



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 Mates!

I hope this finds y'all hale and hearty. The days are getting longer, the temps are rising and I'm starting to see a few boats out on the river. Spring can't be far off!

This year has started off on a high note, to be sure; we had the shop tour and lecture by Gary Lowell last month, our regional get-togethers this month (more about that later), and for March we have a trailer repair/maintenance workshop at the Piglet on the 9th and the event at the Mariner's Museum on the 30th. You can't say we're aren't providing opportunities to learn, teach, and enjoy fellowship!

March is also the month that the Sunnyland Chapter holds their show in Tavares, FL. This is the unofficial official kick off to the show season. I know that several of our members are planning to attend and I highly recommend making the trip down. There will be many, many beautiful boats on display, a field of dreams which just may hold your next pride and joy, seaplane rides, alligators, vendors and food and drink. If you have never been, you've got to get this on your bucket list!

We owe a debt of gratitude to our members who so graciously hosted our regional get togethers: John Dougherty in New Bern, Jim and Alice Dean in Wilmington, and Kevin and Jennifer Leiner in the

Triangle area. These were a huge success and I'm hoping we can make it an annual event going forward.

Congratulations to member Jim Moores on the recent launching of "Patience", a 27' launch designed from his vision and built in his shop (more on this later).

On another note, I have waded into the wooden boat ownership/repair arena again. The criteria was to have a small boat that would fit easily in my space, be easy to trailer, wouldn't need any exotic bottom treatment, and be in-board powered with hopefully a good turn of speed. After a few months of looking around, I picked up a 1958 15' Chris Craft Cavalier utility powered by a model K engine. We are currently, as they say in the legal profession, in the discovery phase. What can be said about her so far is the old cliché "She's got good bones"

I'll leave you with that and the hope of seeing many of you at some of our upcoming events!

Happy Boating,

Alan Hills, President



One Lucky Guy by Loren (Larry) Lettick (New Member)

Over my many decades of boating, I have done my share of single handing, but always by choice. Over those years I've run into sailors who are confronted with the choice either to scrounge around for crew, or set off alone. I am lucky enough to have a mate who enjoys the water as much as I do.

Two years ago, after a day of short tacking into a 25 knot breeze aboard our 37' sailboat, we surrendered to the realization that we had aged out of sailing. The logical thing to do near the skinny waters of the Pamlico River where we live, would have been to sell the sailboat and buy a pontoon boat—boring! We did execute the first step of our plan by ridding ourselves of the sailboat, but logic not being my strong suit, we passed on the pontoon boat and cruised the internet for something more interesting.

A round trip to Lake Dora resulted in a fully restored 1946 20' Chris-Craft Custom runabout sit-

ting proudly on her trailer in our driveway. It's a delight to climb in, turn the key, and hold the rhumb line at 30 knots without the need to raise, trim, or lower sails—and she looks maaahvelous! The classic mahogany lines and the deep-throated rumble of her 300hp Chrysler V-8 tingle the senses. Fuel is a little more costly, and Epifanes doesn't exactly give away their varnish, but we are luxuriating in our decision to ride in, care for, and admire the newest destination in our boating journey.

So far, we have trailered our "Sweetie Pie" to the ACBS Boat Show in St. Michaels, MD, and to Mooresville, NC for a week of tearing up the water on Lake Norman, as well as exploring the myriad creeks along the Pamlico—areas that were inaccessible to us in our deep draft sailboats. My mate, Eileen, and I look forward to accumulating many happy engine hours together, starting as soon as the weather allows.



Member Leif Eriksson Turns 85

Those who know and love Leif Eriksson constantly marvel the amount of physically challenging work that he still does at age 85. Leif has been working for several years redoing a 1972 Grand Banks Trawler "Trilogy" at the dock of his home on the Trent River in New Bern. Below is a picture of several chapter members celebrating Leif's 85th birthday—a pop-up event. We all aspire to be as spry as Leif at age 85! L to R: Alan Hills, Austin Lewis, Leif, Laird Stubbings, and Jim Hartman



Sunnyland Chapter Boat Festival in Tavares, FL March 21-24

The Sunnyland festival is the kick-off event for ACBS chapter boat show season around the country. It is one of the biggest shows you will attend, so if you have not experienced it yet, we hope you make plans to attend. They call it a festival instead of a show because there is no judging of boats.

A number of our members are planning to attend and do the pre-festival cruise. This includes Alan Hills, Jim Hartman, Neal Keeter, John Justice and John's adult son. They will ride in John's 1958 Chris Craft Continental "Fins." While John has not entered the Fins for the show, they will go on the cruise and hang out at the festival.

[Click here](#) for Festival information.



Member Jim Moores Designs and Builds a New “Classic”

We couldn't let this go by unnoticed. Many of you know that member Jim Moores used to be in the business of restoring classic yachts like the 1930 93-foot Defoe-designed Presidential yacht Honey Fitz. The t-shirts for his company, Moores Marine, had the motto “We keep legends alive.” But now instead of restoring legends, he has created one—or so he hopes.

