



# Messing About In Boats

## Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont  
Chapter of ACBS

October 2024



Ahoy Mateys,

The month of September ended on a sad note for many of the folks who were impacted by Hurricane Helene. I'm sure y'all have seen or heard of the devastation left in her wake. Thoughts and prayers please for those who have suffered and will continue to suffer as the arduous rebuilding process unfolds.

We also lost stalwart member Bill Baker, of Moncure, NC this month. Bill was a friend to all he met and helped many members by sharing his time and talents to help them see their projects through. Since being stricken with COVID, Bill had to deal with serious health issues but still found a way to attend many chapter functions. Our sincere love and condolences go out to wife Judy and the rest of Bill's family. RIP, our good friend!

On a happier note, a bunch of our members enjoyed a wonderful stay at Cindy Jordan's family vacation home in Bath, NC. Those who attended were treated to terrific home cooked meals, interesting outings, a little golf cart maintenance, boat rides, full moon viewing, and of course, fellowship. Thank you Cindy for sharing your family's home with us!

As you are well aware, the ACBS International Show was held at Gull Lake, MN last month. Along with the incredible boats on

display, there were outings, tours and receptions held. Our chapter was recognized in two categories at the annual awards ceremony, taking home best chapter publication award for a small chapter, and highest growth by percentage awards. Kudos to our newsletter editor and all of you who have had a hand in our chapter growth!

This coming Saturday is our boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. I'd like to thank those of you who have signed up and would be elated if a few more of you decided to attend. We will do a river cruise Friday afternoon with a welcome party and annual club meeting on Friday night, with the show Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. C'mon out and support our chapter.

Lastly, on a personal note, the Hills family welcomed new arrival Haydon Hills on Sept. 17 (grandchild no. 11) and a new vessel to the fleet!

That's it for now.

Yours in classic boating,

*Alan Hills, President*



## Chapter Wins ACBS Awards



ACBS Vice President Ed Andrews sent us this picture from the ACBS International Show. Our Chapter received two prestigious awards: the small chapter publication award and the 2024 Chapter Growth Award—Greatest Percent Increase in New Members. Our chapter won the publications award in 2021 and the Chapter Growth Award—Greatest Percent Increase in New Members in 2021. We are proud of our chapter's accomplishments and the fact that ACBS recognizes our achievements. We especially thank Jim Dean who has been a great recruiter of new members in the Wilmington area.

### VERIFY & UPDATE YOUR ACBS PROFILE!!!

Are your address, email, and phone number correct? Include name & email for co-member. Update your boat & motor info.

NC COASTAL & PIEDMONT CHAPTER / ACBS ANNUAL SHOW

# Antique & Classic BOAT SHOW



*Saturday, October 5th 2024*

## NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

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## Chapter Member Bill Baker Crosses the Bar

We were saddened to hear that one of our chapter's long-time members, Bill Baker, passed away recently. Bill had spent many a day working on his 1947 22-foot Chris Craft Utility named Cookie. Bill was a hardy soul who enjoyed his boating friends. We last saw Bill at our Trailer workshop in March of this year. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Judy. As soon as we have details on the arrangements, we'll pass them along.

"Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crost the bar."



## Chapter Developing Relationship With Sea Scouts

We have been reaching out to Sea Scout Ships located in our geographic area. We received this response from Jeff Boenig (who is also a member of Blackbeard Sailing Club). "Thanks again for speaking with me today! Here is our Ship's website address - <https://sss244.org/> [Click here](#) for our events calendar. I've also attached our New Member Information packet, which has some useful information about Sea Scouting and what we do. We meet at Peace Presbyterian Church in Cary every Wednesday at 1900. You're welcome to visit anytime, and if you'd like to give a presentation that would be greatly appreciated!"

We were also contacted by the Sea Scout Ship in Durham. Chapter President Alan Hills will continue the discussion so we can see how the Sea Scout Ships and our Chapter might benefit from collaborating.



## Group A Bath Chapter Experience 9/16 to 9/19 by Judy Hills

Each of the three groups that had the joy of staying at Cindy Jordan’s family home in Bath during September had a unique experience. We are so grateful to Cindy for having us.

