



Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

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Hello Fellow Members,

I hope this finds you doing well and getting out on the water some. The boat show season is starting to ramp up and I hope you will be making your plans to attend some of them; the boats are great and the people are better! Next up is the NC Maritime Museum show on May 3rd, so get your registrations in!

Speaking of shows, the Cape Fear Community college show was held on April 12th. We had several members display their boats and we all had a good, if chilly time.

Later this month we have another Bath, NC "vacation" happening at Cindy Jordan's family river home on Bath Creek. If you would like to attend, use the link at the end of the newsletter to sign up. Previous attendees raved about the experience, and its free! In conjunction with this, we will be assisting with the Tar-Pamlico River Cleanup on the 17th. Our role in this will be to collect the bags of trash gathered by kayakers and deliver it to the boat ramp from about 10:00 to 12:00. A gathering at Cindy's for the participants, including food and drink, will be held later that day. I would like to see at least 3 boats take part in this so we can submit an article to ACBS editor Amy Scanlin for future publication.

A couple of items of note coming up: June 7th, we will have a poker run on the Neuse and Trent rivers in New Bern, ending up at the Saltwater Grill in River Bend. Details still

to be worked out, but save the day. On July 23rd, we will again hold our quarterly meeting at Jordan Lake, have a picnic and go for a cruise. We usually hold this in the late afternoon to beat the crowds at the picnic shelter, and the summer heat.

Lastly, I'd like to give a huge shout out to members Jim Dean, Rob Weller and Larry Lettick. Jim and Rob have been working tirelessly to promote our chapter in the Wilmington and Charlotte areas respectively, and Larry for working with the Cypress Landing Yacht Club in Chowinity to enable us to hold our 2025 boat show there. This is the kind of leadership that makes our chapter click!

Lastly, please do take a couple of minutes to read the minutes of the April 23rd board meeting to see what's going on. And, go for a boat ride!

Yours in classic boating,
Alax Hills, President



Minutes of 23 April 2025 Board Meeting (Synopsis)

Here are the key points from the meeting:

- Treasurer **John Dougherty** had previously sent the excel spreadsheet and all three first quarter bank statement. He reported that we have \$8,140.84 in our checking account as of 3/31/25. No questions on report.
- **Jim Alexander** diligently welcomes all new members and contacts all lapsed members. It is odd that he rarely gets any response. Might send a letter to lapsed members who don't respond. Those that do respond have valid reasons to drop their membership.
- **Jim Alexander** recommended that since we enhanced our criteria for who can apply for the CFCC scholarship, that we release the \$1,000 in our budget to an eligible applicant if we get one in the April application period. The money could be used for the summer or fall semester.
- Newsletter editor **Judy Hills** is always looking for articles and pictures of boats, projects, techniques, etc. as well as entries into the contests.
- We plan to apply for the ACBS 2025 Chapter of the Year award in June.
- We have received our updated EIN letter from the IRS that has our current name and old EIN number.
- We have filed for 501c3 nonprofit status from the IRS. May take 6 weeks for them to make a determination.
- **John Justice** submitted a chapter boat show t-shirt to ACBS. They are making a quilt to raffle.
- We are collecting items to submit to ACBS for the time capsule.. Send your ideas to Alan.
- **John Justice** reported that Bill Baker's estate is still being probated. No activity.
- First quarter events went well and attendance was good.
- Motion made and passed to foot the cost to have 12 Chapter burgees made at an estimated cost of \$600 for design, set-up, construction, and shipping. We need one to send to ACBS to be hung in the office for the 50th Anniversary celebration. Discussed design. **Alan** is to order.
- ACBS wants every chapter to assign a "port captain" so that ACBS members traveling to the area have someone to contact for local knowledge. We decided that due to our large territory, that our port captain should be the current President.
- We have 15 members committed to attend the 50th Anniversary in Clayton, NY.
- We need more members to sign up for Bath (5/16 to 5/20). **Judy** to work on this.
- The chapter is helping to coordinate a clean up of the Tar-Pamlico River in the Washington area on Saturday May 17th. We need boats and help with the cook-out. **Judy** is coordinating the cleanup and **Eileen Lettick** is coordinating the cookout. Our chapter will pay expenses.
- The Hills are unavailable to attend the May 3rd NCMM show in Beaufort. **John Dougherty, John Peck, and Jim Dean** to man our booth.
- June 7th we are planning a poker run in the New Bern area.
- July 23rd is our next Board meeting, picnic and run on Jordan Lake, like last year.

