



Messing About In Boats

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

June 2023

Greetings Fellow Boating Enthusiasts!

In the last month, the weather has once again shown its favor to our club so that we could experience several outstanding boating events together. In this edition of the newsletter, you'll read that blue skies followed our members from Beaufort to New Bern to Lake Lure and beyond - even to New York state! Not only was the weather "award-winning", so were our member's boats. Congrats to the winners chronicled in the reports on the following pages. We're hoping for the same gracious weather in June for the events we've got on the calendar. Two of them are recognizable from years past and run by friends of the club, and two are new and involve our own club making it happen.

The first is the T-Ville Vintage Power Show in Thomasville, NC on June 9th and 10th. This is a popular event that draws attendees who come to view and participate in a broad range of "antique-related" activities like vintage cars, machinery, music, food, and - of course! - boats.

The second is the show of our sister Chesapeake Bay ACBS chapter in St. Michaels, MD, June 16-18, 2023. It's on the grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and is their 35th annual show!

Next, we have two of our "own" chapter events. The first is actually not "our"

event, but that of the folks at the Bridgeton Blueberry Festival. However, they've reached out to us about showcasing our boats and club at that event and have asked Alan Hills to facilitate. So, if you like any of the following: Bridgeton, blueberries or boats - be sure to contact Alan and let him know you're interested!

Finally, member Jim Dean is organizing our "Wilmington Road Show" for June 24th. We'll visit Ted Hewlett's huge collection of antique outboards, have lunch and enjoy fellowship at a local watering hole, then check out Ken Tatum's saw mill and homestead located alongside the Cape Fear River. It should all be really neat, and kudos to Jim Dean for putting it all together!

As always, thanks to Judy Hills for writing the newsletter, which includes detailed information on each of the events (past and present) mentioned above. Thanks Alan Hills and John Dougherty for your stories regarding your old/new Barbour. And thanks to Jim Dean for organizing the upcoming Wilmington event, and also for being one of our biggest new-member-recruiters! To all members - new and old - happy boating and I'll hope to see you at an event soon!

Cheers,

Jeff

WILMINGTON ROAD SHOW

LIKE NONE YOU HAVE SEEN BEFORE!
BRING YOUR MONEY AND YOUR TRUCK OR TRAILER
YOU WON'T WANT TO GO HOME EMPTY HANDED!

SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023 10 AM TO 3 PM



FIRST UP, A VISIT TO TED
HEWLETT'S OUTBOARD MOTOR
COLLECTION—HE'S READY TO
SELL—MAKE HIM AN OFFER HE
CAN'T REFUSE! HUNDREDS TO
CHOOSE FROM!

THEN LUNCH AT THE KEG & EGG
THEN WE'LL VISIT KEN TATUM'S SAW MILL &
HOMESTEAD ON THE CAPE FEAR RIVER



10 AM @ TED'S: 6917 MASONBORO SOUND RD IN WILMINGTON
11:30 AM LUNCH @ AT THE KEG & EGG 4039 MASONBORO LOOP RD
1:30 PM @ KEN'S 2191 RIVERBEND DR IN BURGAW.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER.

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.

Wilmington Road Show—Saturday June 24th 10 AM to 3 PM

Just a few clarifications regarding this outing. Hopefully you saw the flyer on page 2.

Ted really does have hundreds of outboard motors and he really does want to sell some off. We weren't kidding about bringing your money and a method to transport one or more home.

The restaurant is only five minutes from Ted's place and we'd really like a head count so we can give them a heads up. This might help

us get served faster.

Ken's place is about a 45 minute drive north of Wilmington and is just off I-40, so those of you returning home from there will have a shorter drive. Jim Dean organized this outing and assures us that you'll want to see Ken's homestead and his saw mill.

So, please come and bring your friends! [Click here](#) to sign up. A big thanks to **Jim Dean** for organizing this outing!