Initially the weather was predicted to be pretty wet, but as the time drew near the forecast improved. We had two rainy days, the day we arrived, Monday 9/16 and the day we left Tuesday 9/24. Neither of those impacted our plans. The days were mild and mostly sunny—ideal for outdoor excursions.

Group A consisted of Cindy Jordan, Alan & Judy Hills, Bob & Molly Banta and Bill & Sharon Conley—all of whom had been on the first Bath trip in April.

Monday was rainy so the group just had an enjoyable time catching up, eating, drinking and playing games. We did run out between showers to try our hand at chicken-neck crabbing. Sharon was particularly intrigued at the prospect of catching a crab, but unfortunately the crabs did not cooperate. It was fun teasing her about her.

Due to the moon phase and King tide, the property was partially flooded as you can see in the various pictures.

Monday Sharon provided tasty pizza dinner. On Tuesday we had dinner at Down on Main Street in Washington. The weather had cleared and the moon was full so we went on an evening boat ride to take pictures of the moon. It was very interesting with all the clouds. On Wednesday morning we visited the Bath history museum, had a picnic lunch at the house and then took a long hike on the boardwalk at the nearby Goose Creek State Park. Late Wednesday we checked out the boutique that was part of the hardware store in Belhaven and had dinner at the wonderful old River Forest Manor’s 1904 Bistro. It was very elegant dining. On Thursday all hands helped clean up the house for the next group of guests.

Memories: sharing sadness with Molly who received news of the death of her older brother; sharing joy with Judy & Alan on the arrival of their 11th grandchild—a boy; the moonlight night boat ride; Sharon’s obsession with catching a crab; playing dominoes and Scattergories; and the wonderful comradery that we all shared.



# Group A Bath Chapter Experience 9/16 to 9/19 Pictures



## Group B Bath Chapter Experience 9/19 to 9/22 by Beth Arrington

Mix a picturesque waterfront town, local history, good food, and plenty of talk about boats, outboards and engines and you have the "B" group gathering of the ACBS chapter in Bath thanks to gracious hostess Cindy Jordan and planner par excellence Judy Hills. Jim Alexander, John Dougherty, Judy and Alan Hills with newcomers Julian and Beth Arrington joined Cindy who opened her wonderful waterfront home on the quiet shores of historic Bath, replete with towering cypress, flocks of geese, a harvest moon, and peaceful vista.

After a baked ziti dinner Thursday, Sept. 19, we traveled to the Historic Turnage Theatre in Little Washington for music by David Jolley and JD Joyner whose flying fingers amazed us. A local gal provided some banjo picking, as well, adding a touch of Appalachia. Friday, Sept. 20, featured a great breakfast by chef Judy followed by a fantastic tour of two Bath houses, as well as the church. State interpreters do a marvelous job! Judy and Beth peaked into Petals & Produce, a great spot to stock up on local produce, foods and gifts. Then it was time to treat Cindy to a boat ride in Alan's 23-foot Christ Craft Dory for her first outing across the Pamlico River to Blounts Creek. Julian and Beth tag teamed in his 1950s-era Barbour, the longest ride for the *Capt. Ed* to date. And the boat did marvelously. Top that with dinner in

Bath at Blackbeard's Tavern for some local color and culinary delights and the day closed with a board game that drew plenty of laughs. (The letter isn't "S," Alan!) Saturday opened with another of Judy's fantastic feasts. Taking a step back in time, we got a tour of the cousin's boathouse next door where a wealth of antiques and memorabilia made a feast for the eyes. Julian gave Jim a tour in the Barbour before pulling out of the water, and then came a boat ride for Jim, John and Beth...her longest and fastest ride ... on Alan's boat, while Cindy drove Judy and Julian to Little Washington with some QVC finds along the way. There the gang enjoyed the Estuarium, learning about the importance of our estuary system, as well as snagged a scrumptious lunch at Grub Brothers Eatery where names like "Possum in the Trash" and "Voodoo Shrimp" pique your curiosity. Back in Bath, it was time for R&R, and then John's masterfully prepared meatballs and shells and Jim's fine salad. It was early shut eye after all that fresh air and food! Finally, Sunday and a wonderful three days closed with the eclectic Spoon River in Belhaven as we gathered our gear, fixed the dangling rotating ceiling fan and headed out. Thanks again, ship mates!