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Minutes of 23 April 2025 Board Meeting (Synopsis—continued)

- **Jim Dean** has been in contact with Mike Loch at the Wilmington Marine Center. He plans to grow the 8/16 Marina Day and International Vintage Boating Day. Wants to increase number of vendors for the marine flea market.
- Motion made and passed to hold our Chapter Boat show September 27th in Chocowinity at the Cypress Landing Yacht Club providing **Alan** can coordinate this with the group holding the sailboat regatta at the same location. Alan to follow up with the concerned people and **Larry Lettick**.
- **Rob Weller** gave an update on his efforts in the Lake Norman area. He reached out to ACBS members of both our chapter and the Blue Ridge chapter. Got a poor response, but he will keep trying. He will be attending a boat show there this weekend and will continue to promote the idea and recruit members. He has made contact with the Sea Scouts and they hope we can help with workshops. He has also reached out to the local VFW that is having their 150th birthday this year. Hopes to be able to give boat rides to vets.
- The Board thanked **Larry, Jim, and Rob** for their efforts on behalf of the chapter.

Proposed Chapter Burgee Design



Laser etched, double sided (logo correct on both sides), 10 x 15

Keeping Up With the Times: Marine Use of Plastic Fasteners

“When thinking of using fasteners in a marine setting, most people will opt for traditional fasteners such as Grade 5 steel carriage bolts or nitronic 50 hex lag bolts. This is because most of these are easily available, and have been the traditional marine-use fasteners for a long time. However, if you are thinking of getting more out of your boat, you might consider having it fastened using newer materials such as new age nylon.” So begins the article on the Melfast product sheet for plastic fasteners.

“Using plastic fasteners to join boat panels and parts might at first seem odd. The main problem that most people face is that plastic seems too soft to keep all the boat parts together. However, the truth is that numerous advances have been made in the manufacture of plastic fasteners, which makes them more reliable these days. Some of the reasons why you should definitely think about them for marine use include:

You never need to worry about corrosion

One of the biggest selling points about plastic fasteners is the fact that they are resistant to corrosion. Even the metals and alloys that have been specifically designed to resist corrosion will suffer a slow rate of corrosion, which means that at some point in time you will need to have them changed.

They are resistant to UV radiation

One other benefit of current plastic fasteners is the fact that they are resistant to UV damage. Some of the benefits of being UV resistant include the reduced risk of discoloration, as well as the fact that they will not become brittle with time.

They can be reinforced

If you are still worried about the strength of the plastic fasteners, you can get ones that are reinforced by metal.

[Click here](#) to read the entire article.

Alan Hills & John Peck Show Off Their ACBS Late Classic Sailboat

Dark Side is a 1978 22.5-foot Pearson Design Ensign Sailboat that is owned jointly by chapter members Alan Hills and John Peck. Alan and John spent the better part of the last three months restoring and cleaning the boat for the new boating season, getting her shipshape and Bristol fashion. Blackbeard Sailing Club was so impressed that they asked them to display the boat at the Open Boat Day on 4/26. That event is akin to an Open House for the Fairfield Harbour Community,

Here is a photo from that event.



NCMM Wooden Boat Show in Beaufort 3 May 2025

We hope you have entered a boat in this show that our Chapter is helping to sponsor. If not, then please support the show by attending. We enjoyed seeing deceased member **Jim Moores'** designed boat, **Patience**, on the poster.

NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM IN BEAUFORT

49th Annual **WOODEN BOAT SHOW**

PATIENCE
BLACK CAT

- Wooden Boats
- Sailboat Rides
- Kids' Activities
- Maritime Crafts
- Nautical Rope Art

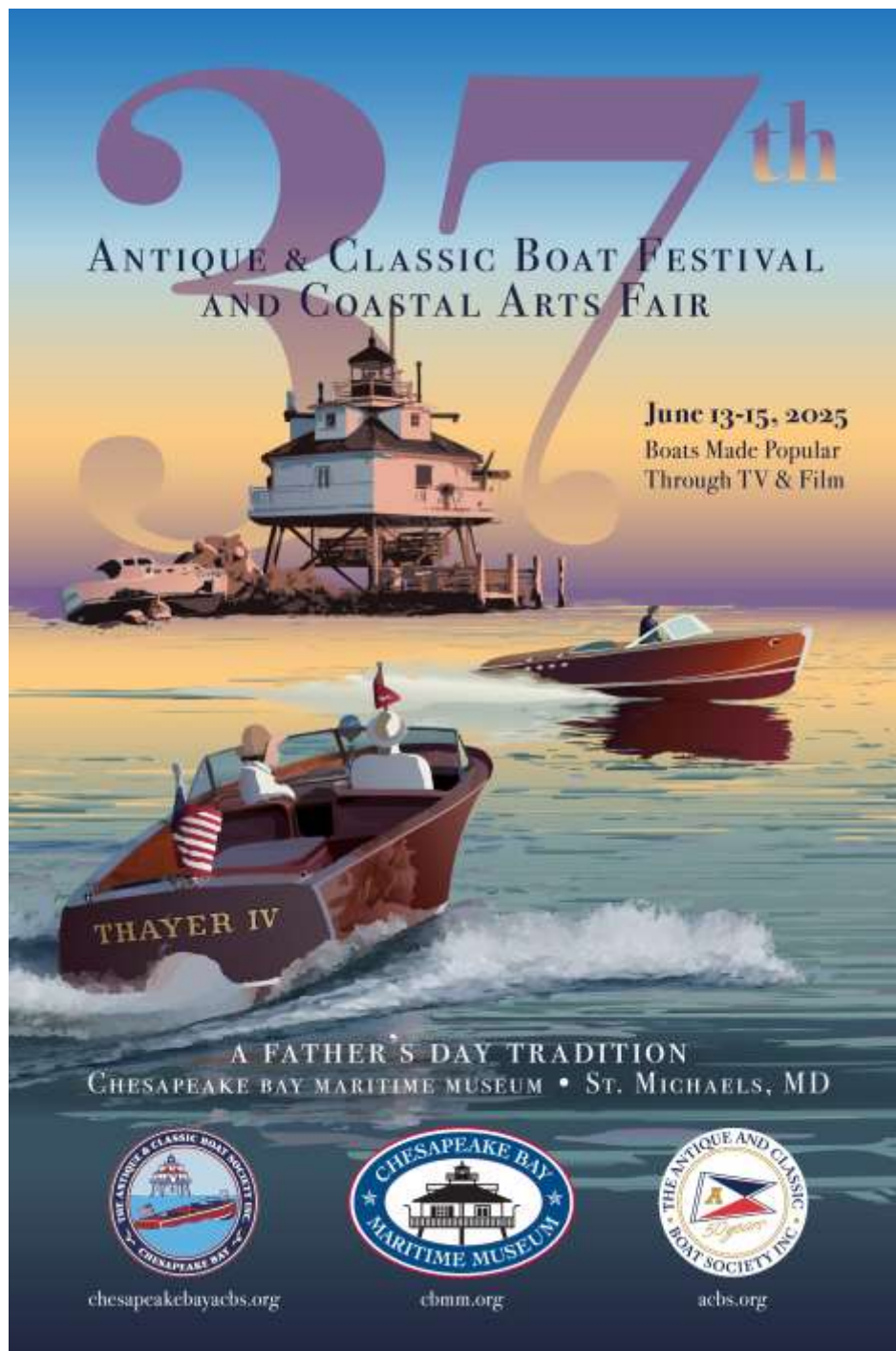
Saturday, May 3
10AM-4PM
252.504.7758
315 Front Street
Beaufort, NC 28516

www.beaufortwoodenboatshow.com

Chesapeake Bay Boat Show June 13-15

This is a fun show and if you have not yet attended, we encourage you to do so, with or without a boat. Several members of our chapter will be there. **Alan and Judy Hills** will land-display their Chris Craft Cavalier that Alan just finished restoring.. We hope to get our chapter members together for dinner on Saturday night. We'll see if we can link up with the incoming ACBS President, Ed Andrews. Please let [Alan](#) know if you will be there.

