



Messing About In Boats

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

September 2019

Happy September!

Surely, we are all looking for some cooler weather—and no hurricanes at this point in the year. As of the day I am writing this column, Dorian is kicking up its heels in the Atlantic and has a bead on Florida. We don't wish this storm on anyone, but we hope NC is spared.

What better way to celebrate fall than a ride on a beautiful lake that spans NC and VA! We owe Jim Alexander a vote of thanks for his work on pulling together a Fun Run on Lake Gaston. The event will be held on Saturday September 28, 2019 and Sunday September 29th will be the rain date if weather does not cooperate. There is a flyer in this edition of the newsletter with details and links. We ask that you let Jim know if you will attend. If you do not have a boat (or if it is not running), please come and we'll hook you up. That is why we would like to know who is coming in advance. This is a nice easy run with sightseeing (we are hoping the leaves will be changing colors), food, and fellowship. We really hope you will attend.

At our July meeting we voted

on a new Constitution and new Bylaws. These are posted on our website. Both documents were due for an overhaul and we accomplished that. We anticipate that the new sets will last us for a number of years before requiring changes. We also agree to incorporate in the state of NC as a nonprofit and to look into an IRS status of 501 (c) 3 which is a nonprofit designation that allows those making contributions to our chapter to take them as a tax-deductible donation. These are big steps for our chapter, but they are needed for our credibility and to help protect us from liability.

Judy and I are headed up to the Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show in mid-September. We hope we are joined by other members of our chapter. Even if you don't have a boat to enter, this event is great fun and the SML ACBS Chapter members are very hospitable. The facility there is very nice (both marina and the resort).

In this newsletter we have included information about the upcoming Georgetown, SC Boat Show. Judy and I have attended several times. They put on a good

show and we recommend you attend—if not this year, then sometime.

On a personal note, I have been working fast and furiously on getting our Barbour ready for the SML show. Had issues with the varnish, which I hope I have finally solved. Getting ready to put the trim and engine back on. Of course, she'll need a sea trial. Wouldn't want to be embarrassed by a boat that does not start! Also, Judy and I have been wrestling with the name. Got my fingers crossed that it will all get done in good fashion (ship-shape and Bristol, that is!).

Please plan to attend the October 29th meeting as we will be holding elections. Kevin Leiner is chairing the Nominating Committee. There is a fuller explanation of the election process on the following page.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lake Gaston!

Best regards,

Alan

Elections: October 29, 2019

Please plan to attend the October 29th meeting as we will be holding elections. Kevin Leiner is chairing the Nominating Committee. According to our new Bylaws, co-members are considered members (spouses, significant others listed as co-members by the member when joining ACBS) and as such are eligible to be officers and Board members. Because we are switching from our old to our new Bylaws, we are basically restarting the clock with regard to terms. So, for example the if the current President and Vice-President are nominated, agree to serve and are re-elected, this will be year-one of a potential three-year term if re-elected in subsequent years. The same is true for current Directors. We are staggering their terms so that all five are not re-elected each year (for continuity). See the explanations below. We must elect the following:

1. President (elected for a one-year term with a three-year term limit)
2. Vice President (elected for a one-year term with a three-year term limit)
3. Secretary (elected for a one-year term with no limit on number of terms)
4. Treasurer (elected for a one-year term with no limit on number of terms)
5. Directors—Five (5) (elected for an initial term of two years with a three-term limit—6 years maximum)
 - A. Elect two Directors for an initial term of one year (to get the Directors on staggered terms so all are not re-elected at the same time—only this first time)
 - B. Elect three Directors for an initial term of two years (to get the Directors on staggered terms so all are not re-elected at the same time).

[Kevin Leiner](#) has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. If you are willing to serve in some capacity, please let him know. If you are asked to serve (or are asked to continue to serve), please give it due consideration. We need strong leadership to be successful.

We do not allow proxies and the Officers and Directors will be elected by those who attend the October 29th meeting. If you have any questions, please direct them to President [Alan Hills](#).

Minutes of the July 30, 2019 Meeting—Garfield Karpiak, Secretary

Financial Report:

Not available as Secretary Bob Banta not present.

Appreciation for all Bob did expressed, and request out for volunteers to help fulfill the many duties Bob attended to. John volunteered to accept new 'Quartermaster' duties, and will contact Bob to collect merchandise in stock and do an inventory. Garfield volunteered his wife Laura to assume bookkeeping responsibilities.

Alan suggested presenting a gift of appreciation to Bob for all he has done as original founding member and likely longest standing officer, all agreed.

