



Messing About In Boats

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

June 2021

Hello Fellow Members,

I'm starting to feel that if it weren't for bad luck, we'd have no luck at all. A few days before our scheduled event at Hyco Lake, everything looked terrific; several boats and over a dozen people signed up, pretty weather, a member-to-member parts delivery, picnic shelter reserved and so on. Then, the ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline brought everything to a screeching halt in a large portion of our membership area. For those of us who had to travel a far distance, what would normally be just a long drive turned into difficult decision as to whether one should take a chance that gas would be available en route or not. The situation locally for us in the east boiled down to being in the right place at the right time and hoping that when your 30 minutes of waiting finally got you close to the pump, there would still be gas flowing. I asked the owner of the place I usually deal with and he said he would get a load of 10,000 gallons and it would be gone in two hours. I

took to siphoning gas from Hunky Dory because I don't wait in long lines very well. We were lucky enough to be going by a small gas station on a local road where we were able to fill up with premium gas at \$3.40 per gallon. It's starting to get a little better now to where there are some stations with gas and there are little to no waiting lines. The difficult decision to postpone the Hyco Lake event for later this year. A new date has not been set yet.

This month the Thomasville Vintage Power Show June 11th and 12th. This group has reached out to our chapter and invited us to bring our boats. There is no pre-registration; just show up and register then. I am bringing a tent as I am told that there ain't a lot shade to be had there. Joe Peacos is arriving on Friday and will try to reserve some space for us so we can be together. The show details are on the poster a little further down.

Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern has agreed to open up their facility for us to

have a boat show the weekend of July 17th. This is not intended to be full blown show, but rather an opportunity for us to show off our boats on land and water and promote our chapter and bring visibility to Blackbeard and the youth sailing association that operates from there. I would REALLY like to see "better than average" participation here. Let's get rid of all our pent-up frustration of no boat shows during the pandemic and have a good time here. As the facility has limited space, we will not be reaching out to other chapters and inviting them to participate. Hopefully, if all goes well, we may be able to do more in the coming years. Details to follow in the newsletter.

Eric Zelman, president of the Tidewater chapter, has informed me via Facebook that their chapter is having gathering on July 10th at the

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President's Message (cont'd)

Reedville Marine Railway. Any of you who follow Woodyboater know that this facility was recently purchased by Matt Smith, the head honcho of Woodyboaterville. Sounds like they have something pretty cool in the makings there.

That's all I got for this go-round. Y'all be well and go for a boat ride!

*Best regards,
Alan*

T-Ville Vintage Power Show

We have been invited to display our boats at this show. No registration—just show up one or both days. They suggest you bring a tent and chairs. A number of Chapter members are planning to take their boats. If you will let Alan know, we'll be sure to save space so chapter members can be together. We hope you will support this show—if nothing more than to just come see it. Would be a nice day trip. Member Robert Blanchard and his wife Patsy will have their chuckwagons on display and in operation at the show. Wear your chapter name tag, drop by their display and they will treat you to lunch! And who doesn't like FREE FOOD!

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3rd Annual Carolina Christian Academy T-Ville Vintage Power Show

June 11-12
Thomasville, NC

Directions/Event Address
Directions: Carolina Christian Academy, 367 Academy Dr., zip code 27360.

Contact:
Ben Rhoades
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Facebook: T-ville Vintage Power Show

Jim Alexander's Letter to Editor Published in The Rudder

Dear Editor,

We enjoyed the article on the Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) boat building program and were glad to see the program receive the recognition it has earned.

Our Chapter has supported the College's Boat Building program with scholarships for many years and are currently providing funding annual scholarships of \$2,000. This is a major expenditure for our small chapter but we were focused on helping young people learn the skills necessary to maintain the boats we enjoy so much. It would be awesome if your article encouraged other chapters to also consider supporting the program through the CFCC Foundation.