Bridgeton BlueberryFest by Alan Hills

The organizers of the [BlueberryFest](#) of Bridgeton, NC (near New Bern) has reached out to our chapter and asked if we would be able to provide a few boats to display there. The event will be held on June 17th from 9:00 – 4:00 at the site of the old elementary school. I attended their organizational meeting and we feel there will be room for up to 6 boats plus our tent. If any members wish to participate,

[please contact me](#). I'm sure there will be plenty of blueberries there among other things!



Beaufort NCMM Wooden Boat Show

During the week before the show, we were anxiously watching the weather report, but fortunately as the week went on, the rain forecast continued to improve. Saturday May 6th ended up to be a perfect day—sunny with a little breeze and temps in the low 70's. The show organizers breathed a collective sigh of relief.

The following chapter members brought one or more boats to the show: **Bill Ward, John Tinney, Joe Peacos, Brad Hedrick, John Peck, Bill Conley and Alan Hills.** Several co-members were also there. Member **Dave Mahoney** displayed his collection of miniature, working outboard motors in the Watercraft building.

Those members who just came to support the show included: **Leif Eriksson, Austin Lewis, Jim Hartman, Jim Dean and Stan Thorne.** Member **Jim Moores** was one of the show judges. For those who don't know, Jim Moores has a long history in the boat building and restoration business.

Former Chapter member **Richard**

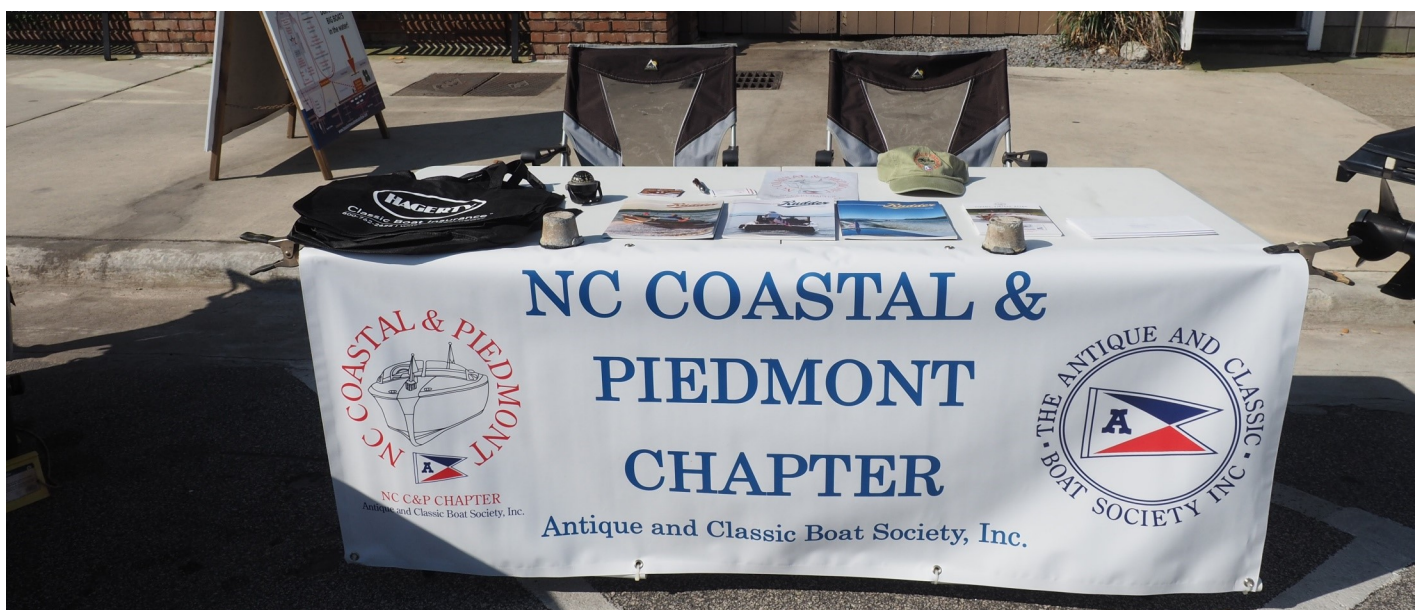
Charles was there showing a boat he remodeled for his grandson. Richard got out of the chapter saying he had just sold his "last boat." Never say "last" when it comes to boats!