On February 26th Jim posted a message on his Blog that he had launched Moores Yachts' first build, the M27—a triple cockpit, aptly named “Patience.” The photos here were taken by Jim's talented son, James Moores, III. We received permission to share these photos with you.

This just could be the next generation of antique and classic boats! It is definitely one-of-a-kind. Congratulations, Jim!!!



Regional Meeting in New Bern by Judy Hills

It was a perfect day to be indoors in New Bern—overcast, windy and a little cool, but we were all cozy in host John Dougherty's home in Fairfield Harbour. John and President Alan Hills did have their boats on display in the driveway. Some had not seen John's Wolverine and few had seen Alan's newest acquisition: the 15-foot Chris Craft Cavalier. The guys did take time to give Alan pointers about reviving the boat.

Attendees include Judy & Alan Hills, Ted Clark, Leif Eriksson, Austin Lewis, Eileen and Larry Lettick (new members), Kim and Brad Hedrick, John and Barbara Peck, Anne Marie and Jim Hartman and of course our host John. We had a nice crowd.

Alan gave a brief welcome and we all had a chance to introduce ourselves. We continued to kibitz over a wonderful lunch of sandwiches and dishes brought by the guests. After lunch we had a raucous game of "chardonades" with a nautical theme to make it easier for those who had not played charades in a while. That was so much fun! (What!!! You never heard the song Sloop John B? You never saw the movie White Squall?) Even those who were reluctant at first joined in the spirit of the game. After that Alan reminded the guests of upcoming events.

We gave John a round of applause for hosting and we all left having made new friends and solidifying our relationships with old ones. We all agreed that this was worth doing again!

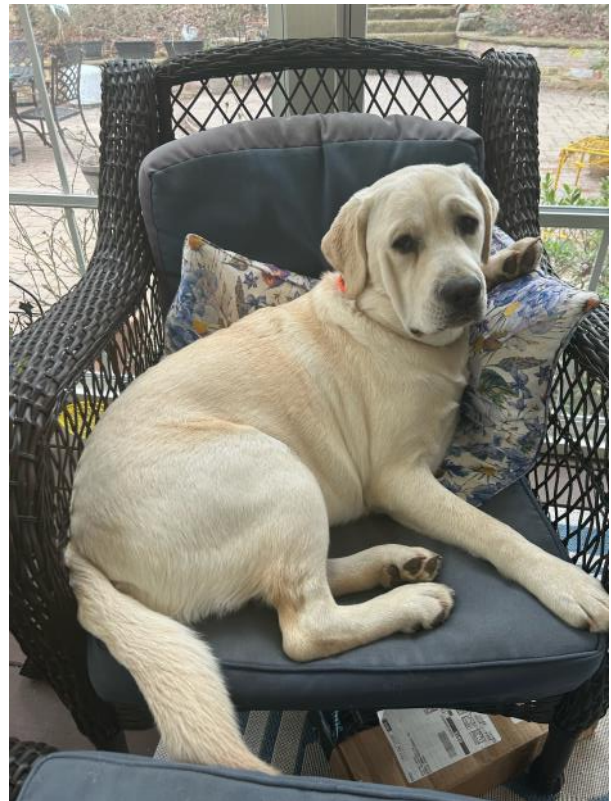


Regional Meeting in Wake Forest by Molly Banta

it really was a super-fun evening of boat stories and camaraderie ... the Leiners (Kevin & Jen) were gracious hosts treating us to scrumptious food and lots of interesting show-and-tell around the house, in the garage, and their amazing backyard! it was a memorably good time, for sure. Here is a short review:

- Attendees besides Kevin & Jen included Bob & Molly Banta, Cindy Jordan, Jeff Martinson, and John Justice.
- absolutely deeee-lish Lasagna Bolognese (not your regular 'lasagna') a la Kevin's culinary skill great hors d'oeuvres, salad, banana pudding, and chianti rounded out the genuinely special menu
- "Rhody" was our friendly greeter and event mascot who was happy to no end we were in 'his' house!
- John Justice and Cindy Jordan looked over Kevin's newest boat project;
- Molly preferred drooling over Jen's red Porsche (dream on girl!)
- Cindy checked out Jen's Victorian 'parlor' with its 'gobs-and-gobs' of British royal family memorabilia – very interesting. (

We all lingered in fraternal chat around the table. Kudos to Kevin and Jen!!!



Regional Meeting in Wilmington by Jim Dean

Stan Thorpe, Jim and Alice Dean hosted a gathering the those members, co-members and prospective members in the Wilmington area. The event was held at the Wilmington Marine Center where they had the opportunity to tour Stuart Benson’s 1919 Matthews 60-foot motor yacht Mary Elizabeth.

There were 11 attendees that included: Jim & Alice Dean, Stan Thorpe, Pat Plunkett, Stuart Benson, Faye Hall, Ken Tatum, John Gray, Layne Smith, Tom Jones, and Jerry Pope.

Alice made chili along with other food to lunch on. They also played a game where two people’s hands were tied together and they had to figure out a way to get apart.

