



## Messing About In Boats

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

November 2021

### Happy Fall Y'All!

Hello fellow members,

I don't know about y'all, but I sure am enjoying the fall temps! I've been able to do some sailing and powerboating without having to mop my brow for a good while now; just love it! The only bad thing is that this is also a harbinger of old man winter being around the corner. Hopefully we'll have a short and mild one this time around.

You all should have received the ballot for our officers and directors for next year as well as the announcement for our annual meeting on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope we get a "full house". I'd like to thank all of you who have served as officers and directors this year. I think we had a very eventful year in spite of COVID and hope to see its effects diminish as we move into 2022.

We had our Lake Gaston fun run (Thank you Jim Alexander!) on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and were treated to a glorious day with low traffic volume on the lake and NO BREAKDOWNS!! This type of event is where we usually find out who is going to earn the coveted Broken Cable Award but it didn't happen. Hey, I'm pleased as can be not having to give the thing out having myself been recognized both by our chapter and ACBS for my debacles. Nobody will win the trophy of shame this year. But I regress...we did have a great time touring the lake and visiting the Shady Shack for lunch. A good time was had by all!

Next month we will be having our last on-water gathering when we tour the Wrightsville Beach area waters on Jim Dean's 42' Chris Craft Sport Yacht and John Tinney's 1930 Elco Flattop. This event will include a stop at a waterfront restaurant for lunch. For those of you who would like to spend a little more time in the greater Wilmington area, Jim and Alice Dean have a beach rental house that they are making available to our members at a reduced rate. See details later in this newsletter.

I'd like to give a shout-out to our newsletter editor (and my main squeeze). Our chapter picked up its fourth major ACBS award in the last two years by being recognized for having the best newsletter for a small chapter for 2021. Congratulations Judy on this deserved accomplishment!

Our last gathering of the year will be our holiday and awards party being hosted by Bill and Sharon Conley on December 11<sup>th</sup>, so save the date. The Conleys do a fantastic job and I'm looking forward to getting back to their home to celebrate with everyone.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving and don't eat too much!

*Alan Hills, President*

## Fall Fun Run at Lake Gaston 23 October 2021

It was a most beautiful fall day for the four boats and twelve people (members and guests) that launched from what used to be Morningstar Marina at Lake Gaston, now Eaton Ferry Marina. We were to have left the marina at 11 AM, but Dan Bixler who had to drive from High Point with his boat arrived a little late. While we were waiting for Dan, we had several “lookers” who took an interest in the boats. Of course, the conversations never strayed far from that topic.

There was a slight breeze and it was cool enough for light jackets. The lake was fairly calm with only a minor chop, although we did get some heavy wake when the four boats ran near each other.

The expedition was led by Director Jim Alexander who has a house on the lake. Jim brought his Century and took Joe and Beverly Peacos as well as VP Jeff Martinson (who we almost didn't recognize without his pony tail!). Jim's friend, Joe Ludgate (ACBS member) who also has a house on the lake brought his Century “Jordan '48” Joe carried new member John Dougherty and John's brother Bill who lives nearby in Virginia. Dan took Director John Justice in his Chris Craft. President Alan Hills and his wife Judy (Secretary), had Pam Justice riding with them in their Barbour.

We asked both Jim and Dan if their boats had names and both responded “Not Yet” so that's what we'll call them until they get around to naming them. LOL

The boats all ran well, which is a blessing. We met at the Shady Shack for lunch, but the food took so long to be served that it was after two before we were eating. Bill's wife, DeVonne joined us for lunch as did Jim Alex-

ander's wife, Linda. Linda had their two grandkids in tow. The food was good and we enjoyed the comradery.

Again the boats had lots of lookers and compliments. Joe Ludgate headed home directly from lunch so riders switched boats and piled into the three remaining boats. We headed back to the marina. Although we had planned for a debrief and cocktail/beer at The Pointe Bar & Grill after the ride, we decided to forego it due to the lateness of the day. By the time we had the boats on the trailers, it was 4:30 PM.