We also saw our friend **Gary Lowell.** Most of you know Gary, who has a boat shop in Greensboro. Gary offered to do another workshop for our chapter. Our calendar is full for 2023, so we'll probably plan something with him for January or February 2024.

Alan and Judy Hills manned a table for the Chapter and ran out of applications. If we get two or three new members from what we handed out, we'll be doing well.

Member Joe Peacos won Best of Show and Best Rowboat. Member John Tinney's 1930 Elco won two awards: Best Classic Inboard Power and Captain's Choice. These two are hard to beat as their vessels are unique and very lovely specimens of their ilk.

So, once again we close out this show with accolades for the organizers as well as for the participants. We were thankful for the beautiful weather we had.



Beaufort NCMM Wooden Boat Show Pictures



Beaufort NCMM Wooden Boat Show Pictures (More)



What's this hanging off the side of this boat? Not very attractive.



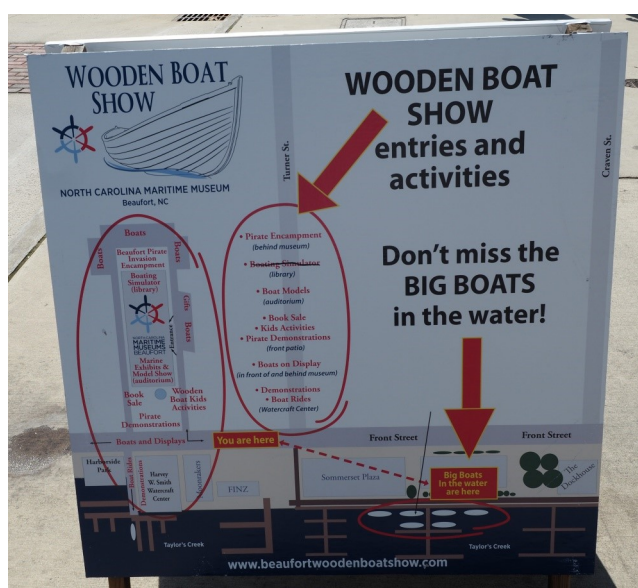
One way to show off your boat's awards.



Another way to display your boat's awards. Subtle way to influence the judges? Or not.



Simple idea to help promote ACBS.



Sandwich board sign—an idea to use at our September show.

Beaufort NCMM Wooden Boat Show Winners from our Chapter

John Tinney in blue
Joe Peacos in yellow



Trent River Run 18 May 2023

The Trent River Run scheduled for earlier this month had to be postponed due to weather. We rescheduled it for Thursday May 18th and we absolutely picked a perfect day. It was over-cast, in the mid-70's although a bit breezy. Docking the boats at the Saltwater Grill restaurant in River Bend was a bit of a challenge.

Jim Hartman was joined by new member Stan Thorne and member Jim Dean. Stan and Jim drove up from Wilmington for a ride in Boo-Boo, Jim's Chris-Craft Continental. It was a good thing, too, that they did as Jim needed help with getting Boo-Boo out of the boathouse on the Trent River. The 15 knot wind was blowing her around. Alan and Judy Hills also rode in Boo-Boo.



Meanwhile back at the ramp next to the restaurant, Jim and Sharon Conley launched Blue Tango, their Chris-Craft Special Runabout. Jim Alexander had driven here from Raleigh and he rode with John Peck in Pecker's Woody, a classic kit runabout. John Justice brought his helper, Jacob. Jacob brought his 3-year old son Cooper and his 2-year old daughter Finley along for the ride in Fins, a Chris-Craft Continental. President Jeff Martinson and Mike Triplett drove in from Raleigh and rode in Fins as well. We shoved off around 10:30 AM.