The word of the day was “FUN” and they had lots of it according to Jim’s report.



TRAILER MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP



*John Justice's Piglet
Saturday March 3rd
10 AM to 2 PM*

*10 Crosswinds Estates Dr.
Pittsboro, NC 27312*

*NC Coastal & Piedmont ACBS Chapter
Will Provide FREE lunch, so please sign up!*

We'll provide a list of "what to" check. John and knowledgeable others will provide the "how to." We'll have a few trailers to use for the training, but if you want help inspecting yours, we invite you to bring it to the workshop, but we may not have time to work on every trailer.

John's workshop is in the back of the property, so follow the drive.

Call John if you need directions: 919.244.0942

[Click here](#) to sign up so we can have enough food and drink.

We look forward to seeing you!



CHAPTER EVENT
Mariners Museum & Park
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA
Saturday March 30, 2024



**INVITING CHAPTER MEMBERS , GUESTS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
FROM NC COASTAL & PIEDMONT, TIDEWATER, CHESAPEAKE,
SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE AND BLUE RIDGE TO ATTEND**

NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter, as hosts, will pay for a group experience:
USS Monitor Unveiled. There is no charge to participants for this event.

A box lunch will be provided for \$20 each. REGISTER SEPARATELY to get
your choice of a classic sandwich of ham, turkey, roast beef or chicken salad
that includes chips, cookie and bottled water. Please bring cash to
pay the host chapter at the facility.


The Museum is requiring us to place our food order by March 15th!!!

Here is the plan: Arrive at 11 AM, USS Monitor presentation at 11:30 AM,
Lunch at 12:30 PM, then visit the exhibits on your own (self-tour) until
close.


*Because our chapter will be required to pay for lunches ordered, please
register to attend on SignUp Genius and select your sandwich choice
(or mark "none").*

[Click here](#) to sign up BY MARCH 15TH if you plan to eat with us.
[You may sign up after that if not eating.](#)

[Questions? email Judy Hills](#)

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Letters to the Editor—Give us a Shoutout!

You know we always like to try new things to see what works and what doesn't. Here is something we are going to try for the next few months. I call it "Dear Editor..."

Here is your chance to sound off, to compliment, to complain, to suggest, to enlighten, or just to share a picture, joke or cartoon. We won't censure you, but do keep it clean for our family audience! [Click here](#) to send a Dear Editor letter.



Boat Speedometer: The Essentials

The material in this article is taken from : <https://themarineking.com/blogs/news/boat-speedometer>

A boat speedometer measures the speed of the boat and is essential to help boaters track their speed to stay within legal limits and to monitor engine performance. They are usually mounted on the dash and measure miles per hour or kilometers per hour. There are four types: traditional (uses a pitot tube); GPS (tracks position over time); electric paddle wheel (sensor measures the spin of the paddle wheel); and electromagnetic (measures voltage created by a conductor passing through the field).

Key factors in choosing the right speedometer for your boat include: visible display, water protection, additional readings, intuitive menu, and speed range.

The process to install a speedometer depends on the type chosen. The most common type being installed today is the GPS speedometer.

Tips on using the speedometer include:

- Mount it properly. Should not move.
- Check it regularly for speed and engine performance
- Use the speedometer to gauge speed especially in a restricted speed zone.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Even at slow speeds a floating or submerged object may damage the hull.

There are numerous apps that measure boat speed. You can use one of these to verify the accuracy of your boat's installed speedometer. These include: [GPS Speedometer](#); [Odometer for iOS](#), or [BoatSpeed](#) for Android.



NOAA Weather & Outdoor Activity Survey for NC Residents

NC Residents (randomly picked) are being asked by NOAA to help in a Gallup Poll study. This survey asks questions about severe weather and outdoor activities. The results will be used to learn more about the environment and help improve the quality of marine and coastal resources. They even sent \$2 in cash to entice the adult of the house to complete and mail it back. We hope that if you received this survey that you will do just that as the study will benefit boaters like us.



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.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

New: Stephen Gornto (Sunnyland Chapter—Milton, FL),
Stuart Benson (Wilmington, NC)

Renewed: Frank Highley (Charlotte, NC), Austin Lewis (Cove City, NC), Kevin McGugan (Greensboro, NC)

Total Membership: 59 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 46 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 12

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:

- **3/9** Trailer Maintenance workshop at Piglet in Pittsboro (John Justice) [Click here](#) to sign up.
- **3/21-24** Sunnyland Chapter Boat Show in Tavares, FL
- **3/30** Chapter Day Trip to Mariners Museum & Park in Newport News, VA [Click here](#) to register
- **4/12-14** Oriental Boat Show
- **4/13** Cape Fear Community College Boat Show [Click here](#) for info.
- **4/24** Chapter Business Meeting via Zoom
- **4/27-28** Overnight Cruise from Vandemere (Pamlico County) to Bath on Sat and return on Sun
- **5/4** NC Maritime Museum Boat Show in Beaufort [Click here](#) for info
- **5/17-18** Lake Lure Boat and Auto Show (Blue Ridge Chapter)



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](#).