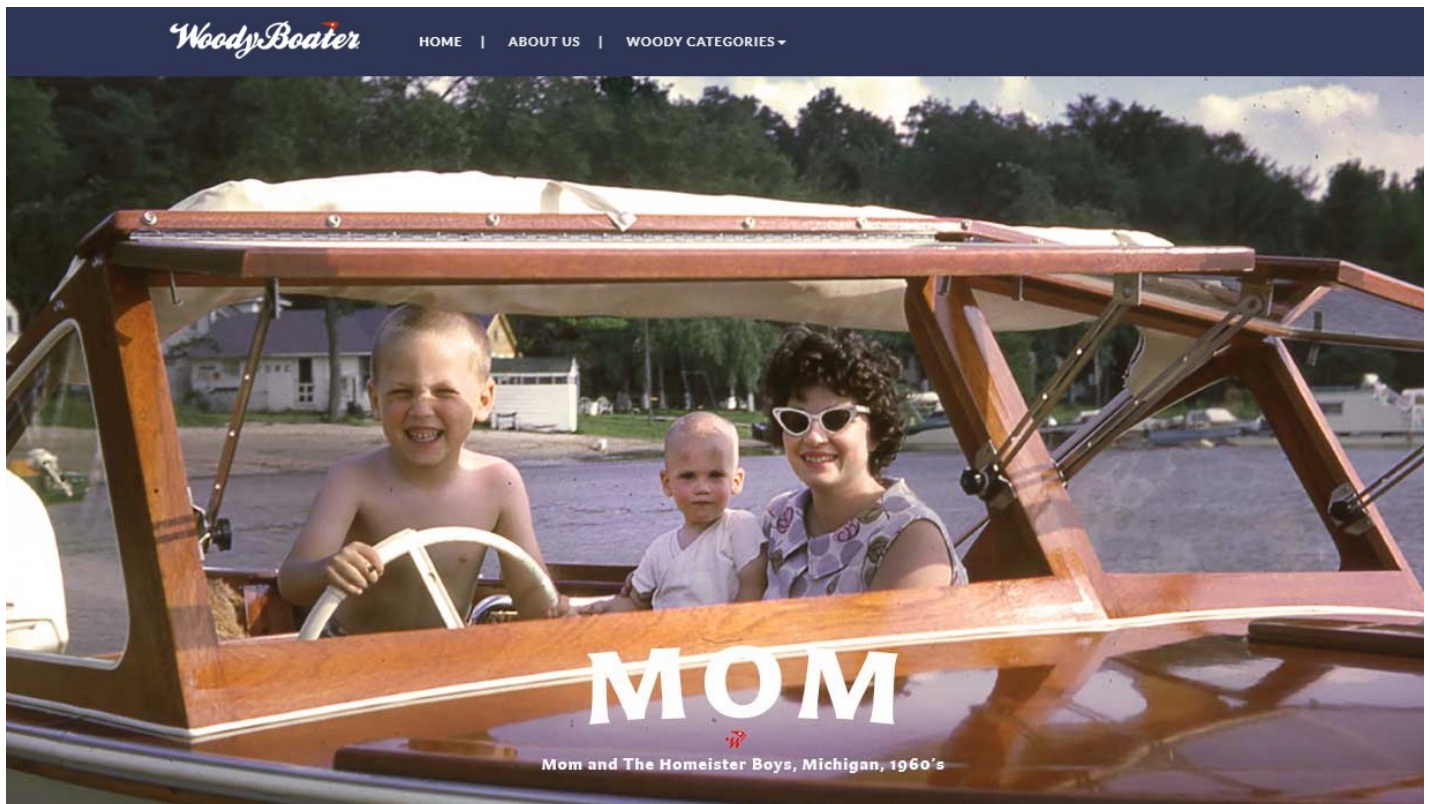
Jim Alexander

Scholarship Chair

NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter



Member Jon Homeister's Photo Made Home Page of Woody Boater on Mother's Day



Hyco Lake Outing A Bust—Blame It On the Ransomware Attack

We were all set to go. There was a good number of boats and people who planned to attend. The weather was predicted to be good (in fact, it exceeded that expectation and was one of the most beautiful days so far in 2021). And then the pipeline got hit by computer hackers and the gas literally dried up. In New Bern and elsewhere on the eastern seaboard there were long lines of cars needing or stockpiling gas (shades of 1979!). Many stations were completely out. This presented a serious issue as those traveling to Hyco Lake might get stranded there if they needed gas to get back home. So, in light of the situation, after polling those who planned to attend, it was decided that we needed to call it off. While we don't have a new date yet, we are planning to reschedule this popular event.

To the right is a photo of Chapter President Alan Hills transferring gas from his Chris Craft, Hunky Dory, to his vehicle.



Mr. Woody Boater Opens His Reedville, VA Location to ACBS

For those of you that are not aware, Mr. Woody Boater, Matt Smith is the new curator of the Butler families, Reedville Marine Railway. [Click here](#) for the story.

Matt has spent the past several months sifting through the buildings, sorting, cleaning, restoring and will soon have the area ready for some visitors! SO.....Saturday, July 10 let's visit!

