



Messing About In Boats

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

September 2023

Greetings Fellow Boating Enthusiasts!

Show season is in full swing, and this edition of the newsletter has reports and previews of no less than four taking place up and down the East Coast. Of course, I'm going to write that the one taking place on September 30th in New Bern at Blackbeard Sailing Club is the most important, but then again, I am biased.

Fall is also "business" time for the club. So, in addition to holding our annual show, it's the period during which we hold our annual business meeting, solicit candidates and hold elections for the handful of officer and director positions and begin to draft priorities and budgets for the forthcoming year. That all takes place from September through December.

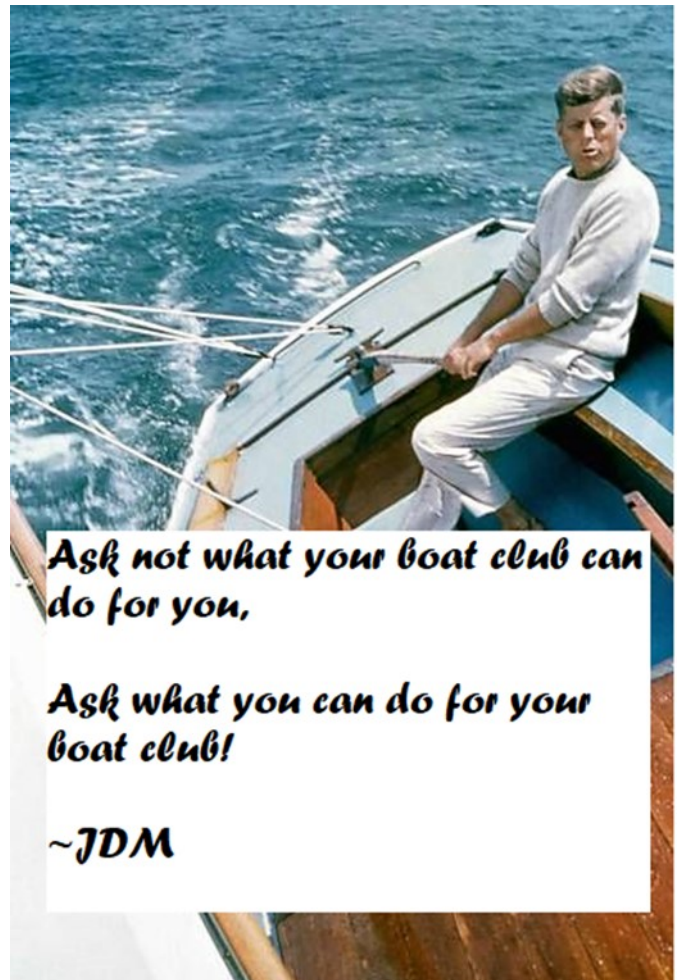
And...here comes the invitation: we sure would welcome your help this fall!! Please let us know if you'd like to lend a hand. There are many ways to contribute. Any of the current officers or directors listed would be happy to speak with you about what their jobs have entailed and answer any other questions you might have. While self-nominations for upcoming terms are preferred, we also accept nominations of others you think would be good candidates.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. Like I stated above, you can read about four recent or upcoming boat shows. There's also a delightful story from 2022 President's Award Winner

Sharon Conley about her and boyfriend (eventually husband) Bill's first boat. Finally, thanks, as always, to the editorial and photographic work of Judy Hills, without whom there would be no newsletter!

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Jeff



ACBS Headquarters in Clayton, NY

Alan and Judy Hills and Jim and Ann Marie Hartman had an opportunity to visit with the ACBS staff at Headquarters in Clayton, NY in August. Some of you might recall that Alan won the International Broken Gunwale /award in 2020 for his Lake James misadventures. Alan got a nice trophy and had his name added to the perpetual trophy at Headquarters. Here is a picture of Alan and the Broken Gunwale Award and pictures of headquarters.



Clayton, NY Boat Show

Eight of our members and co-members attended the boat show in Clayton, NY: Ann Marie and Jim Hartman, Alice and Jim Dean, Judy and Alan Hills, John Dougherty and Jim Alexander. That is quite a showing for an event that this far away from their homes. The Hartmans rented a house on the St. Lawrence River and the Hills and John stayed there. Jim and Alice camped and Jim Alexander stayed nearby. Jim H brought his new boat, Loon, to use and the Deans brought their C-Dory. The rest of us were just along for the rides.

The Hartmans are wonderful hosts and had a cadre of funny and interesting friends. Jim spent every summer as a kid in the area, so everywhere we went he ran into old acquaintances. This made for some interesting stories about his misspent youth!

Judy took a lot of pictures so they will have been grouped and will appear in the next few issues. This issue will feature the boat show pictures and pictures from the trip to Boldt Castle and Boat House. The event is held at the Antique Boat Museum site which has a wonderful collection of vintage boats.

We were in awe of all the Gar Wood boats that were in the show. It was hard to tell what was old and what was new. The Turcotte Brothers produce them now in Brant Lake, NY. And, of course, Jim Hartman just happens to run into that family at dinner the first night the Hills were there and introduces them. [Click here](#) to see their website.

This show should be on your bucket list, not only because of the museum, but also because you should take a boat tour of the [1,000+ islands](#) in the St. Lawrence River and you should see [Boldt Castle and the Boat House](#).