The only slight disappointment of the day was that the fall foliage was barely evident—just a hint of color here and there. Otherwise, we are calling it an absolutely perfect outing! Photo evidence as follows:



*L to R: Bill Dougherty, John Dougherty, Alan Hills, Jim Alexander, John Justice and Jeff Martinson. Below L to R: Judy Hills, Pam Justice and Beverly Peacos.*





## Fall Fun Run at Lake Gaston Photos by Joe Peacos & Judy Hills



Joe Ludgate



DeVonne and Bill Dougherty



Dan Bixler



Alan and Judy Hills











Linda and Jim













## Looking for a Winter Project?

We received the following email from Gerrie Hubbs ([gerriehubbs@gmail.com](mailto:gerriehubbs@gmail.com)):  
My husband has a Garplane 1948 manufactured with 1946 Garwood leftover frame which is one of three that were manufactured. It is 17' long. He had started restoration but could not complete it and we have had it in storage for a number of years. We are looking to sell the boat and thought you might have contacts that you could refer us to or perhaps someone in the club. He got as far as having the bottom of the boat redone and then health did not allow him to go further with the restoration and it was put in storage. I believe all the parts are there.

Below are three photos of when the boat was intact and one as it is now (maybe). This is a "pick-up-the-pieces" project. She has not priced it, but wants it gone. If interested, contact Gerrie directly and then let us know so we can track your progress as you restore it.





## Wilmington Outing Saturday November 13th

There are a lot of moving parts to this outing, so we are sharing the following information so you can have a better understanding of exactly what is planned. Reservations are required. [Email President Hills.](#)

We will meet at 11 AM at Jim and Alice Dean's dock across the street from 128 Waynick Blvd. in Wrightsville Beach. Since this is off-season, there should be no problem parking on the road in front of the dock. There you will board one of two big cruisers: Jim and Alice's 42-ft Chris Craft Sport Yacht or John Tinney's 50-ft Elco Flat Top. We will cruise the waterways to a dockside restaurant where we will eat lunch (on your own nickel). We will then board the cruisers. Those who rode over on Jim's boat will ride back on John's and vis-a-versa., so everyone will have an opportunity to experience both boats. The boats are enclosed, so we won't have to worry about inclement weather.

For those who might like to make a weekend of it, Jim and Alice have a family 3-level (4 story) condo across from the boat dock (128 Waynick Blvd). President Alan Hills' family has stayed there several times. There is an elevator for those needing it and plenty of parking onsite. First level (2nd floor) is a living room, dining area, full kitchen, full bath and a bedroom (1 Q bed). The second level (3rd floor) has two bedrooms—each having their own full bathrooms (one has 2 Q beds and the other 1 K bed). The third level (4th floor) has a sitting room, a full bath and a bedroom (1 Q bed). All have small balconies on both sides. One side overlooks the ocean and the other overlooks the waterway. Jim will rent the bedrooms out separately to chapter members for \$125/night if you bring your own bed linens and towels. For comparison, the Blockade Runner Hotel is charging \$219 per night—off-season rates. It would be nice for the people staying at the condo to share the kitchen and living room on the first level. If you are interested, [email Jim](#) ASAP.





## Southport Wooden Boat Show

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL SWBS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2021, IN-PERSON!



Wooden boats and Southport...the Cape Fear River Pilots guiding a freighter up river, commercial fisherman returning to the Old Yacht Basin with their Brunswick Catch, the Old Smithfield Burying Grounds, hosting NC State's official 4th of July celebration, the Gentleman Pirate Stede Bonnet careening the Revenge through the Cape Fear inlet, and all the local history on display in Southport's NC Maritime Museum and Visitor's Center. All are an integral part of Southport's heritage and are celebrated each year at the Southport Wooden Boat Show.

**The 11th Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show (SWBS) for 2020 – WOW what a ride! The COVID-19 pandemic during 2020 forced our first ever virtual boat show!**

Last year we held our wooden boat show online due to the pandemic. You can still tour the virtual boat show here: [Click to see the 2020 Virtual Wooden Boat Show](#). We are excited to see what 2021's in-person show will bring. See you in November!

**The 12th Anniversary of the Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show will be held on Saturday, November 6th, 2021, in & around the historic Old Yacht Basin in Southport, from 10a.m. until 4:00p.m.**

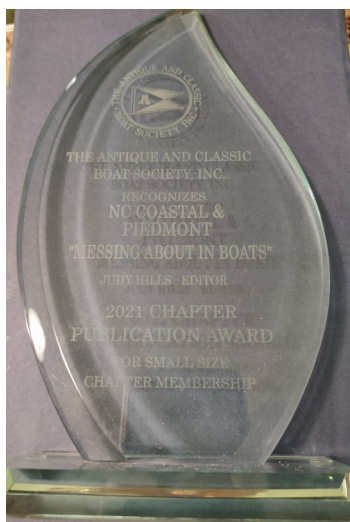
The In-Water event will end at 3:30 p.m. for the Awards Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. at the corner of Caswell & Moore Streets in front of the SWBS Sponsor Board. Our tradition continues with boats On-Land and In-Water, with visitors able to meet and talk with wooden boat makers and owners, and to vote for their favorite boat entrant in the People's Choice Award. With nautical & maritime demonstrations planned along the waterfront, and more vendors expected at this year's show, we're anticipating an even bigger show than last year.