New Website:

Up and running, all welcome to visit and make suggestions and/or submissions. All are welcome to recommend known suppliers or resources. Request also made to members to submit photos of their boats for web site. Trading Dock now up and running, submissions welcomed.

Membership:

Appreciation to Jim for working on this and contacting delinquent members as well as welcoming new members. Per ACBS HQ our chapter has 71 active and 16 delinquent members.

Poker Run Event:

Fewer than hoped for participants but well received event. New site at Blackbeards Sailing Club, association with their members, welcomed. Suggestion made to continue this relationship, possibly by volunteering to help them in some manner and continue developing a reciprocal relationship. **(Continued on p. 3)**

Minutes of the July 30, 2019 Meeting (Continued from page 2)

Upcoming Events:

- August's event at Plating Shop canceled for now as it's too hot there. Looking to reschedule sometime early next year when weather is more comfortable.
- Smith Mountain Lake event attendance encouraged as some of their members attended our event and continuing the relationship encouraged.
- Lake Gaston event scheduled for September 28th. Jim suggested rough itinerary. Date to be in next newsletter with details to follow in proceeding news letters.

Committee Reports:

- Thanks to Jim for leading two committees
- Jim discussing possibility of splitting current one recipient \$2,000.00 scholarship into two \$1,000.00 scholarships. Motion made, seconded, and approved.
- Financial support for scholarship looking healthy currently.
- Suggested getting rid of old inventory, especially in light of name change.
- John volunteered to do inventory of stock once he collects it.

New Business:

With name change now completed, time to consider updating, streamlining, and modernizing Constitution and Bylaws in light of name change.

Changes suggested to reflect the following considerations:

- Number of directors not clear
- Membership categories between local and HQ not compatible
- Clarification required on status of Past Presidents: To become 'ex officio' but not a director
- Motion made by Jim and seconded by John and Bill to approve the re-stated Constitution and Bylaws. Unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding options of changing tax status of club, as currently members face potential liability as individuals. Per ACBS HQ and members, change to Non Profit status recommended. Motioned by Lonnie, seconded by Bill, to apply for NC nonprofit status. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of options for IRS designation: 501 c 3 (charitable nonprofit) vs 501 c 7 (social club) status.

C7 gives Social Club status, donations to Club not tax exempt, and process involves a one time cost of \$600. As long as Club income is below \$50,000 in gross receipts, annual tax filing is 'Post Card' filing formality. C3 is more educationally based, and as Education is part of our Constitution, and we sponsor a scholarship, gaining this status should be simple. One time cost of \$375.00. Donations would be tax exempt. Annual filing is minimal. Judy is to research and compare these two designations and report at an upcoming meeting (before the end of the year).

It was mentioned that an EIN (Employee Identification Number), would have to be obtained to file for Non Profit status. Discussion revealed that club may already have an EIN since the club has a bank account. Follow up required to determine specifics regarding EIN status.

Questions raised as to how much extra time and or labor and or costs would be involved on maintaining Non Profit status. Current understanding is that such costs would be minimal but further research required to confirm this. Agreed that efforts should proceed towards obtaining Non Profit Status. Research to continue into options, with expectation of resolving which direction to go by November Meeting or possible Christmas Party.

Steaming Wood—An Alternative Method

Many of us do our own woodworking when we have to replace parts of our boat hulls and interiors. On occasion this requires us to bend a piece of wood. To do this you need to steam the piece to make it pliable enough to bend to the shape needed—generally on the hull. This article will discuss one option for that process.

The typical way is to build a steam box that fits your part-to-be bent inside. “But there are three drawbacks to this method: 1) the box must be sized to fit your piece; 2) when you remove your piece from the box and transport it to the mold or boat, it begins to cool, losing elasticity; and 3) when not in use, the box takes up precious shop space.

“Louis Sauzedde, a wood expert and master shipwright solves all three of those issues. He doesn’t build a box at all; instead he stems the pieces inside a plastic bag.” [Click on this link](#) to see his YouTube video on the process. Using this technique, the plastic can be cut to the size needed and the steam is more concentrated closer to the wood. The biggest benefit is that there is no box to store.

You will see that Sauzedde steams the piece close to the location where it will be used. The plastic sleeves can be purchased from US Plastic—a product called [Lay-Flat polyeth-](#)



[ylene tubing](#) which comes in 6 mil (best for this process) x varying sizes (lengths and widths) on rolls and is heat sealable. One happy boat builder put his stingers into the bag (cut to size needed) filled an old oil can with water, connected it to the bag with a hose and wire ties, put the can on a propane burner and let nature take its course.