Via waterway; Lat/Lon: 37.840764, -76.277007 or 707, Main Street. Make your way to Cockrell's Creek, Reedville, around Omega Protein and the "Stack" Head for the Crazy Crab and Reedville Market Restaurant. Matt has several long docks in front of the Reedville Railway.

Via trailer and launch: head to **Shell Landing**,

State Rte 692, Reedville, VA. Loose plans for now would be:

Launch when you can after 9, make your way around the point, up creek, to the docks.. Maybe we can organize a little creek tour, or splash party... Around noon, Tide-water ACBS Chapter will get a grill going for hot dogs. Please bring your own beverage and a side or dessert to share.

PARKING IS VERY LIMITED AT THE RAILWAY. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CAR LOCKED AT THE RAMP AND IF YOU ARE DRIVING, PLEASE TRY TO FIND A PARKING SPACE ON MAIN STREET.

Chapter Collaborates with Sailing Club on July Event in New Bern

The Board of Directors of our ACBS Chapter and of Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) in New Bern have agreed to hold “a showing of antique and classic power and sail boats” at the BSC facility 1215 Barkentine Dr. (in Fairfield Harbor) on Saturday July 17th 10 AM to 2 PM.

Purpose:

- 1) foster closer relationship between NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS Chapter) and Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC);
- 2) give BSC the opportunity to show facility to prospective members;
- 3) demonstrate that sailboats meet ACBS classifications;
- 4) recruit new members for ACBS chapter;
- 5) give ACBS and BSC members the opportunity to show their boats to the public in a low-key setting;
- 6) give exposure to boats for sale (BSC and ACBS Chapter); and
- 7) give exposure to Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association (ETYSA).

Our chapter will take the lead and coordinate the event. New Bern members Alan and Judy Hills will take point assisted by member Leif Eriksson and Treasurer Kevin Leiner. All of these individuals are also members of BSC.

Chapter members will be allowed to:

- Use the BSC grounds and facility (with the exception of the clubhouse) from Friday to Sunday for land and in-water display of boats (and overnight storage)
- Moor overnight (Fri/Sat) in assigned slips and berth on the vessel if desired
- Launch boats on the BSC ramp
- Camp on the BSC grounds (tent or camper)

on the Fri/Sat of the event

- Use the BSC bath house. May enter the BSC clubhouse only if accompanied by a BSC member.

Since you can leave your boat safely at BSC from Fri to Sun afternoon, this would make for a nice weekend trip. We will need you to “register” for the event so we can plan out the land and in-water space needed. If your boat is operational, we hope you will give rides. We will encourage rides on BSC member boats as well—if the wind cooperates. We anticipate that ETYSA youth will be there demonstrating and giving rides to kids in the sailing camp boats.

We are still in the planning stage for the extras. Right now all we definitely have planned is for a 3 PM gathering on Saturday of those who registered for the event. We'll have beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks provided by our Chapter. This will be a great opportunity to mingle and discuss mutual interests.

So we hope you are as excited as we are about this great opportunity for a “low key” boat show that has the potential to be a lot of fun. Specific details will be provide in the July newsletter. In the meantime do check out the BSC and ETYSA websites:

[Blackbeard Sailing Club](#)

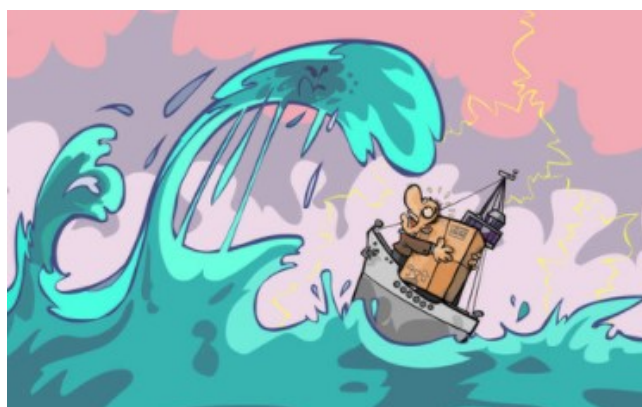
[Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association](#)





2021 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION THEME: "TALL TALES"

In December we made this announcement. In case you missed it, here it is again. Well, not exactly a competition, just an opportunity for members to help add content to the newsletter each month. For 2021, you are invited to contribute your best "tall tale" of your adventures in boating. Don't have one, make one up! We just want to be entertained and we don't "fact check" submissions. Parodies and other funny material also come under this heading. The only criteria is that it has to somehow involve a boat. Send in your tall tale before the end of each month to [me](#).