Once everyone had launched and riders were seated, we headed out the canal from the restaurant to the Trent River. We headed up river toward the small Jones County town of Pollocksville. The wind kept us cool. There was no fetch because the river is narrow so the wa-

ter was calm. Except for a few areas of houses, the river is wild. We saw a few birds and a few turtles, but no other wildlife. We only encountered two other boats. One was a couple fishing and the other was a man in an electric kayak-looking boat. It was very peaceful.

There were a few creepy encounters—owners with a sense of humor. One was two skeletons in chairs on a dock. Not unusual to see that on the Trent River except that one of

the skeletons was of a mermaid with a tail. Had to take a second look! The other was a family of skeletons include what looked like a dog.

We returned to the restaurant around 12:30 and piled in. We

had not made reservations so it took them a while to serve us, but we have had this issue before. Gave us lots of time to catch up. Member Austin Lewis had to work that morning, but he joined us for lunch. Turns out that he and Mike Triplett had something in common—skateboarding. Once you get to know another member, you'll be amazed at what you might find out.

We ended up with 13 adults and two children on the ride and one more adult joining us for lunch. And all the boats ran perfectly! This is a very respectable turnout for a weekday event.

Our next chapter outing is scheduled for Wilmington on Saturday June 24th. Do plan to join us! See details in this edition.

Trent River Run Photos



John Peck and his Pecker's Woody



Launching the Conley's Blue Tango



Launching John's Fins



Jim's Boo-Boo at the dock

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Bye, Bye Barbour! Hello ??? By Alan Hills

It has been said that the happiest day in a man's life is when he gets a new boat, and the second happiest is when he sells it (or vice-versa). I think it's a little different for those who restore/rebuild/repair older boats, so here's my take on it.

Personally, I can't remember a boat I have ever purchased that was turnkey at the get-go. Some were large scale projects, others not so much. But the one common thread to them all is that they acquired a bit of an emotional status as time went by. This was the case with the 1959 Barbour, "Clippin' Along", which I recently found a new, happy home for.

This boat wasn't a huge project but it kept me pretty busy for the better part of a year. In the end, she turned out as good as my old amateur hands could muster. We happily showed her and enjoyed her and garnered lots of attention on our home waters because she was built here in New Bern, NC where we live. We enjoyed listening to the comments of the locals who had some family ties to the Barbour Boat Company and memories of Barbours running up and down the Trent and Neuse rivers back in the day.

As the years are gaining on me, I have been taking stock of many things. One of those things is my "stuff." Is it still necessary and how much do I use it? Well, the Barbour fell into the category of "is it used." We have shown her in all the events we wanted to and didn't feel like attending the same events with the same boat. The other thing is, we hardly used her. We have the 22-foot Chris Craft dory that

is our "go-to boat" and an Ensign sailboat that we are in partners with chapter members Kevin and Jen Leiner. We also have a small hydroplane that we will show this year. One other factor was space.... we don't have a lot of it. The decision was made that we would try to find "Clippin' Along" a new steward.

So, I put together a few photos and some text and listed her on Craigslist. The replies were mostly spam and a couple that actually knew what a boat was, however, nothing of any solid interest.

I try to get out sailing as much as I can and my usual sailing buddy is chapter member John Dougherty. Typically, John and I go out, sail around and drink a beer or two. And we talk. I men-



tioned my desire to part with "Clippin' Along" and noticed that John had a slight interest in the boat. As time passed, I asked John how serious he was about buying and he told me that he had been speaking with his brother in the New York Finger Lakes region about partnering on the boat.

While that process was going on, measurements were taken, questions asked and a sea trial done. I didn't hear a whole lot back from John so I relisted the boat and told John that I had done so. My desire was to have John buy her and keep her in the club so I asked him to make an offer. After a few days of back and forth, a deal was struck at a price that I feel was good for both of us.

John picked up the boat and trailered to her new home near Cazenovia Lake in New York. She'll

Bye, Bye Barbour! Hello ??? By Alan Hills (Continued)

live in a barn on the family homestead there and I have the solace of knowing that she will be properly loved and cared for going forward. John plans to show her at the ACBS show in Skaneateles in July. We hope he'll

bring her back to her homeport in New Bern once in a while.

