# NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS

# Minutes April 23, 2025 7:00 PM ZOOM

## Board Present:

Alan Hills, President Bill Conley, Director  
Jeff Martinson, VP John Justice, Director

Judy Hills, Secretary   
John Dougherty, Treasurer   
Jim Alexander, Director

**Board Absent:**  Jim Hartman, Director; Kevin Leiner, Director

**Members Present:**  Jim Dean, Rob Weller

1. Welcome and call to order by President Alan Hills
2. Quorum established.
3. Agenda approved with the addition of scholarship report from Jim Alexander.
4. Motion made by Jim Alexander and seconded by Bill Conley to approve minutes of the last meeting 30 January 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Reports:
   1. 1st Quarter 2025 Financial report and bank statements submitted by Treasurer John Dougherty—no questions.
   2. Membership—Jim Alexander  
      Membership at 69 with 11 as secondary chapter members. Steady state.
   3. Scholarship—Jim Alexander  
      Beginning April 1st, students can apply. Since we expanded criteria, we may have more applicants who will meet the new criteria. Release the $1,000 in the budget if we get an applicant.
   4. Newsletter & website—Judy Hills
      1. Website—Am now rotating pictures from 2025 Chapter events.
      2. Newsletter—please enter the monthly contest—the funnier, the better. Encourage co-members to enter. Still seeking technical articles and photos as well as a feature article on your boat.
   5. ACBS Headquarters—Judy
      1. They have started to roll out ACBS 50th Anniversary merchandise. See ACBS website. We can get logo merchandise from Lands End.
      2. Check daily for posting of details on events for International show. Nothing posted as of 4/23/25.
      3. We plan to apply for the ACBS Chapter of the Year award. Working to document accomplishments. Will submit in June. I will share the entry with the Board prior to submitting.
6. Old Business
   1. Judy reported that on March 22, 2025 we received a letter from the IRS confirming their recognition of our current name for our EIN number: 27-4756462.
   2. Judy filed the 501(c)(3) application with IRS on March 17th. John D. Reimbursed Judy for the $275 it cost to file. This is a one-time expense as long as we file the yearly 990-N short form. May take up to six weeks to get determination—or longer.
   3. Bill Baker’s Estate update—John J.  
      Nothing changed yet. Estate still being settled.
   4. Events
      1. Regional events on 8 February went well. Our thanks to hosts the Hills, the Deans, and the Bantas.
      2. March 8th we did a workshop at Blanchard’s homestead in New Hill. It was well attended. Alan presented program on knots, lines, and splicing. We discussed Bill Baker’s Legacy and had an opportunity to check out the memorabilia at the homestead. Owe them a big thanks for the meal.
      3. CFCC Boat Show was a challenge due to cold, windy weather and little foot traffic. Good showing. All our members’ boats won awards.
7. New Business
   1. Chapter boat show t-shirt  
      ACBS has asked each chapter to provide a chapter boat show t-shirt to make a quilt which will be raffled off at the 50th Anniversary event. John Justice submitted our shirt in April.
   2. ACBS requested items for time capsule  
      ACBS is asking each chapter to send 1 to 5 small items to be included in the ACBS time capsule—a trunk that will be sealed and opened on the 75th ACBS anniversary. Need to submit by 8/1/25. Ideas? (Depleted tube of 5200 for starters, boat show poster, small oil pressure gauge, etc.)
   3. Chapter Burgee
      1. ACBS has requested that each chapter supply headquarters with their chapter burgee to hang in headquarters for the 50th anniversary.
      2. At the March workshop we discussed getting a better chapter burgee. Recommend purchasing 12. The chapter to incur cost of set up. We can use the burgee to present to special people or groups who help us in some way and sell some to our members. Estimate $150 to set up and $35 per burgee if 12 are ordered. We can sell in our Ship’s Store like we do the caps. Jim D wants 6 smaller ones.  
           
