



NC C&P CHAPTER
Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

October 2026



Hello Fellow members,

As we bid a (fond?) farewell to summer, we can all look forward to cooler temps and a host of fall festivals, boat shows, sailing, tailgating and football games and enjoying the outdoors a little more.

At our last chapter board of directors meeting, we voted on and passed the by-laws amendment that you were notified of. Essentially, this amendment allows us more flexibility regarding the date of our annual meeting and chapter officer and director elections. All of our incumbent directors up for re-election have agreed to continue, save for the office of Vice President. If you would like to be considered for VP, please contact Judy or myself.

The Bill Baker Memorial Scholarship fund has funded two \$2000 scholarships to Carteret Community College and Beaufort Community College for their boatbuilding and marine service training programs. These funds will be awarded by the foundations to students who apply for them and meet our chapter's eligibility requirements.

Our chapter will be holding a workshop on October 10th featuring Steve Weaver and his steam launch "Iona". Steve will unravel all the mysteries of this bygone propulsion method at the Cape Fear Community College marine technology building. See details in the newsletter. One week later, the Georgetown (SC) Wooden Boat Show will be held. This is a fun event set in a small Southern downtown that features many wooden boats, large and small. Looking ahead to November, there are two notewor-

thy events, both falling on the 7th. First there is the Southport Wooden Boat Show. Here you can see anything from local indigenous craft, runabouts, work boats and large vintage wooden yachts. There are also many restaurants and food trucks on the show site. The other event you may want to consider is Robert and Patsy Blanchard's "Homecoming Days" celebration. No matter if you have never been to their home or have ben before, this is always a fun trip back in time. I highly recommend getting over there, and wear any western apparel you might have! The address is 677 Poole Rd East, New Hill, NC. Come any time after 10 and food will be available for purchase.

Lastly, I'd like to give a HUGE shout out to secondary chapter member Alan Frederick of Smith Mountain Lake. Alan is the recipient of this year's ACBS Founder's Award, which he accepted at the ACBS International Show in Port Huron last month. Any of you who have met Alan can understand why he has earned this most prestigious of ACBS honors. Congratulations, Alan!!

Yours in classic boating,
Alan Hills, President



Chapter Christmas Party & Annual Meeting December 12th

We are encouraging our members to plan a weekend visit to New Bern for this event which will be held in the early afternoon, giving you plenty of opportunity to enjoy the many sites and sounds of New Bern during the Christmas Beary Merry Events festival. Next month we'll provide lodging and entertainment information so you can plan accordingly. If you need it sooner, let Judy know. We invite you to bring guests and prospective members.

If you want to see Tryon Palace in candle-light, you'll want to get your December 12th tickets **NOW**—they go fast. [Click here](#).



Full Steam Ahead! a Steam Engine Workshop at CFCC

Member Steve Weaver owns the SL IONA, an award-winning steam launch which he built. You may have seen her at the Beaufort, NC show. She is:

- A New England sharpie-style harbor launch designed by Reuel Parker in 2010.
- A Cold-molded marine plywood with GRP epoxy sheathing and a hand-laid teak deck.
- Length overall (LOA) is 24 feet 2 inches, with a 6-foot-6-inch beam and a 1-foot-5-inch draft.
- Steam-powered via an onboard firetube boiler.

Steve has agreed to do a workshop for us on steam power. John Olsen has arranged for us to use the Cape Fear Community College Boat Building shop to hold it on **Saturday, October 10th**.

Steve envisions an interactive presentation using SL IONA as a hands-on teaching tool. While he can't raise steam if she's not in the water (for reasons he'll explain then), she will be more accessible for folks surrounding her, looking over the gun-wales. He will also bring the blueprints for her boiler, as well as pieces of a new 'weld-less' boiler he is building for her.

The teaching objectives would be:

- The operating envelope of a steam launch;

- Hull design;
- The requirements for a successful steam plant design;
- Skills required to build and maintain a steam launch;
- Resources and materials for the aspiring engineer.