Sunset photo by Beth Arrington.



# Group B Bath Chapter Experience 9/19 to 9/22 Pictures



## Group C Bath Chapter Experience 9/22 to 9/24 by Judy Hills

Group C was Cindy, Alan & Judy, and Jim and Anne Marie Hartman—a small, intimate group, but no less fun than the other two groups.

We took a boat ride around the creek on Sunday afternoon. That night Anne Marie and Jim fixed a lasagna and salad for dinner. Jim makes his own sauce. Yummy!

On Monday morning we took a one-hour drive northeast to Edenton and toured the Edenton National Fish Hatchery. The manager Sonia Mumford spent a few minutes with us to give us an orientation to the hatchery and explained its mission and operation. She is a veterinarian and provided us with some interesting biology and sanitation practices related to the fishing industry. We were fortunate to have run into her. Not sure if we want to eat fresh fish again based on what we learned. LOL

Then we headed to lunch at a new restaurant called The Herringbone. It was the site of an old ice house. The interior was unique and the food delicious. It was located on the waterfront adjacent to the old lighthouse and community park.

After lunch we toured the visitor center which is a historical home on the waterfront. Then we took a trolley tour of the town. Our

guide was a wonderful older lady who had a great memory and spoke with a smile in her voice while reciting a short history of the town and some stories of the older homes in the area. Our driver was none other than an ACBS member Chris Elliot who is not a member of any ACBS chapter, but we hope we convinced him to join ours. We met Chris when he was showing his boat at the Chesapeake Bay Show earlier this year.

After the tour we headed back to the house for a short respite and then headed to dinner at the lovely Spoon River Artworks and Market in Belhaven. It is a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

And that concluded our fun. On Tuesday we helped Cindy ready the house for the next group of relatives coming in on Thursday. It is a very popular place with the family and we understand why.

So we hope Cindy will invite us back again in the future. We did our best to help fix a few things that needed fixing and to leave the place clean and tidy. We can't thank Cindy and her family enough for their kindness in allowing us to use this lovely home on Bath Creek.



## Group C Bath Chapter Experience 9/22 to 9/24 Pictures



## CFCC Boatbuilding Program Visit

Recently Alan and Judy Hills took a day trip to Wilmington to visit with chapter member John Olsen is the Program Director, Boat Manufacture & Service with the Cape Fear Community College's Boatbuilding Program. Alan and Judy had toured the facility before, but it was nice to see that the program had 18 new students just beginning their adventures in boatbuilding. It was also interesting to see John in action.

But that was not the real reason for the site visit, Alan had an ulterior motive—he was there to check out the Jersey Speed Skiff that the students had built. The skiff has no motor or trailer and is up for sale. Alan is just finishing up on his current project—the Cavalier and is lining up his next one. Judy reminded him of the requirement: one in, one out. We'll see where this goes! Here are a few pictures from the excursion.



## September Contest



Bob Banta contributed this photo from his collection. No recollection of who took it, where it was, or whose in it. We asked you to make up a story about this picture and [email](#) it to editor Judy Hills.

**Alan Hills**—Hey guys, the duct tape is right behind you!

**Judy Hills**—Wishin' and hopin' and thinkin' and prayin'. Plannin' and dreamin' that I can find out why this damn new engine won't turn over!

**SERIOUSLY? NO ENTRIES!!!** This is an opportunity to have some fun. Members and co-member can submit entries. No prize—just bragging rights.