If you are registering a boat or just getting tickets for the event, do not go to the Museum website. [Click here](#) to make those purchases.



Tips to Start the 2025 Boating Season Safely

In preparation for writing this article, the editor consulted a number of websites.

Hagerty's Essential Boating Prep for a Safe and Stress-Free Season starts off with safety equipment—all of which are required for certain size vessels, but recommended for all:

- Safety gear
 - Flares (check dates)
 - Life jackets & throwable (check condition and if inflatable—check dates)
 - Fire extinguishers (check dates and accessibility)
 - Lights—check working order: port, starboard, stern, and all-round lights. Even if you don't plan to use the boat at night—you might get stuck out after dusk.
- Cables: Throttle, shift, steering
- Fluids: engine oil, gear lube, fuel,
- Prevent sinking:
 - Check the bellows
 - Check cockpit drains
 - Check bilge pump and switch
 - Check hoses and thru-hulls
- Lower Unit
- Cutless bearing

- Electrical connections
- Navigation equipment (if any)
- Anodes
- Stuffing Box
- Trailer: tires, lights, wheel bearings.
- Essential documents: Registration, insurance (boat & trailer)

NC requires that any person born on or after January 1, 1988 must complete a NASBLA approved boating education course before operating any vessel propelled by a motor of 10 HP or greater.

Reminder: North Carolina requires anyone younger than 13 to wear an appropriate life vest when on a recreational vessel that is underway. Anyone riding a personal watercraft or being towed by one must also wear an appropriate life vest.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

[Click here](#) for the boating safety and NC Boating info on our website.. [Hagerty Tips](#), [BaatU.S. tips](#)



Hurricane Season Starts June 1st—Consider Your Options Now

Only a few of our members with bigger boats that are in the water need to be especially concerned about these East Coast storms, but it would behoove all of us that store out boats outside to take precautions should one be headed our way. NOW is the time to be thinking about your options—not when the storm is forecasted to impact your area.

Regardless of what size boat you have, hurricane preparation begins with three considerations: location, location, location. “Of the thousands of words that have appeared in Seaworthy concerning hurricane preparation, “choosing the most storm-worthy location possible” are the most crucial. This is especially important for boats kept in the water, but also applies to boats stored on land. We refer large boat owners the [BoatUS Hurricane preparation Worksheet](#).

If using the [Progressive Hurricane Preparedness Checklist for Trailerable Boats](#), note that one of the first items is create a document with pertinent information and to secure your boating documentation. If you have to leave home in a hurry, it is highly doubtful that your boat is going with you. They also recommend taking “before” images of the boat.

We are not going to re-create these checklists in this column, so we advise you to print out and follow the appropriate checklist.

The Progressive Checklist ends with five questions that are worth repeating—for all types of vessels:

- Have I safeguarded against environmental or sewage concerns?
- Have I removed or secured all projective items and safeguarded against theft?
- Have I provided enough line and chafing gear to secure my vessel from wind, waves, and surge?



- Have I protected my vessel from taking on water?
- Have I chosen the best location that appears to be the best option available for my vessel?

And remember that these hurricanes lately are more about rain and rising water than about wind, although wind is the prime considera-

tion. Even if you put your boat on normally “high” ground, rising water might cause it to float and it may come off the trailer if not secured properly. Alan Hills knows this for a fact as several years ago he put his CC Dory up on jackstands in the middle of a boat yard when a hurricane was headed this way, but the water rose so much that it floated off and ended up on the ground, help upright by other boats.

[All tips](#), [BoatUS tips](#), [BoatUS Hurricane Preparation Worksheet](#), [Progressive Hurricane Preparedness Checklist for Trailerable Boats](#). [Click here](#) for hurricane preparedness link on our website.



