



Messing About In Boats

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

October 2021

Ahoy Mates,

I hope everyone is doing well. I don't know about y'all, but the fall of the year in North Carolina is my favorite time. Comfortable temps and lower humidity make for good weather for most anything. September has been a very busy month for me. On the personal side, our second grandchild born this year came on the 7th (he's our 10th), high school athletics are back in full swing, ECU football is back on, we volunteered our Barbour boat for a wedding photo shoot, met up with a new member, visited with existing members and dealt with the cable company...dang! Oh yes, there was a little party this past weekend too!! Big thanks to Jim and Margaret Moores and their crew for quite the event they hosted.

October's calendar is lot less crowded but we do have the Lake Gaston fall foliage fun run on October 9th, headed up by Jim Alexander (see flyer inside) and our annual meeting on the 27th (time and place TBD—watch for an email notice).

Here are some things that are rolling around in my head as I write today that I will share with you in no particular order:

Thanks to Joe Peacos for displaying his beautiful Lyman and doing his usual fantastic photography work this weekend.

Thanks to the NC Maritime Museum and friends for displaying Chinook, Cap't Hub and the life car rescue vessel this weekend.

Member Jim Hartman got up out of his hospital bed on Saturday morning and made it to the Boat Barn Bash.

I was asked by some of the wives of our members (who wish to remain anonymous) to send a copy of all announcements to their private email addresses so they could be sure they brought the items called for on said announcements. [Click here](#) to send me your email address.

I have gotten some very positive feedback from Blackbeard Sailing Club regarding the show we had there in July. They have invited us to return next year with a spring or fall date in mind.

Just a heads up about our November outing in Wilmington on Saturday November 13th. John Tinney and Jim Dean both have big cruisers and will be taking us for a ride to a waterfront restaurant for lunch (on your own nickel). Weather won't be a factor as the boats are enclosed. Space is going to be limited and we ask that if you reserve a seat, that you not back out at the last minute unless it is an emergency. Details will be published in the November newsletter. This will be first come, first served. We will start collecting names today. We'll have a waiting list to fill in last minute cancellations.

That's all I got for this time. Hope to see a bunch of you at Gaston in a couple of weeks!

Alan Hills, President

Boat Barn Bash—Saturday September 25, 2021



What an absolutely stunning day we had for the Boat Barn Bash! If you were to draw a picture of the perfect day in the dictionary, Jim and Margaret Moores' Boat Barn Bash would be there. What's not to love? In addition to perfect weather, we had 100+ friends who love old boats; old boats on display; lots of great food (best BBQ pork ever!) and desserts; plenty of beer and wine; a classic and country band; and a surprise visit from the Director of the NC Maritime Museums, Joe Schwarzer and his wife Melanie.

A number of old and new chapter members were present and we confirmed three new members, one who signed up online at the event. Welcome our newest chapter member John Dougherty, who is also a member of Blackbeard Sailing Club.

When members get together with old and new friends, there are always some side benefits other than just having a good time. Sharon Conley is due to have knee surgery soon and was apprehensive regarding the

procedure. She met Karen Dunn who had had the same operation by the same surgeon. Karen helped Sharon lessen her concerns. And then John and Nancy Baringer fell in love (or at least Nancy did) with a homemade boat that was for sale (Happy Cow homeport Dead Cow Lane—long story!). There just might be a new boat in their future. You just never know what might happen at one of our chapter events!

We are so very grateful to member Jim Moores and his wife Margaret and their family and friends that they pressed into service to help make this event the success that it was! We helped Jim "eat up" his company's marketing budget for the balance of 2021. Kudos for being such wonderful hosts!

As you can see from the photos (by Joe Peacos and Judy Hills), we had quite a time. We wish that those of you who did not attend, could have made it—but there is always next month's outing on Lake Gaston! No boat, no problem! We'll hook you up.



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Impromptu Member Outing

You know planned outings aren't the only way to have fun with other chapter members. President Alan Hills had some family business to take care of in the Raleigh area on Tuesday September 14th so he connected with John Justice and took a trip to the Piglet (a/k/a John's workshop) to see what John was working on. Member Jeff Gelm happened to be there. Jeff is storing one boat at the Piglet and is working on another there as well. The three of them decided it was too nice a day to just hang out at the shop so they dunked one of John's many boats in Jordan Lake and took a ride. Now that's how to have fun! Below are a few pictures from the outing.



Member's Boat Featured at Wedding

Some months ago our chapter was contacted about a boat to be used for a wedding photo shoot. The location of the wedding was the upscale community of River Dunes in Pamlico County. A call was put out to the chapter members, but alas no one volunteered. Chapter President Alan Hills felt bad and offered his Barbour for the event. The couple and the photographer (Fabiana Skubic) were sent photos of the boat and agreed that it would serve the purpose.