The workshop will start **at 10 AM and lunch will be included** paid for by our chapter. We hope the CFCC students will also attend. [Click here](#) to notify Alan Hills that you will attend so we can plan accordingly.



THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
WOODEN BOAT SHOW

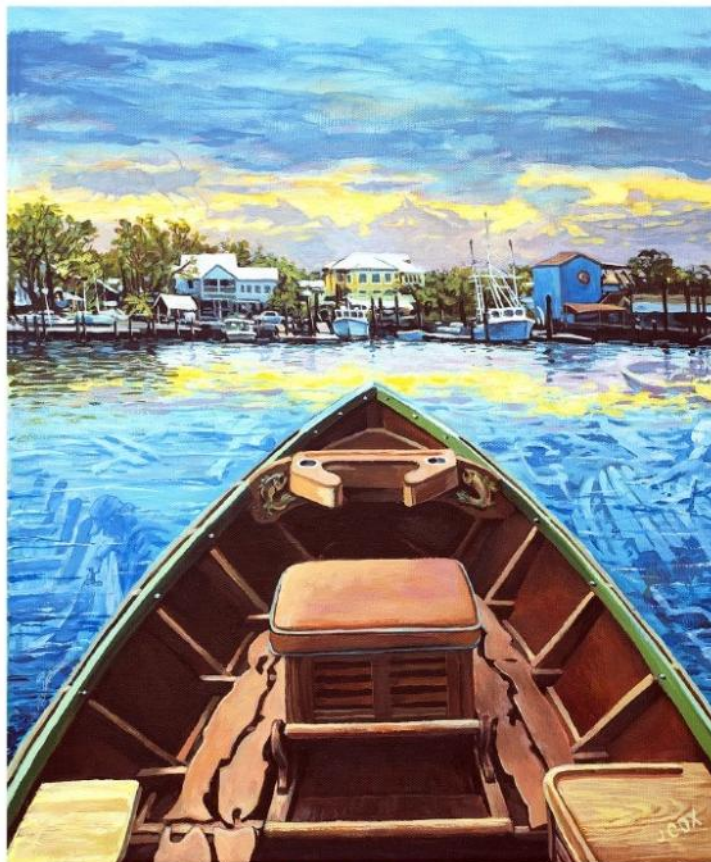


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SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2026
ON THE WATERFRONT
AT FRONT AND BROAD STREETS

WWW.WOODENBOATSHOW.COM

Southport Wooden Boat Show



We encourage you to support these shows. October 17/18
Georgetown, SC, Hilton Head SC Concours d'Elegance October 29th,
and Southport, NC November 7th.

DETAILS

Date:

October 29

Time:

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Series:

Renowned Car Show,
Concours d'Elegance

ORGANIZER

Hilton Head Island
Concours d'Elegance &
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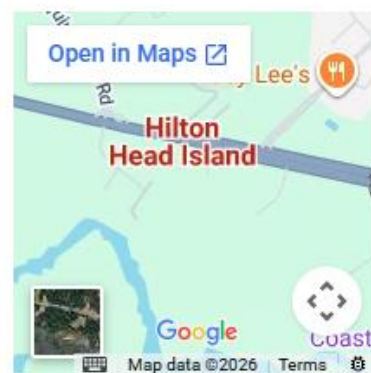
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Little Did I Know—The Saga of JS100 (Part 2) by Alan Hills

OK, here is the rest of the story. Let me backtrack and tell you that after the boat was built, the building team enrolled in the Boat Manufacture and Service program and their project for that term was to turn JS100 into a running boat. All the necessary components were installed, such as fuel and exhaust systems, bilge pump, engine and running gear. At the end of the term, a sea trial was conducted and all the parts, save for the fuel tank and rudder port were removed. One interesting problem that arose during the fit-out was the fact that a strut of the proper dimensions was not available in a stock item. No problem, a strut was built by the team out of carbon fiber! How's that for ingenuity?

