PM launch & begin run
 - 1 to 3:45 PM 5 stops to pick up cards
 - 4:30 PM return to BSC
 - Picnic dinner, awards, games.
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Cost: \$25 per boat & 2 people
\$10 per additional person over age 12
Food will be provided. Bring your own drinks.
Awards: Best Dressed Team, Craziest Boat Pennant,
Best Poker Hand.

Must register by 6/17 so we can arrange meals. NC C&P members will be billed—non refundable. Send email to President Alan Hills at ahills@suddenlink.net with name of boat and # over age 12 and # under age 13.
Registrants will be emailed details.

Lake James Weekend by Alan & Judy Hills

Lake James Adventure Weekend—Planned

We had wonderful participation by our chapter members with five boats (plus our Barbour makes six). A big group from the Smith Mountain Lake (SML) Chapter showed up. It was an absolutely gorgeous weekend weather-wise. Judy and I brought our Barbour for its re-launch after being refurbished. We linked up with six people (three couples) from the Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Chapter: Alan & Jean Frederick, Ron & Joyce Root, and Bill & Nancy Hughes. Alan brought his boat. We were among the only wooden boats that launched on Lake James on Saturday May 18th. The boats on the lake were either pontoon boats (vast majority) or ski boats (John Justice's Ski Nautique would have been right at home). We had lunch at a restaurant on the lake, boated some more and then ate dinner at a fine restaurant in Morganton that evening. We launched and boated a few more hours Sunday morning and then went our separate ways to head back home.

Lake James Weekend Adventure—Actual

I'm not gonna lie, I was disappointed that our members did not participate in the Lake James weekend adventure. Judy and I were the only ones from our chapter that went. Unfortunately, Judy and I were not able to take our Barbour as it is still being refurbished, so we ended up taking our 45 year old fiberglass Chris Craft center-console dory named "Hunky Dory." She's a beaut—and a classic in her own right. The gang from SML (listed above) had their own challenges—the trailer for the boat Alan Frederick had intended to bring broke down (before the trip) so the gang had to come sans boat. They were depending on us to be able to give rides in our boat.

A few miles out of Kinston our trailer tire lost a grease cap and we had to stop at a boat place to get another (which we did—no problem). A few miles from exit 184 on I-40 (Clemmons/Lewisville) at about 7 PM, smoke started billowing out of the rear of our 1998 Ford Expedition. Fortunately, we found a wide apron and were able to pull way off the road to assess the situation. Seems that all the transmission fluid leaked out—causing the smoke. Called AAA to pick up the vehicle and tow it into Winston Salem. Had to pull all the essential stuff out of the vehicle and load into the boat. Called BoatUS to get a tow truck for the boat and trailer. Had to wait about two hours for that tow truck. Judy and I sat on the guardrail and watched the full moon—me drinking beer & eating nabs and her reading on her e-reader. Our policy allowed for 100 free miles of towing—the Lodge at Linville Falls where we were staying was just over 100 miles (ended up paying \$100 for the extra miles). Our driver was a little tired and seems to us that we spent more time riding the centerline of the curvy, up and down mountain road than we did in our lane, but we did arrive safely at our destination just after midnight.

There is no cell service to speak of in the mountains, so in the morning we had to get on the Lodge's landline to find out the status of the vehicle as our tentative plans hinged on that outcome. Of course no one had left any information on the problem, so we had to fill them in and wait another hour for the diagnosis. Come to find out later in the morning that they just refilled the transmission fluid and it was fine. Apparently, it overheated from the load. They said they would not advise us to pull a boat with it. Then we tried to get a

Lake James Weekend by Alan & Judy Hills (Continued)

rental truck to use to tow the boat—no go—not allowed. So around noon our friends who owned the Lodge where we were staying loaned us their car to drive to Boone (45 minutes away) to pick up a rental car so we would have transportation. It was almost 3 PM by the time we got back to the Lodge with it. Time for a serious drink! We arranged to meet the SML crowd for dinner at the restaurant on Lake James at 5:30 PM, so we did actually get to go see the lake. They had rented a pontoon boat and had their share of adventures (pontoon boat rental and a floating hot dog vendor that disappeared with their order). After dinner we drove back to the Lodge and crashed.

On Sunday morning, I had to clean the transmission fluid off the boat. We pulled off things that might get stolen and checked out of the Lodge. Our friends assured us that they would watch out for the boat until we could get back to get it. Then we headed to Winston Salem to pick up the Expedition. We decided that since we would not be able to rent a car on Sunday should it break down again, that Judy would follow me in the rental all the way back to New Bern. We did get home safely and the Expedition did fine.

Now for the rest of the story...

I left on Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM for New Hill where I picked up Robert Blanchard's (chapter member) truck which he was kind enough to loan me. From there I headed to Linville Falls to get the boat and tow it home. Got to the Lodge and hooked up the trailer. Started back up and down the winding road only to see smoke billowing out from one of the trailer tires. Had to precariously pull off the road to research the problem. Turns out one of

the trailer brake calipers had locked up. Ended up disabling the trailer brakes so I could get going again. Then around 8 PM on I-40, one of the trailer tires blew out. OK, no problem I was prepared—had brought a spare. Easy fix—right? Wrong. The trailer jack I had was insufficient and would not hold the weight of the trailer. Called BoatUS for assistance only to find that I would have a long wait. Came up with the idea to use the truck jack. Was able to get the trailer part way up with the trailer jack and then used the truck jack to get it up the rest of the way so I could change the tire.