Weekending...Exploring...Angling...Trawling...Gunkholing...

CRUISING THE CHESAPEAKE!

Featuring: Bay boating life with classic-style cabin and express cruisers & sport fishing boats.

Friday, June 18th

- 11:00 AM "Six Chesapeake Harbors – Cruising Destinations to Explore, Dock, Dine!"
Special talk by Chris "Seabuddy" Brown
- 12:00 Noon "Downeast Style Boats: Origins, Development of Predecessors of Picnic Boats"
With John Shannahan, President, Oxford Yacht Agency
- 1:00 PM "American Design, Asian Craftsmanship – the Story of Grand Banks Trawlers"
Featuring John Shannahan, President, Oxford Yacht Agency
- 2:00 PM "Timid Tuna? Restoring Rybovich and Florida-made Sport Fishing Boats"
Presentation by Reid Bandy, Bandy Boats, Edgewater, MD
- 3:00 PM "Sailor's Style: Nautical Fashion and Yacht Club Attire"
Talk by June Berger Beard; Dressed Mannequins by Karen Brenner

Saturday, June 19 Seminars:

- 11:00 AM "Earliest Fiberglass Cabin Cruisers – Winner & Dyer to Hatteras & Bertam"
Presentation by Jeff Beard, Past President, Chesapeake Bay Chapter ACBS
- 12:00 Noon "The Transition Years – Stylish Chris Craft Cruisers of the 1950s and 1960s"
With Bill Bowman, Owner, Boathouse Marina, Colonial Beach, VA
- 1:00 PM "Jersey Boys – Boat Builders CP Leek, Egg Harbor, Pacemaker, Post, Viking..."
Special talk by Captain Ken Kreisler, Yachting Magazine
- 2:00 PM "Old Bay and Oy Vey...Interesting History of the Region's Favorite Spice"
Presentation by Deborah Weiner, Baltimore-based Author and Historian
- 3:00 PM "End of an Era of Steamboats on the Bay (Later than You Think!)"
By Chief Curator Pete Leshner, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Seminars are FREE to all Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Members, Antique Boat Festival Participants, and Visitors Who Have Paid Admission to the Museum Grounds

For more information, contact Classic Boat Festival Co-Chairman Jeff Beard (202) 651-0671

2021 Antique and Classic Boat Festival

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

June 18, 19 & 20, 2021

Attend free talks June 18 & 19 from experts about *the Bay's Wonderful Harbors*, History of Downeast-Style Boats, *1950s Origins of Grand Banks Trawlers*, Restoring Rybovich and Florida Sport Fishers, *Nautical Fashion + Yacht Club Attire*, Early Hatteras and Bertam Designs, *Chris-Craft's Stylish 1950s and 1960s Wood and Glass Cruisers*, Jersey Boat Builders Egg Harbor/Pacemaker/Post, Viking, *History of Old Bay Seasoning (some free samples)*, and the End of Steamboats on the Bay (well into the 20th century!) [Click here](#) to view.



Harbor Shuttle: CH71, 410-924-2198, (Call for hours) Water taxi and harbor tours. Berthed at the end of Mulberry St.
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum: CH16, 410-745-2916, cbmm.org - Mariner level and above members only dockage.
Higgins Yacht Yard: CH16, 410-745-9303, higginsyachtyard.com - Transient slips, marine repair.
Inn at Perry Cabin: CH16, 410-745-2200, perrycabin.com - Dockage for hotel guests only.
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 Free public docks: 4-hour maximum. No docking from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

For Visitor's Information and Dining, Accommodations and Shopping, visit www.stmichaelsmd.org

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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. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

6/11-12	Thomasville, NC Vintage Power Show
6/18-20	St. Michael's MD Boat Show
7/10	Reedville, VA visit to Matt Smith's Facility
7/17	Chapter "boat show" at Blackbeard Sailing Club New Bern
7/28	Chapter business meeting—TBD
8/21	Housewarming for Bill Conley's new shop—Raleigh
9/11	Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show
9/18	Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show —Huddleston, VA
9/16-18	ACBS International show—Coeur d'Alene, ID
9/24-26	Oriental, NC in-water boat show
9/25	Wings, Wheels & Keels Show in Topping, VA

New Forum on Facebook for ACBS Members

Have a question about your project? Not sure how to fix an engine issue? Join the ACBS Members Group on Facebook! [Click Here.](#)



Request to Join

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.](#)