Well, getting back to my saga, I was able to get the made-up strut and a couple of fiberglass exhaust elbows from the college. A couple of more trips to the Piglet got me a rudder, shaft, prop and some exhaust hose. I had to purchase a couple of items from eBay to get all my parts together. I decided I didn't like the way the steering system was done; Jersey Speed Skiffs have a distinctive vertical steering

shaft and flat wheel that I had to have. Luckily, there was a vintage skiff at the Chesapeake Bay show and its owner gave me the name of a shop that would build such a thing. (another advantage of being an ACBS member!). Now all that needed doing was to put it all together.

First order of business was to cut the gauge holes in the dash and pre-wire for all the systems. Next came installing the steering system, which wasn't too hard until it came to hooking up the rudder. My 78-year-old body was not going to get that done. Enter Jackson, my grandson with the long, skinny arms. He did a great job! Next up was the engine

install. I ran it in my shop for about an hour to check for leaks, etc. That done, it was over to fellow member Jim Hartman's shop to use his gantry. All went well until we discovered that we could not lift the engine high enough to clear the deck. No problem! Just take the boat off the trailer and lower down about a foot. That done, the engine was dropped in and aligned. Now it was time to address the elephant in the room; the exhaust system. The team at the college had installed 4" fiberglass exhaust tubing that was run along the chine. This worked well for the engine they installed, but presented a problem for my engine.

My exhaust system was 3" and had to be run outboard and mated to the 4" tubes in a very confined space. After much cussing, mocking up and more cussing, I finally got it hooked up. During the process of getting the last detail done, I was fortunate to have the help of (younger) chapter members John Peck and John Dougherty.



The next step was to get her out on the water. I was joined by Jim Hartman and after a bit of running at the dock, checking for leaks and so forth, we headed out Lawson Creek. It's a good half mile to reach the Trent River where we planned to put some power to her and see how she'd do. As I advanced the throttle, we felt a strong shuddering vibration that signaled something was amiss. Also, the engine was running very rich and wouldn't idle properly, so with sad faces, it was back to the ramp. More problems to deal with! Depending on what I find, another trip to the Piglet might be in order.



Trip to Bath September 2026

Member Cindy Jordan again invited Chapter members to her family's vacation home in Bath. Located on Bath Creek, the setting has a lovely view of sunsets. We came during a time when the water in the creek was up, so there was some water in the yard, but it did not affect our stay. As it turns out none of us brought boats which worked out as the wind made the water choppy.

Alan and Judy Hills, Sharon and Bill Conley, and Molly and Bob Banta all arrived on Friday. We spent the afternoon catching up and then ate dinner at Blackbeard's Grill, a local favorite. That evening the ladies played Tri-Ominos, a take-off on dominoes while the guys talked shop and football.

John Dougherty arrived on Saturday morning—a beautiful cool fall day. We piled in the cars and headed to Plymouth. There we visited the site of a replica of the CSS Albemarle, an ironclad ram boat. The small museum told the history of the area's Civil War battles on and off the water. Then we headed down the street to visit the Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. The two docents were very knowledgeable about the crafts on display and when they discovered that we were with ACBS, they took us on a behind-the-scenes tour of boats waiting to be repaired and put on display. The guys were so excited! Then they gave us a personal tour of a replica of the screw-pile lighthouse that once sat at the mouth of the Roanoke River. We learned a lot about the river lighthouses.

By this time we needed a break. We had snacks at a riverfront café in town before we headed to Caswell to see Somerset Place, a historic plantation maintained by the State. It

was so interesting to read about how the plantation was managed and about the families that owned it over time. A few of the buildings were open and contained furniture and items used during that time period.

Next we headed to Roper for dinner at the Landing at Mackey's Marina. Of course, the guys had to check out the boats. This restaurant is a popular spot and it is a good thing we got there early and beat the dinner crowd.

On Sunday, Bob and Molly left after breakfast. The rest of us hopped in Cindy's car and headed to Lake Mattamaskeet. There is an old hunting lodge on the property. We walked around the site and then drove to several overlooks to get a different perspective on the lake. We did not see much in the way of wildlife or birds, but we did see some big fish that we think were invasive carp.

