



Messing About In Boats

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

May 2019

New Logo

The big news for this month is the introduction of our new logo. We kept the basic design of the previous logo and just updated the name. Hopefully you noticed it on the left side of the new header above. Of course, this has implications:

- Disposal of all apparel that Bob Banta has with the old logo (any ideas?);
- Need new name tags for all current paid members (we are doing research on this now);
- Need T-shirts for purchase;
- Need SS button down fishing shirts; for purchase
- Need LS button down fishing shirts; for purchase
- Need Hats for purchase.

We are also researching options for refreshing our website. Most folks these days use the web as their primary source of information. Presentation and ease of navigation (as well as changing content) are some of the attributes of websites most of us enjoy visit-

ing and we would like to get closer to that model. We are exploring several options to achieve this, including hiring a third party professional.

We have a few more members who may possibly attend the Lake James outing next month. This is really a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a new area and show off our boats. We hope you'll consider joining us.

In June we are planning a poker run by boat along with events during the day including a cookout. We hope you will join us in New Bern on Saturday June 22nd—details in next month's newsletter. Should be lots of family fun.

In October our club members helped Blackbeard Sailing Club make repairs to their flooded bath house. We are pleased to report that the renovations are almost com-

plete to the structure with just a few interior finishing touches needed. BSC was and still is most appreciative of the work done by our members. Except for replacing the extensively damaged C dock, the BSC site is almost back to normal.

If you have anything boat-related to sell, trade or give away, send us the info and if possible a photo. We want to get a trading dock going both in the June newsletter and eventually on our website.

If you need help or just someone to get you motivated, please reach out to a chapter member.

Thanks everyone for your support and participation!

Best regards,

Alan

Minutes of Meeting April 30, 2019 by Sec. Garfield Karpiak

Welcome by President Alan Hills and call to order

10 members present

Treasurers Report

\$6,995.xx balance currently

Bob Banta tendered his resignation effective April 2020

Thanks given all around for his long and productive service.

Membership

Currently 71 members, 52 active and current, 16 with dues lapsed

Two new members

President's Report:

Thanks to Jim Alexander for following up with new members

Lowell's Boats Show and Beaufort Workshop well attended and received

New logo designed in multiple formats, similar to old save for name change

Old Business

Still two \$100.00 ACBS raffle tickets with our club.

\$60.00 left on one ticket and \$50.00 on the other ticket. Plan to split any winnings 50/50 between club and winners. Draw Sept. 20th so those interested please pony up

Jim Alexander current chair of membership committee, thanks expressed.

Activities committee chair rolling roster depending on venue.

NCMM Boat Show set for May 4, more presence welcome.

ACBS participants will be located close to Barbour Boat area.

Lake James event set for May 18-19, a couple of potential extra members showed interest in participating. Flyer sent to local chapters in that area to welcome them.

New Business

Professional web designer looking at our and similar web sites for preliminary ideas.

Thoughts to keep it static rather than interactive for simplicity sake.

Updates like monthly newsletter welcomed and discussion to add any parts and or services that may be available on the newsletter

Announcements and Upcoming

Events

Working to 'formalize'

'onboarding' process to enhance retention of new members

Survey to new members proposed and discussion that learning what new members needs and expectations are may be just as important as evaluation of process.

Agreed membership needs to grow to keep unit thriving

Next meeting/outing

The next outing will be held at our Lake James outing on May 17-19, 2019.

Poker run & cookout being worked on for New Bern area on Saturday June 22nd.

Welcome New Member: Frank Highley

I am a physician in Charlotte, now moving toward retirement. I've worked on cars as a hobby most of my life but am mostly a novice about boats. But I think I imprinted on wooden boats as a kid on the lakes of Vermont where we spent Augusts for many years. I remember these boats when they were new and I had never seen anything so magical. (I imagine this story is not rare among your members!)

We live in Charlotte but recently acquired a small house on Lake Norman with a single covered boat slip. There are of course extensive marina facilities nearby. There won't likely be a better time to get back into boating. I wanted a utility, rather than a runabout, of about 18 feet. I found a Continen-

tal 18 on the web which was a little different in that it had a documented score in the 90s at the Lake Tahoe show August '18 but, while not cheap, was not too outrageous. The marine surveyor I hired was impressed. I've spoken at length with the seller who is the third owner since 1956, history is totally documented. The downside is the boat is at his place in Lake Havasu City, Arizona (he trailers it to Tahoe). Any advice about the best way to have it transported to Lake Norman would be welcome!

Please join us in welcoming Frank to our fold. If you have a suggestion for Frank, his email address is:

highleymd@carolina.rr.com

“When man plans, God laughs” by Garfield Karpiak

Almost a decade ago I purchased a 15' Century Palomino and sold the ZIP I had built. Plan was to resurrect the old woody, but, as they say, "When you make plans God laughs"! Now retired, I finally realized I enjoyed the building far more than boating for boating's sake. I had already made several frames and a new stem, but decided to not to poodcede with the whole boat resurrection.