Now, what do I do with my newfound space? A British sports car might look nice there!



Hello Barbour! By John Dougherty

Well, "Clippin' Along" made her central NY Finger Lakes area debut on Cazenovia Lake this week. She acquitted herself admirably and we enjoyed a nice tour of the lake. In fact we went around it twice! Although boat traffic this early in the season was very light, we had several admirers waving to us from balconies of shoreline homes. She has a nice dry and covered berth in ye olde family barn.

With a bit of luck, I hope to be back up to New York late July to exhibit in the 44th annual Skaneateles antique and classic boat show. (July 28-30). More pictures on p. 15.





Supporting the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort

Did you know that those who are members of the Friends of the NCMM in Beaufort get a break on the cost of the various programs? [Click here](#) to check out the many programs being offered this summer, both for adults and kids. The two-day Wooden Boat Building Class in June has already sold out but the September 23-24 class is open for registration.

You can build a boat in a day on July 15th, on July 22nd, July 26th, July 29th, August 5th or August 12th. Wouldn't that be a fun thing to do with a child!

[Click here](#) to become a member of the Friends of the NCMM at Beaufort. We hope you will!

Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: T. Stan Thorne (Wilmington, NC)

Renewed: Bill Conley, Jim Dean, Jeff Gelm, Eric Golden, Frank Harden, Dick Kish

Total Membership: 62 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 52 NC C&P Not Primary Chapter: 10

Welcome!

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!



ACBS Chesapeake Bay Chapter Boat Festival in St. Michaels, MD

If you haven't been to this Boat Festival yet, it should be on your bucket list! Alan and Judy Hills have been to this show several times and highly recommend it! There is a lot to take in: the boats, the vendors, the seminars, the museum exhibits, and the food! And you'll want to visit the Field of Dreams. You might just find your next boat there! There is way too much information about the festival to cover it all here, but we'll give you a few hints and suggest you [click here](#) to visit the show website.

The Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society is holding our 35th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival once again over Father's Day weekend on the beautiful grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM). This show, to take place June 16-18, 2023, is the largest antique and classic boat show in the Mid-Atlantic.

In addition to the 100+ wood and fiberglass boats on display on land or in the water, we have a Field of Dreams, where you can find

a "project" boat or a ready-to-go boat. Our Nautical Flea Market has a wide variety of unique items for sale. Our juried "Arts at Navy Point" attracts some of the best-known artisans and craftspeople from Canada to Florida.

In addition to our own maritime-influenced vendors and exhibitors, visitors to the show have access to all of the museum's exhibits and displays.

CBMM is located in the quaint and historic town of St. Michaels, Md., on the Eastern Shore. Talbot Street, St. Michael's main street, offers shopping, dining and night life. There are period homes, a motor car museum, vineyard, brewery and rum distillery — all within walking distance from the museum grounds.

Round up the family and join us for a great weekend on Maryland's Eastern Shore!

Please take the time to view a short [video of our 2021 Festival](#).



Thomasville, NC Vintage Power Show

Several of our members have shown boats at this Power show. The show itself is interesting and it is free to display. Just show up early at the gate on Saturday June 10th. If you live west of Raleigh, we encourage you to show your boat and help recruit for our Chapter. If you need a paper copy of the ACBS application [click here](#). Fill in NCC&P as the chapter and write in our dues of \$20. [Click here](#) for show info.



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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.**

6/9-10 Thomasville, NC Vintage Power Show. [Click here.](#)

6/16-18 Chesapeake Bay ACBS Show. [Click here.](#)

6/17 Bridgeton Blueberry Festival. [Click here](#)

6/24 Chapter outing to Wilmington—see flyer on p. 2 and additional info on p. 3 [Click here](#) to register

7/11 Chapter business meeting, evening picnic & run on Lake Jordan 4 PM

7/22 Try your hand at sailing at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern

8/20 International Vintage Boating Day

8/20 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

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.](#)