From the lake, we headed to Belhaven. It was mid-afternoon and the only thing we found open was the really funky ICW Brewery which was across the street from the water. We were given what looked like credit cards. They had a wall of taps with various wines and beers. You tapped the card to the wall screen, selected your beverage. The amount dispensed was measured by the device. When you were done drinking, you took the card up and they charged you for what you consumed. Never saw that before! They had free food on the table—not even a tip jar. The pulled pork was tasty.

Sunday evening we hung out at the house and ate the Chicken Tettazzini that Sharon had made and enjoyed our last night together.

Monday morning we gathered our belongings, said our goodbyes, and headed home.

Trip to Bath September 2026 (continued)

That's the story of the trip. Here is a list of interesting things that we learned:

- Cindy is quite the world traveler. She shared tales and pictures.
- We had a stimulating discussion (including photos) on johns and urinals we have seen worldwide.
- Sharon and Bill had a new Lexus electric car and this was their first on road trip with it. They agonized over where they would charge it to make it home. This was a frequent topic of conversation over the weekend. We don't know what they ended up doing, but we do know they got safely home.
- The Hills also had a new-to-them car and they did not know how many gallons the tank took or how far you could go once the low fuel light came on. They kept their fingers crossed that they could make it back to Bath from Roper since there were no service stations on the country roads. Yes, they coasted into Bath on fumes. They added 14.1 gallons to the tank and later found out that the tank only held 14.8 gallons. Whey!!!
- If Sharon is riding in your car and you are running low on gas, don't tell her!!!
- The Hills and the Conleys were still learning features of their cars and computer settings so there was an educational component to this trip.
- "What did you say?" was heard (or not) frequently. LOL
- Plymouth would be a good site for a chapter boat show as they have a lot of town docks on the Roanoke River. Might also consider doing it in conjunction with their National Black Bear Festival June 4-5, 2027.
- Lake Phelps at the Pettigrew State Park was significantly dried up to the point where there was about 12 feet of dried mud at the end of the boat ramp.
- We saw strange tracks in the dried mud at Lake Phelps. We had fun guessing who or what they belonged to. We think we saw tracks of a large bear.
- At Blackbeard's Grill several tried Lumpia (a Filipino appetizer) for the first time.
- The Harris-Teeter Cajun Crab dip was tasty as was the salmon dip that John made. John also shared the blueberry jam he made.
- There was an educational discussion about the differences between a potato ricer and a potato masher.
- The highly prized pecky cypress wood is caused by a fungus.
- Tri-Ominos is a lot of fun, unless you are the one stuck with a bunch of tiles you can't play.
- Did you know that Belhaven is the birthplace of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW)? It was where the final joining of the north and south legs took place in September 1928. The ICW is 1,300 miles long and goes from the Manasquan Inlet in NJ to Key West, FL.
- And we learned so many interesting historical facts!

Here is pretty drone video of Belhaven set to Pink Floyd music. [Click here.](#)

Again we thank Cindy for her generosity in sharing the family house.

Thank You!



Trip to Bath September 2026



Above L to R women: Molly Banta, Sharon Conley Judy Hills, Cindy Jordan. L to R men: Bob Banta, Bill Conley, John Dougherty, Alan Hills. Below L: Bob, Sharon, & Bill at lighthouse in Plymouth. Below R: Judy Hills—see low lake level at Lake Phelps in Creswell. Photos by Cindy.