Not wanting to waste the beautiful woodwork it was time for Plan 'B', and create smaller individual projects. This is my first.

As I had all the planking off I sanded the red bilge coat paint off the inside of all the planking, leaving a warm mahogany glow on the inside of the boat. I then used satin varnish to soften the look further. The battens and frames were left with the original red bilge coat intact.

All planking and decking is original, and OEM Century red filler stain was used for the planking. The deck boards were bleached and I used a blonde filler stain. The shelf supports are the original transom knees, and even use the original bronze carriage head bolts for attachment to the frame. The shelf is a new piece of white oak, again using the blonde stain.



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The lattice work wine rack was a PITA, and uses some Peroba wood that I luckily found during a work related garage demo some time back. At about 60 lb. per board foot it's heavy and strong, straight grained, and the lattice pieces are 5/8" X 5/8". The square openings are 3 9/16" X 3 9/16" and will accept the somewhat larger Bordeaux bottles and some smallish champagne bottles. It holds 16 bottles as at the left and rightmost slots on the top row the boat tapers inward too much. It will hold fifteen 9" tall wine glasses.

There are three 12" LED under cabinet lights inside, operated by a dimmer switch on the right side. The left side switch is also a dimmer used for the floor lamp that I adapted. The floor lamp will rotate about 35 degrees to either side, but the amount

of swing is adjustable. I also ran power to an outlet on the forward side of one of the deck frames. A little step down transformer, 120 Volt AC to 12 Volt DC, plugs into that outlet, with the DC output line run to a toggle switch at the front, so the bow light actually lights up!

I added the casters after I had the feet/stand built as I felt the extra height would make it more comfortable to work at and use. She's now a little under 42" tall to the top of the deck at the highest point, 58" wide at the front, and about 48" deep including the depth of the shelf. Cleaned up the original hardware as best as I could for a 60 some year old boat.

Now the wife tells me it doesn't fit or work in our home so I am looking for a new home for it. On to the next project! If interested email me at gdcarpenter@yahoo.com



Tips on Painting from Workshop at Lowell Boats

This article is for those who were unable to attend the Open House at Lowell Boats in April. Gary Lowell offered these painting tips:

Foam brushes— use for varnishing; more even application, fewer bubbles, takes fewer number of strokes to soak in.

Hog bristle brushes—uses a mid-level brush with split ends from Corona (\$14 each); last 6-12 months.

Prefers a natural badger style China Bristle brush.

Clean a new brush before using it.

Use a newer brush for the best coat (top coat) then as brush gets older use it for middle coats and then for base coats. When it becomes too stiff—discard.

When brush painting, keep the brush perpendicular (90-degree angle) to the surface and let the bristles do the work for best coverage.

Wood surfaces and paint need to be worked more, that is why you should not use foam brushes.

When painting, keep in mind that where you put your brush down will make a mark, but where you pick it up won't.

Use gloves when painting.

4 step process to apply stain: sand then vacuum surface; dry wipe; solvent wipe (use disposable towel); the mix stain and apply it.

If you use a solvent—don't use a cloth rag—use a disposable towel.

To thin paint slightly, put a small amount of turpentine in it.

Refer to the material safety data sheet for a product to determine the appropriate solvent or thinner to use for it.

In oil-based paint stains, varnishes, and primers use Penetrol additive to improve penetration, adhesion and flow.

Temperature and humidity will affect spreading/coating characteristics.

Wipe surface with a tack cloth, just before applying the final coat.

When painting, apply across the grain then level it with the grain.

Speed is important when painting as you will leave an overlay mark if you take too long.

Don't paint varnish over linseed oil—set it set for several minutes or clean off.

Lowell Boats uses Tung Oil Based varnishes.

Hazy varnish is a problem with something other than humidity.

Sand between coats, just enough to scuff it up and to get a better mechanical bond. Use 220 grit sandpaper. Use 320 grit sandpaper for the final coat. Might wet sand and buff the last coat.

Lowell Boats uses Captains (Z Spar) or Flagship (Pettit). Flagship has more UV protectant than Captains.

Tried Gleam Marine Spar Varnish from Jamestown Distributors, but thickness was not enough. 10 coats look like 5 coats.

Turpentine and Mineral Spirits are almost interchangeable. Turpentine is distilled from pine sap and mineral spirits is a by product of making fossil fuels. Prefers turpentine when adding to paints and varnishes.

Acetone is very volatile and very active. Will dissolve paint or varnish. Use acetone to prep teak. Alcohol will bring moisture to the surface.