Got back home to New Bern around 11:30 PM. Still have to put the boat back in its slot at the sailing club and return Robert's truck—but that is for another day!

The lessons learned:

- When trailering a boat a long distance make sure you have:
 - cold beer, some snacks, an e-reader and a sense of humor
 - vehicle towing insurance
 - trailer/boat insurance that includes towing on land
 - A good spare trailer tire & jack to fit
- Don't depend on cell service for communications or directions when in rural mountain areas
- In a pinch, a gas station hot dog may have to replace the planned gourmet meal
- It pays to belong to an ACBS chapter with members willing to help you out
- When life hands you lemons, make lemonade!

While we did not have the weekend we planned, we really did what we could to salvage it and had a good time with the wonderful SML folks. All's well that ends well!

Lake James Weekend Photos



Alan watching vehicle being loaded on tow truck.



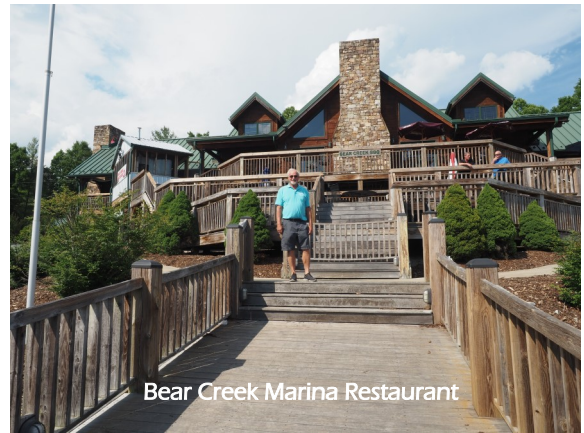
Blown Tire



Hunky Dory on apron on I-40 near exit 184.



Lake James



Bear Creek Marina Restaurant



Alan & SML gang at dinner



Alan & Judy and SML gang on pontoon boat

Photo Caption Winners for May

Well we only had one person enter with two captions. Maybe this picture did not get your creative juices flowing as much as the one from last month. Please feel free to submit a photo to use! The idea is to have some fun and have members contribute who are disinclined to write articles.

Now for the winner: **Sharon Conley!** And yes, spouses and significant others are welcome to submit!. Sharon's winning entry: *"Some captains will do anything to save on gas."* Sharon submitted another clever entry, *"Is this guy trying to put TowBoat USA out of business?"*



Just for Fun: Caption for Photograph

On the right is a photo—send us your best caption. Judging will be done by President Alan Hills. We'll keep your names secret from him so he won't be prejudiced. We'll print the captions entries next month and the winner will receive \$10 towards lunch or dinner if he or she shows up at the very next chapter meeting or outing after the winning entry is selected—we'll email the winner. Email your caption or captions (submit as many as you like) to newsletter editor Judy Hills at jahnbnc@gmail.com You are also welcome to submit photos for this column to Judy. This is all part of the "let's have some fun in 2019" initiative. **Captions due by 6/10** Collect your \$10 prize at our next outing. You have to show up to claim your prize!





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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 boat show dates, the places, dates and times listed for club events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Please add these dates to your calendar and participate as much as you can! Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.

Jun 14-15 St. Michael's Boat show in St. Michaels, MD

Jun 22 Picnics & poker run by boat in New Bern coordinated by Alan Hills

Jul 30 Regular NCC&P Chapter meeting at Trali Irish Pub 3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Aug 24 Plating Workshop at Phillips Plating in Bridgeton 1 to 3; Lunch 11:30 at Morgan's Restaurant in New Bern coordinated by Leif Eriksson

Sep 13-14 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show in Huddleston, VA

Sep 15-21 ACBS International Boat Show in Alexandria Bay, NY

Sep 28 Meetup at Lake Gaston coordinated by Jim Alexander

Oct 19-20 Georgetown Boat Show in Georgetown, SC

Oct 29 Regular NCC&P Chapter meeting at Trali Irish Pub 3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Nov 2 Southport Boat Show in Southport, NC

Nov 16 Workshop & flea market & pot luck at Robert & Patsy Blanchard's property in New Hill. Coordinated by Robert & Patsy Blanchard.

Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party at Bill & Sharon Conley's home in Raleigh

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 1941 inclusive

Classic: A boat built between 1943 and 1975 (any material)

Late Classic: A boat built 1977 to 25 years prior to the current year. This classification is not eligible for "best of show" awards and is neither restored or preserved

Production Contemporary: A production wooden boat built 1969 to present

Custom Contemporary: A modified or one-of-a-kind wooden boat built 1969 to present

Replica: A boat built in a non-production manner, intended to be a one-of-a-kind and usually an exact copy or duplicate of a boat previously built or manufactured.