CFCC Boat Show

Usually we begin these accountings with a weather report saying you missed a beautiful day. Unfortunately we can't do that this time. It was cold, very cloudy, and the wind held steady at 15 knots. Even the hardy people who generally power-walk on the River Walk were absent, but we carried on, being the hardy boat folk that we are.

Alan and Judy Hills brought Peanut. Alan had just finished varnishing the Chris Craft Cavalier—you could still smell it. There was no engine in the boat as that is still a work in progress. The boat showed well and won "Best Restoration." **Jim and Alice Dean** brought their C-Dory named C-Time. It won "Best Classic Fiberglass." **Robert & Patsy**

Blanchard brought Lil' Rascal, their Chris Craft Sea Skiff that won "Best Powerboat." **Joe and Bev Peacos** brought two boats. The E.B. White named Sally G. won "Best Row/Paddle" and their Chestnut which won "Best Canoe."

We had a good showing of members who came to support the show and our members who were showing their boats. **John Dougherty, Leif Eriksson, and Austin Lewis** drove down from New Bern. Wilmington members **Jim Quinn**. Member **Tyler Brown** was seen with his son Kristopher. Of course member **John Olsen** who is on staff of the CFCC Boat Building program was on hand. (note our chapter logo on the banner)





Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Alan talking with member Tyler Brown and his son, Lil' Rascal, Peanut, C-Time, Peacos display, and Austin showing off the socks he won at the chapter regional meeting.



Top—some boats on display. Left: Alan & Austin clowning around. Right: Jim Quinn

If you missed the Sunnyland show this year,
here is a 12 minute YouTube video of the
show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OovahbsBFT8>

Safe Harbor Boat & Car Show at Lake Norman

(Written by a PYC rep and edited by Rob Weller)

The day became sunny and beautiful, and the Spring Car & Boat Show put on by the Peninsula Yacht Club Fleet Committee on Lake Norman in Cornelius drew a large and friendly crowd April 26. The emphasis was clearly on antique and classic cars, and there was a grand collection of 50's and 60's American cars like Mercury, Plymouth, Studebaker, Olds, Cadillac and Chevy, as well as lots of Corvettes and Mustangs. Foreign cars were also well-represented with Mercedes, BMW, Healey, MG, Jaguar and Nissan. There were also some Ford Cobra's and some high-end modern foreign models like Porsche, Ferrari, and BMW, and a lonely but beautiful Ford F1 pickup as well as a 1911 Model T. There were a number of ribbons and trophies awarded in various car classes.

There were only 3 boats on trailer display; there was a late cancellation for a 4th in-water boat. Reggie Hart brought his 1964 very original 17' Hydrodyne ski boat, with 110 hp engine and Mercruiser outdrive, and also with its original 1964 Holsclaw trailer – he took 3rd place in class.

Rob Weller brought his 1963 21' Lyman Runabout, and heard lots and lots of stories from former Lyman owners – he was awarded 2nd place in class. Rob is the second owner, buying and preserving/restoring her in 1987. Ken Fleming brought his very unique and rare 1957 Healey

16' SportsBoat 55. He took 1st in class, but more importantly, his boat won the Best in Show trophy for all the vehicles on display – Congratulations! This is boat #1 (1001) built for Healey Marine Ltd. by Acquacraft in Bridport, England. There were only 25 made, with 2 known to still exist. Its sister boat was purchased by Stirling Moss and the model was introduced at the London Boat Show in 1957. This boat was purchased by its first owner in Loenen, Holland, who used her every year for almost 40 years, then ultimately purchased in 1999 by its 4th owner, John May of Marietta, GA, a Healey car collector and National Club president. Ken and Vanita Fleming, also Healey (and other) car collectors, finally persuaded Mr. May to sell #1001 to them in 2023, and have continued to keep up the streak of getting her in the water every year. She has been preserved in very original condition with her original Austin Healey 55, 1500cc engine, dealer and owner's manual, key fob, color scheme, water skis and tow bar, and trailer (not currently used.)

The PYC show coordinators were very happy to have antique and classic boats entered in their show, and hope to coordinate the schedule next year to not interfere with ACBS events so that they will have more boats on display. **(More pictures on next page)**



More Pictures from PYC Boat & Car Show by Rob Weller



April Contest

In the last newsletter edition we asked you to send in funny names that you had for a tool along with a picture of that tool. Here are our creative entries.