Friday May 17th through Sunday May 19th Nebo, NC — Lake James Area

The NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of ACBS invites the Blue Ridge Chapter and the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter to join us in a weekend of fun on Lake James located in western NC. Here is the basic plan (and you can do as much or as little of it as you care to):

- Friday night arrive in the area (optional);
- Saturday morning launch the boats at the Black Bear Access (across from Bear Creek Marina—free NC Wildlife Ramp) and ride Lake James;
- eat lunch at Bear Creek Marina in Nebo—it has a waterfront restaurant with docking for patrons; pull the boats;
- dinner at 6:00 PM at Judges' Riverside Restaurant in Morgantown;
- launch the boats again Sunday morning for a last cruise; pull the boats;
- eat lunch together and then depart for home.

Accommodations are available in Marion—5 miles away; in Morgantown—13 miles away; or any number of other options within 30 minutes or less driving time. Let NCCP chapter president Alan Hills know if you plan to attend.

This is a beautiful area and mid-May will be a nice time to visit as it is before the madness of Memorial Day weekend. NCCPC President Alan Hills and his wife Judy will be staying at the Linville Falls Lodge—about 30 minutes from Lake James. The lodge is owned by friends of theirs and it is very comfortable and clean. If the weather hands us lemons, we'll do what we boaters always do and make lemonade. There is lots to do and see in this area—especially the wineries. Do join us!

Accident “De-Bunks” Michigan Barbour—Now a “No-Show”



A Michigan couple, Larry and Wendy Krabach of Port Huron, owners of a Barbour boat named “Guilty Pleasure” were all set to travel to the NCMM Show in Beaufort (to join the Barbour display) when a semi broadsided their vehicle and tossed their boat into the street like it was a toy. Fortunately not too much damage was done, but our broken-hearted couple, decided to attend the show anyway sans boat. If you go to the show and run into Larry and Wendy, be sure to express your

condolences.

As to the boat, it is a 1959 16.5-foot Barbour Silver Clipper powered by a 1958 Mercury Mark 50. They have owned the boat since 2000 and restored it in 2009 & 2010. The Engine was rebuilt in 2011. The boat was repaired in 2018 after an accident. As to the name, Larry says that he was “guilted” about the amount of money spent to restore her, but it was pure “pleasure” to see her returned to her original glory.

Chapter Member Joe Peacos Organizes Barbour Boats at NCMM Show

Taken from the NCMM website: Before World War II when boats were custom made, it was an expensive hobby out of the reach of most Americans. But after the war — and its lucrative wartime contracts — ended, Herbert Barbour wanted to find a way to keep those in his employ at [Barbour Boatworks](#) on board as long as possible. So he started mass producing runabouts. Barbour Boatworks later decided not to keep up with changes in recreational boating technology and production, though; and his company quit manufacturing runabouts in the 1960s and moved forward concentrating their boat-building focus on the core business of steel ship construction. But the runabouts and their combination of nostalgia, history and performance still appeal to many, and the 45th Annual Beaufort Wooden Boat Show will feature what is expected to be the largest collection of Barbours in one location.

“We’re going to have a really professional showing,” said Joe Peacos Jr., who administers the [Barbour Boat Enthusiasts](#) Facebook page. “It’s going to be a show of force.”

The 45th Annual Beaufort Wooden Boat

Show, includes maritime craft demonstrations, radio-controlled motor boats, a virtual boating simulator, traditional sailboat rides, children’s activities and more. The Barbour Boat display will be in front of the watercraft center; and it will include Capt’n Hub, the racing runabout company founder Barbour built in the early 1950s.

Peacos will be bringing two of his Barbours: a 1961 vacationer and a 1949 utility, on each of which he spent about 1,000 hours in restoration.



Photo Caption Winners for April

Wow! We had a number of really great entries into the caption contest this month. As hard as it was, President Hills picked, (almost had to flip a coin!) "OK, John, next time we lift YOU get the hell out of there!!!" submitted by **Leif Eriksson**. Other very clever entries included: "Club members had been launching and retrieving boats for years. Things got much easier when they learned to back the trailer into the water" by **John Justice**; "You really know how to treat a lady" by **Brent Creelman**; "An impromptu performance of Cirque du Soleil: how many clowns can you get on a boat?" by **Kevin Leiner**; and "Never did figure out as a youth how many of a certain ethnic group it takes to change a lightbulb,



but now I know how many ACBS members it takes to make a back surgeon very happy" by **Lonnie Sieck**. Thanks everyone for entering—loved them all!

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 5/10** 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.

May 4 NCMM Boat Show in Beaufort, NC. Coordinated by Bill Conley.

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May 11 Lake Lure Boat Show in Lake Lure, NC

May 17-19 Lake James cruise and adventure weekend in Nebo, NC

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

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

Jul 30 Regular NCCP 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 NCCP 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 TBD