Georgetown, SC Show

Alan and Judy Hills have attended several of the Georgetown, SC Wooden Boat Shows. They are held along the waterfront of this small town. When we first attended, the town had bustling waterfront retail and restaurant businesses, but in 2013 almost a full block of the historic downtown boardwalk establishments were burned down and then on May 29, 2019 a small portion of the harborwalk was severely damaged, leaving a large hole in a portion of the wooden deck behind one of the restaurants. But, the show does go on and the hosts always do a wonderful job.

One challenge we faced was launching and retrieving at the East Bay Street Boat Ramp at low tide. The ramp, which is closest to the show is very steep and it is hard to handle the lines from the sides. (see photo below—taken at high tide).

This is not a very far trek and we encourage you to either enter your boat, or just support them by attending. You'll have a good time!



THIRTIETH ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT SHOW



GEORGETOWN
SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2019
ON THE WATERFRONT
AT FRONT AND BROAD STREETS

WWW.WOODENBOATSHOW.COM



LAKE GASTON FUN RUN

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

11:00 AM Launch, review Lake Gaston map (identify obstacles, points of interest & landmarks), exchange phone numbers. Note: \$5 ramp fee—pay in office trailer parking lot.

11:15 AM Depart, heading toward the dam to vicinity of Charlie Mansfield's. Then reverse course and head to Mile Marker 12 (Poplar Creek) and proceed up the Creek to the Shady Shack Grill for lunch.

12:30/1:00 PM Lunch and NC C&P Chapter ACBS Business Meeting

2:00 PM Return to Morningstar Marina and pull the boats

3:00/3:30 PM Gather for Tall Tales at The Pointe at Lake Gaston (at marina) before heading home

Please sign up by emailing Jim Alexander at pennajim@gmail.com

Sunday September 29th is rain date if weather is bad.



Launch and retrieve

Morningstar Marina

1865 Eaton Ferry Rd.
Littleton, NC 27850

Gas: at Marina & Shady Shack Grill



Photo Caption Winners for August

Guess we have all seen boats that look like this. Inevitably there is some owner who thinks he has a valuable antique that can be fixed with just a little hard work and a few coats of varnish. Ha ha!!! We all know differently, or at least we hope we do. So this month's caption winner was Kevin Leiner. His entry: "Rare and valuable wooden boat, need some work, \$5,000 FIRM." And yes, I'm sure we have all seen such ads.



Photo credit: Joe Peacos

Other great entries included, "Two coats of varnish and you'll be fine!" by Robert Blanchard and "I distinctly remember fastening the outboard very securely to the transom" by Leif Eriksson. Thanks for entering and do keep your captions coming!

Just for Fun: Caption for Photograph

On the right is a photo—send us your best caption. Judging will be done by President Alan Hills. We'll keep your names secret from him so he won't be prejudiced. We'll print the captions entries next month and the winner will receive \$10 towards lunch or dinner if he or she shows up at the very next chapter meeting or outing after the winning entry is selected—we'll email the winner. Email your caption or captions (submit as many as you like) to newsletter editor Judy Hills at jahnbnc@gmail.com. You are also welcome to submit photos for this column to Judy. This is all part of the "let's have some fun in 2019" initiative. **Captions due by 9/10** Collect your \$10 prize at our next outing. You have to show up to claim your prize!



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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 boat show dates, the places, dates and times listed for club events are tentative. Watch your email for updates. Please add these dates to your calendar and participate as much as you can! Chapter-sponsored events are in bold.

Sep 13-14 Smith Mountain Lake Boat Show in Huddleston, VA

Sep 15-21 ACBS International Boat Show in Alexandria Bay, NY

Sep 28 Fun Run at Lake Gaston coordinated by Jim Alexander

Oct 19-20 Georgetown Boat Show in Georgetown, SC

**Oct 29 Annual NCC&P Chapter meeting and Elections at Trali Irish Pub
3107 Grace Park Dr. in Morrisville 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Nov 2 Southport Boat Show in Southport, NC

Nov 16 Workshop & flea market & pot luck at Robert & Patsy Blanchard's property in New Hill. Coordinated by Robert & Patsy Blanchard.

Dec 14 Chapter Christmas Party at Bill & Sharon Conley's home in Raleigh

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 1941 inclusive

Classic: A boat built between 1943 and 1975 (any material)

Late Classic: A boat built 1977 to 25 years prior to the current year. This classification is not eligible for "best of show" awards and is neither restored or preserved

Production Contemporary: A production wooden boat built 1969 to present

Custom Contemporary: A modified or one-of-a-kind wooden boat built 1969 to present

Replica: A boat built in a non-production manner, intended to be a one-of-a-kind and usually an exact copy or duplicate of a boat previously built or manufactured.