Trip to Bath September 2026 in Pictures



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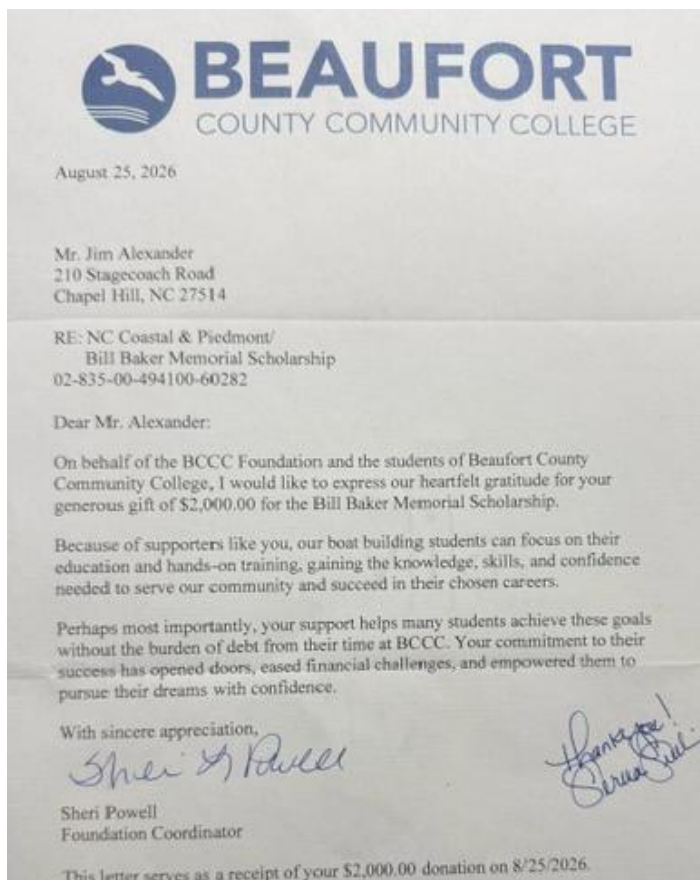
*I sailed away
Spring becomes evident, in April, and May,
As tourist do travel, on a beautiful day.,
By the numbers they come, and they go, I might say,
Maybe headed for the coast, as they pass through
Plymouth, North Carolina, is just a spot on the map,
But, a nice place to stop in, for the night, or, just a
For that down home feeling, small towns are nice,
We have food, and gas, and plenty of ice.
So, stop in for a while, even if you don't stay,
And, experience the magic, just as I did one day.*

Trip to Bath September 2026 in Pictures



Scholarships Update by Jim Alexander

I'm sharing some correspondence from BCCC and photos that show what the college's student boat builders are doing. None of our money has been awarded, so none of our funded students are involved, but it shows what work they are involved in.



Chapter Burgees

We have three chapter burgees available for sale at \$35 each (\$40 if mailed).

They are 12x18, laser etched, double sided (logo correct on both sides) and made of a durable material. See photo at right for style and colors. If we sell out the first order, we'll place a second order so that we have some on-hand.

Contact Alan Hills to buy a burgee.



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

Renewed: Jeff Evans (Raleigh), Jeff Martinson (Raleigh), John Peck (New Bern, NC), Larry Bower (Reidsville, NC)

Welcome!

Total Membership: 66

NCC&P Primary Chapter: 54

Not Primary Chapter: 12

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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. On August 24, 2022, our Chapter was incorporated as a nonprofit in the State of NC. On May 23, 2025, the IRS designated our chapter a 501c3 nonprofit.

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.

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:

October

- 1-3 [Lake Lure Show](#) in Lake Lure, NC (Blue Ridge ACBS Chapter)
- 10 Full Steam Ahead! A steam engine workshop at CFCC (includes a free lunch) 10 AM. [Email Alan Hills](#) to reserve spot
- 17-18 Georgetown, SC [Wooden Boat Show](#)
- 10/29 to 11/1 [Concours d'Elegance](#) at Hilton Head Island, SC

November

- 7 Southport Boat Show
- 7 Homecoming Days at the Blanchard Homestead (Robert & Patsy) In New Hill, NC 677 Poole Rd.
- 14 SML Workshop

December

- 12 Chapter Christmas Party, Annual Meeting, and elections. To be held at the Fairfield Harbour Community Center—the Harbour Club. 1100 Pelican Dr.

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](#).