Above two tools submitted by **Alan Hills**: L.: mini-ball peen hammer named "El Petito." Used for loosening stuck bolts and making gaskets.. R: electric 4.5 angle grinder with sanding disc called "The Eraser." Used to make wood disappear.

It was a shame that we only got these two entries. You could have just made something up—we'd never know! So, perhaps you were wondering how the ball peen hammer got its name.

A ball peen hammer is called that because it has a rounded, ball-shaped end (the "peen") on one side of its head. This peen is used for peening, which is the process of shaping or bending metal by hammering. The word "peen" itself likely comes from a North Germanic source, potentially related to words like "pind" (peg) or "pæna" (to pound iron). **And BTW, "petito" is an Italian nickname for a small man.**

May Contest

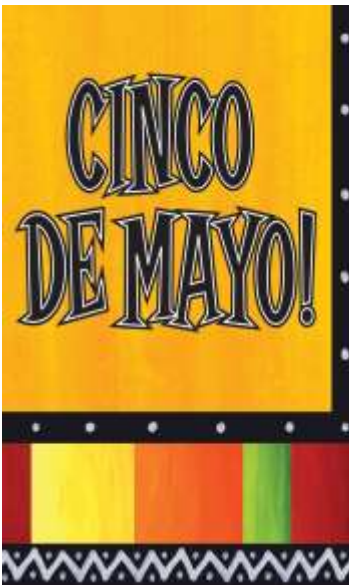
OK, in February we had some fun with TotalBoat "Lust" varnish. This month we'll let you give a product name to TotalBoat's Bilge paint. Give it a go! Enter today by **emailing** your bilge paint product name to the editor.



FOR SALE

1964 Sea Coaster- In addition to what is in the pictures is all the trim and chrome, floors, steering, seats, glass, and Bimini frame. I got the boat about 14 years ago with the bottom rotting out, I started a reno but have run out of steam. The keel and several ribs have been replaced (white oak) but it still needs many new ribs and bottom. You will likely need to re-make a lot of the trim boards but I have them as a templates. Boat is located on the NC side of Lake Gaston.

Photo album: <https://imgur.com/a/XhdvLSa> Contact: Jon Olson jwolson@ncsu.edu



EMBROIDERED CHAPTER LOGO 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. You pick the shirt or other item.

[Contact](#) Alan Hills if interested.



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 to those who hold primary membership in our chapter. 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. **We also have chapter logo ball caps for \$30.** [Email Alan Hills](#) if you want one.

Members who joined or renewed this past month include:

New: None this month

Renewed: Jeff Gelm (Apex), Charles Mansfield (Littleton), and Jared Smith (Fuquay Varina), Alan Hills (New Bern)

Total Membership: 67 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 56 Not Primary Chapter: 11

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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, and times listed for events may change. Watch your email for updates or check the [home page](#) of our website. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your calendar:

5/3 [NCMM Boat Show](#) in Beaufort, NC

5/16-20 Bath mini-vacation courtesy of Cindy Jordan [email Judy Hills](#) to reserve

5/17 National Cleanup the Rivers Day—Tar/Pamlico River in Washington area. [Email Judy Hills](#) if bringing a boat.

6/7 Chapter Poker Run in New Bern area

6/13-15 [Chesapeake Bay ACBS Boat Show](#) in St. Michaels, MD

7/23 Picnic, Chapter Board Meeting, and run (Jordan Lake) 4 PM

8/16 International Vintage Boating Day & Marina Day at Wilmington Marine Center

9/12-13 [Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Boat Show](#)

9/15-21 [ACBS International 50th Anniversary](#) Clayton, NY

9/27 Chapter Boat Show in Chocowinity

What are the ACBS Definitions of Antique or Classic Boat?

Historic: Any boat built up to and including 1918

Antique: Any boat built between 1919 and 1942

Classic: Any boat built between 1943 and 1975

Late Classic: Any 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, Restored or Resto-Mod

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](#).