September 11th was the wedding day—and a beautiful one it was! The shoot was after the ceremony near dusk. The inner harbor was calm and surprisingly there were no mosquitos in a location where they are notoriously abundant.

To the right is one of the gorgeous photos taken that evening. The photographer was very happy with the effect and asked about securing a boat for a wedding shoot in Charlotte. Alan referred her to the Blue Ridge Chapter.



Photo credit: Fabiana Skubic

A Checkered Past?

President Alan Hills made a point to connect with one of our newest Chapter member who lives in New Bern—Ted Fridholm and his wife Kathy. Ted invited Alan to drop by to see his workshop and boat. Turns out that the boat has a “checkered past” in that it was owned previously by member Leif Eriksson as well as Leif’s friend Laird Stubbings AND the motor was previously owned by Alan! What a coincidence!

Ted is a fine woodworker who does a lot of restoration work in the New Bern Historic District. So if you have a tricky wood problem—you might want to consult with Ted.

BTW, we picked up Ted as a member when he attended the show we had at Blackbeard Sailing Club. Welcome, Ted!



Member Dick Fontaine Donates to Scholarship Fund

Dick Fontaine was not a member of our chapter for very long—having joined just prior to moving into a care facility in the northeast. Dick was a long-time friend of President Alan Hills. They first met when they both were in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Dick was a skilled ship model builder up until the time he became too infirm to continue. He really enjoys reading the chapter newsletter and the Rudder and wanted to give something back to the boating community. Alan and Dick discussed the options and Dick opted to donate \$1,000 to enhance our current contribution to a scholarship for students in the boatbuilding program at Cape Fear Community College. We received those funds in late August. We thank Dick for his generosity and hope others will follow his example in the future. Below is a photo of Dick with Bill Conley's Chris Craft.



Chapter Name Tags

We rarely think about the importance of our Chapter name tags until we attend an event. Name tags make others feel more comfortable (members or not) because they immediately know who they are talking to. As we age, many have difficulty recalling a person's name, so having a name tag helps negate that embarrassment. Also having chapter logo and your "homeport" on the name tag gives you an identification and provides other topics of conversation.

We have a number of members and spouses (and SOs) who do not have name tags according to our records. The first name tag is free for the member.

Additional name tags are about \$15 each. They are magnetic. To order, [email](#) the information to President Alan Hills. He will make the arrangements. The name tag will be mailed to the member and if money is due, the Treasurer will bill you directly.



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New Bern, NC



Lake Gaston Gathering Saturday, October 9, 2021

AGENDA

11:00 AM Splash at Morningstar Marina

1865 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton, NC 27850 252-776-0823

- Review lake map; identify landmarks, obstacles and points of interest.
- Exchange phone numbers. Note: \$5 fee for ramp use; \$25 to park. Pay in the office trailer on parking lot level.
- Ethanol free gas is available here

11:30 Lake Ride

- Alan leads into and out of Songbird Creek.
- Head WNW toward I-85, cruise south shore.
- Head to mile marker 15+ and enter Six Pound Creek.
- Return to mile marker #14, turn to port, up Poplar Creek
- Proceed up creek, pass under Rt 903 to Shady Shack Grill
- Ethanol free gas is available here

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch at Shady Shack Grill

183 Hendricks Mill Rd, Bracey, VA 23919 434-636 -2175

- Business meeting chaired by Alan

2:00 Return to Morningstar Marina

- Cruise north shore.
- Arrive at marina (between mile marker #8 and #9) and pull in boats

2:30 -3:00 "Tall Tales" Gathering at the Pointe Restaurant



POC: Jim Alexander pennajim@gmail.com 919-616-0412

We'd like to make the restaurant reservations so we can all sit together, so [click here](#) to RSVP the number attending to Jim . Do plan to launch by 11:00 AM or you might get left at the marina. No boat, no problem! Just make a reservation for lunch and show up. We'll get you hooked up.

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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!

- 10/9 Fall Fun Run at Lake Gaston—Eaton Ferry-guided by Jim Alexander 11 to 3
- 10/16-17 Georgetown, SC Boat Show
- 10/27 Chapter Annual Meeting & elections
- 10/30 Roanoke Island Maritime Museum Boat Show at Manteo, NC
- 11/6 Southport Boat Show in Southport, NC
- 11/13 Wilmington Cruise on big cruisers—hosted by members Jim Dean and John Tinney 10 to 3
- 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)

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.](#)