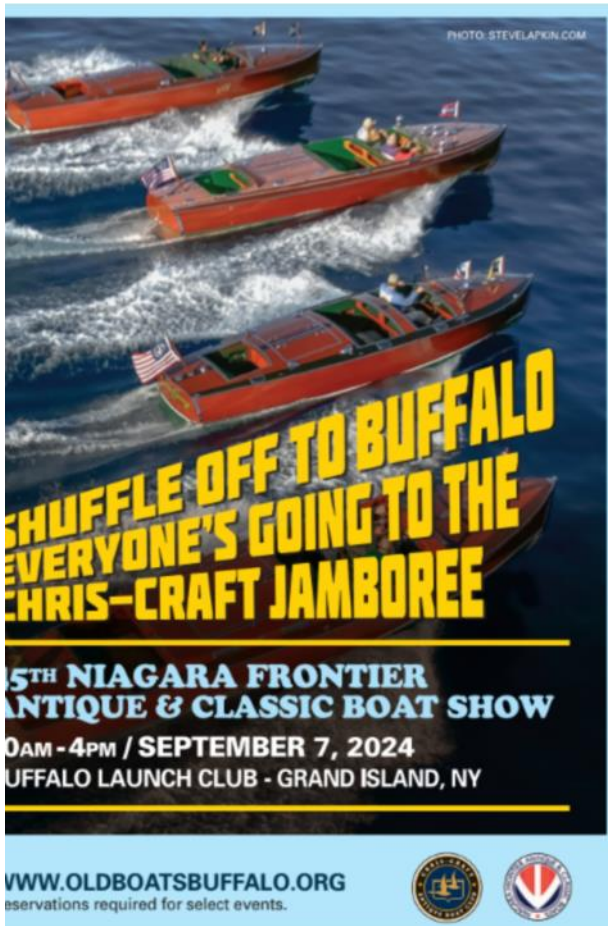
## October T-Shirt Contest

Get your mind out of the gutter—this is not a wet t-shirt contest sponsored by Hooters. What we want you to do is count the number of t-shirts that you have in your wardrobe (NOT YOUR RAG BIN, SHOP OR BOAT) that have the logo of a boat show. We don't care whether or not you actually attended and duplicates are OK. By October 25th [email](#) editor Judy Hills the number of qualified t-shirts AND a picture of said shirts in a pile. Co-members are encouraged to enter their member in this contest. It may be enlightening!



## Niagara Frontier Chapter ACBS Boat Show

Anne Marie Hartman attended this show in September and send us these picture.



## Niagara Frontier Chapter ACBS Boat Show—photos by Anne Marie



## Joe Peacos Pictures from Wilmington Marina Day Event




## Joe Peacos Pictures from Smith Mountain Lake Show



## Jim Dean Pictures from Smith Mountain Lake Show



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2024

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We hope you will enter your boat in both of these shows.

If you do not have a show-ready wooden boat, we encourage you to attend to show your support and to help recruit new members to our chapter.

## 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.



## Chapter Membership Contest July 1 to December 31, 2024

We are not certain, but this might just be our chapter’s first membership contest. 2025 is the 50th Anniversary of ACBS, Inc. They are printing a limited number of 50th Anniversary Directories to sell. Current members who meet the deadline for membership will be included. This is what gave us the idea for this contest.

Those members in our chapter (including the Board) who recruit a new or secondary chapter members (new to our

chapter) between July 1 and December 31 of 2024 will receive one point for each recruit that joins our chapter. You must [email](#) the name of your recruit to Secretary Judy Hills before their name appears in the ACBS membership report. She will verify that they joined our chapter. If there is a tie, one name will be drawn.

**YES, WE WILL HAVE A PRIZE!** The winner will receive a free copy of the ACBS 50th Anniversary Directory (est. cost \$40).

## 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—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

Renewed: Mark McKeehan (Frisco, TX—primary ACBS chapter is Southwest),

*Welcome!*

**Total Membership: 66    NCC&P Primary Chapter: 55    NC C& P 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, dates and times listed for events may change. Watch your email for updates. **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.** Please mark these dates on your 2024 calendar:

- **10/4** Chapter boat show pre-events: ride on the Neuse and welcome party on the deck at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern. **Annual meeting at 6 PM** (elections and bylaws).
- **10/5** Chapter Boat Show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern 10 to 2
- **10/18-19** Georgetown SC Boat Show  
<https://woodenboatshow.com/>
- **11/2** Southport Wooden Boat Show  
<https://southportwoodenboatshow.com/>
- **11/16** Chapter Workshop (TBD)
- **12/14** Chapter Christmas Party and Awards at the Conleys in Raleigh. Arrive at 1 PM, Linner (Lunch/Dinner) at 2 PM.

### 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.

**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](#).