Children Activities will return to this year's show under the tutelage of the NC Maritime Museum of Southport's Nauti-Kids program. The little sailors will be able to build their own boats and test their sea-worthiness, learn rope making, learn to sail in a static display and learn from exhibits by the North Carolina Aquarium and The Ft Fisher Underwater Archeology Branch as part of the day's activities.

[Click here](#) to access this site.



## Chapter Secretary & Newsletter Editor Judy Hills Wins "Major Award"



OK, the lamp was not included! Actually, our chapter won the ACBS 2021 Best Small Chapter Newsletter award. While we know that our newsletter is chock full of interesting material, it is nice to be recognized by ACBS for both content and appearance. NC Coastal & Piedmont Chapter of the ACBS is indeed an award winning chapter!





# ALL BLUE WEEK

- 11.2 - 11.6 -

The Alliance for the Blue Economy will make its debut during "All Blue Week" Tuesday through Saturday, November 2 to 6.

Over a dozen events are planned around Wilmington and on UNCW's main and marine science campuses. Events will include an opening keynote address by acclaimed futurist Deborah Westphal, author of the new book, "Convergence"; a Blue Economy hackathon co-sponsored with Cape Fear Collective; tours of the Center for Marine Science and recreational opportunities such as a sustainable sunset cruise at the Blockade Runner resort.

The full list of activities and registration links are listed below. Please join us!

Find us on [Eventbrite](#)!

Like and Follow Us on our All Blue [Facebook Page](#)!

[Click here](#) to see the full announcement.

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MONDAY 11.1  
INSIDE CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S MARINE TECHNOLOGY AND BOAT BUILDING PROGRAMS

## Inside Cape Fear Community College's Marine Technology and Boat Building Programs

Monday, November 1

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

407 North Water St (Wooden Boat Building Shop, W-070), Wilmington/Online via Zoom

Cost: Free

Get an insiders' view of Cape Fear Community College's 57-year history of training students for employment in industries specific to scientific work on the water, and wooden and fiberglass boat building. Meet our faculty, tour our shops, and see the various tools we use to train our students. We will discuss our current projects and look at the various ways our students contribute to the Blue Economy after graduation.

Parking is available at CFCC's visitor parking lots on Water Street or on the corner of Walnut and 2nd St.

[Please register here!](#)





## ACBS Members' Only Website

### APPAREL

There are quite a few apparel choices on the ACBS website: polos, hoodies, caps, beanies, vests, fishing shirts, pullovers, jackets, blazers, and other types of shirts—for men and women—reasonably priced. There is a good selection of sizes as well. You can add the ACBS logo or the chapter logo (request it from the chapter secretary) and other text (like your name). [Click here](#) to check out the selection.

### HOW TO VIDEO LIBRARY

If you need to know something about fixing or restoring your boat, this is the place to start. And if you have made any of these types of videos, you may want to submit them to ACBS for this section of the website. This is a great resource for members only!

### SEARCHABLE DIRECTORY

When is the last time you poked around on this section of the ACBS website to learn about members in our chapter. Want to contact member Robert Blanchard or new member Ted Fridholm, don't email a Board member—look it up.

Find a Member

Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>	State/Province:	<input type="text" value="All"/>
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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 business meeting dates, the places, dates and times listed for events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Chapter-sponsored events are in bold. We encourage you to support/attend these events!

**11/3 Chapter meeting and elections.** Robert & Patsy Blanchard's Homestead. 677 Poole Rd. East, New Hill, NC. 6:00 PM. In-Person Meeting with dinner. RSVP to [Alan Hills](#). Reservations required.

**11/6 Southport Wooden Boat Show** in Southport, NC [Click here](#).

**11/13 Wilmington Cruise on big cruisers**—hosted by members Jim Dean and John Tinney. Meet at boat dock at 11 AM for boat ride and lunch. Reservations required. RSVP to [Alan Hills](#).

**12/11 Chapter's Christmas Dinner Party** at the Conley's in Raleigh 6 PM —Bring a wrapped gift, get a gift—(recycle or re-gift something you have, but don't want/use). Reservations required. RSVP to [Alan Hills](#)

## New Forum on Facebook for ACBS Members

Have a question about your project? Not sure how to fix an engine issue? Join the ACBS Members Group on Facebook! [Click Here](#).



Request to Join

### 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](#).