         Motion made by Jim Alexander, seconded by John Dougherty for the chapter to incur the cost to purchase 12 chapter burgees: provide one to ACBS, use some to thank special people and groups, and sell some to our members. Estimated cost $600 including set-up cost and shipping. To incude line item in budget. Motion unanimously carried. Alan to order.
   4. ACBS Port Captain Program—From the ACBS Chapter Leadership Update  
      We had already alerted ACBS that our current President would be the “port captain” since we have so many areas where we boat in the state. Use the President as contact. Figure out an email address.
   5. Chapter members attending the ACBS 50th Anniversary Show  
      These are committed: Alan & Judy Hills, Jim and Anne Marie Hartman (bringing Loon), Jim Alexander, John Justice, Neal Keeter, John Dougherty, Robert & Patsy Blanchard (bringing Lil’ Rascal), Jim & Alice Dean (bringing C-Time). Suggest we get matching jackets, vests, or shirts with 50th Anniversary logo. Thinking about it. Alan to look at the merchandise and make a recommendation.
   6. 2025 Event Calendar—Judy
      1. Cindy’s home in Bath is available Friday May 16 to Tuesday May 20th. She has invited us back. We have one reservation thus far: the Conleys. The Hills can’t stay—dog sitting for daughter, but will be there on Saturday 5/17. John D. and Jim Alexander, will join Bill & Sharon Conley. Judy to ask others.
      2. May 17th we are planning a river cleanup in the Washington area in collaboration with several other organizations. We have been asked by editor Amy Scanlin to submit an article and pictures for the ACBS weekly web watch on this project. Plans are progressing. We want to be sure to have 3 or 4 of our boats there for the photos. We are planning a late afternoon cookout for the youth that are participating and their families. This includes games and perhaps boat rides for the families. Estimate costs $100 to $150—depends on number attending. Eileen Lettick has agreed to coordinate the cookout. Judy will coordinate the river cleanup. Money is budgeted for events.
      3. June 7th is a date set for a workshop in New Bern. We have not had a poker run for a while. Agreed to do that.
      4. Our 7/23 Board meeting will be held at Jordan Lake. We’ll run the boats on the lake after the meeting.
      5. ACBS is encouraging all chapters to host a local event during the International Show and 50th Anniversary event being held in Clayton, NY. Decided not to do anything, since many chapter members are going to NY and since our chapter’s boat show may be held on the following weekend.
      6. Chapter Boat Show September 27th —We plan to use the Cypress Landing Yacht Club in Chocowinity where the Lettick’s live. [Click here](https://www.cypresslandingnc.com/clubs-at-cl/#:~:text=Founded%20in%201997%2C%20the%20Cypress,sailing%2C%20and%20yachting%20outreach%20activities.) for the CLYC website. Motion by Jeff Martinson and seconded by Jim Alexander to hold the show at that location with the date to be determined. Alan to follow up on the sailboat race that is to be held at that same location on that same date. Unanimously approved.
      7. Annual meeting. Do we want to hold in conjunction with the Chapter Boat Show or hold separately in November at Duplin Winery in Rose Hill? Closer to Wilmington. No decision made.
      8. Beaufort show on May 3rd. John D and Jim D to man our chapter’s booth. Alan & Judy can’t go.
8. Wilmington update: Jim Dean gave an update. August Marina Day at Wilmington Marine Center. Mike Loch wants to grow it, especially the flea market. Not much dock space for boats in the water. Have to put in several miles away.
9. Lake Norman update: Rob Weller to give an update. John J and Neal planed some mahogany for Rob at the Piglet. He is making progress on the boat’s bottom. Trying to get Lake Norman ACBS members together. Difficult to get responses. Heard from only four persons. Rob is attending the boat show 4/26 (non-ACBS) and will talk to people there. Hope to coordinate an event with the Sea Scouts—use ACBS boats for instruction and maintenance workshop. Also reaching out to Veterans—VFW is having their 150th anniversary in September. Working on possible rides for vets.
10. Board thanked both Jim Dean and Rob Weller for their efforts on behalf of the Chapter.
11. No additional comments/concerns/opportunities
12. Adjourn at 8:30 PM.

**Calendar for balance of year:**

**5/3**[NCMM Boat Show](https://maritimefriends.org/wooden-boat-show/) in Beaufort, NC

**5/16-20**Bath mini-vacation courtesy of Cindy Jordan

**5/17**National Cleanup the Rivers Day in Washington, NC

**6/7**   Chapter Workshop in New Bern area

**6/20-22** [Chesapeake Bay ACBS Boat Show](https://cbmm.org/event/antique-classic-boat-festival-and-coastal-arts-fair/) in St. Michaels, MD

**6/21**   Lake Lure Trailer Classic Boat & Auto Show (proposed, but not finalized—Blue Ridge Chapter)

**7/23**  Picnic, Chapter Board Meeting, and run (Lake TBD)

**8/16**  International Vintage Boating Day & Marine Day at [Wilmington Marine Center](https://wilmingtonmarine.com/)

**9/12-13**[Smith Mountain Lake ACBS Boat Show](https://woodenboats.net/boatshow.html)

**9/15-21** [ACBS International 50th Anniversary](https://acbs.org/acbs-annual-meeting-international-boat-show-schedule/) Clayton, NY

**9/27**  [Wings, Wheels, and Keels Show](https://www.wingswheelskeels.com/index.html) Topping, VA (tentative date)

**10/3**    Chapter Boat Show Welcome Party & Cruise (Tentative—Place TBD)

**10/4**    Chapter Boat Show (Tentative—Place TBD)

**10/17-19**  [Georgetown](https://woodenboatshow.com/) SC Wooden Boat Show (tentative)

**10/25** [Roanoke Island Maritime Museum Boat Show](https://www.manteonc.gov/departments/waterfront-operations/roanoke-island-maritime-museum/activities) (tentative)

**11/1**   [Southport, NC Boat Show](https://southportwoodenboatshow.com/) (tentative)

**11/15** Chapter Annual Meeting & Lunch at [The Bistro at Duplin Winery in Rose Hill](https://www.duplinwinery.com/bistro-menu)

**12/13** Chapter Christmas Party at the Leiners in Wake Forest