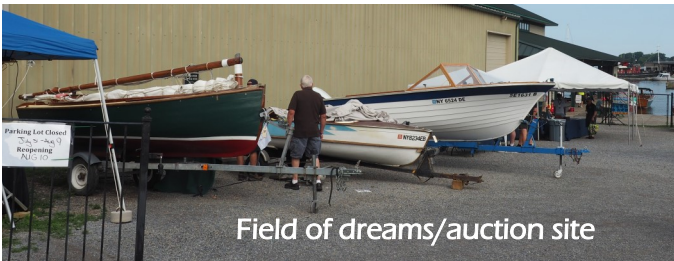
FYI, the 50th anniversary of ACBS will be celebrated in 2025 and the ACBS International show will be held in Clayton. Make your reservations now!



Ann Marie, Jim H and Alan



Clayton, NY Boat Show Pictures



Clayton, NY Boldt Castle and Boat House



Chapter Boat Show Heads Up—Alan Hills, Boat Show Chair

Alright gang, the hotter temperatures are (hopefully) going to be rear view mirror stuff and that means “Great time for a boat show!” I know that those who have attended the last 2 shows at Blackbeard Sailing Club have enjoyed what we put on and this year promises more of the same. We are going to tweak the display areas to get the land display boats in a place with better visibility and traffic flow. We will also have better signage to direct show goers to the bigger boats out on the docks.

To aid in planning, I’m asking for an informal poll of who is planning to register and display this year. If I have a pretty good idea how many boats and if they want land or water display, we can plan accordingly and have fewer surprises. I also need to know if any of you will be offering rides so we can park you in convenient places.

I’m asking this merely as a planning aid and you will still need to officially register to take part in the show. **Please get back with me by September 7th on this.** ahills@suddenlink.net

CFCC Scholarship Report—Jim Alexander

During the last (summer) award period, Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) was able to award one \$1,000 scholarship funded by our chapter. The award went to a student in the Boat Building Program, Mr. Thomas Bisson. Tom is finalizing his captain's license and hopes to begin rebuilding a boat to be used in establishing a chartering and marine services business.

CFCC still has \$1,000 which we funded and is still available for award during the current award period. Award decisions for students applying for this scholarship are expected to be made in late September or early October.

June 27, 2023

Dear Mr. Jim Alexander,

Thank you for selecting me for the Antique & Classic Boat Society Scholarship – Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill Region Scholarship.

I have always been drawn to the water, whether it was boating and fishing as a child at the lake, pier fishing, beach casting, deep sea fishing trips, waterskiing, or surfing, my free time seems to revolve around water. I knew I wanted to have a career that would allow me to remain connected to the water in some way, so the option of a career involving boats was the perfect choice. I have truly enjoyed participating in the Boat Manufacture & Service and Wooden Boat Building programs at Cape Fear Community College.

I am also awaiting the finalization of my Captain's license, and the skills I have learned through these classes have allowed me to begin rebuilding an old boat that I hope to use for my own chartering and marine services business in the future.

I plan to continue my education at Cape Fear Community College this fall. I am enrolled in the Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology program. Receiving these scholarship funds will help make that possible. Thank you again for choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Bisson



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ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY
SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE CHAPTER

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

DOUBLE VISION CELEBRATING SISTER SHIPS



Saturday, September 16, 2023

10am - 4pm

Crazy Horse Marina

Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

FREE ADMISSION

woodenboats.net



Our First Wooden Boat by Sharon Conley

I promised to write an article about boats for our newsletter. This article is about an old wooden boat, not an antique, but a homemade Sunfish that was built in the 1960s.

Bill and I met in 1968. Thanks to IBM, he had recently transferred from Endicott, NY, to Boca Raton. We met shortly after. I was teaching school and, probably due to the following, our courtship began. A co-worker decided to sell a wooden Sunfish dinghy that he had built. It was a cute yellow boat and Bill really wanted to buy it. I agreed to help fund it so we split the \$150.

I knew nothing about sailing, Bill probably knew only slightly more. Neither of us knew anything about maintaining a small wooden dinghy with a hollow hull.

An aside: when our family moved to Boca Raton in about 1952, the town had no grocery store, no stoplights, and there were some tiny efficiencies that were built directly on the beach. After college, my sister rented one of those efficiencies. As luck would have it, we could park our dinghy right next to her house. It was so easy to pull it into the water and out again. We and our large circle of friends had MANY delightful sailing trips in that boat, often going out

2-3 at-a-time, sometimes warming by a campfire on the beach in the evening.

However, as with all boats, there were some drawbacks. As novice sailors, with our sail unfurled, we decided to sail in and dock at a nearby pier. I certainly didn't foresee that repairing our torn sail would give me the skills I used much later when volunteering at the maritime museum!

On another occasion, while happily sailing in a nearby lake, the entire mast came crashing down. Fortunately, we weren't out in the ocean! After years of sitting outside, this little boat had plenty of dry rot.

On another occasion, while docking, we pulled up the rudder, only to have it go floating away. The hardware had rusted. (We did get the rudder back.)

We've been married for 53 years and Bill's love of sailing has only increased. He built his 14' Penobscot several years ago and he loves that boat. We used to own a fiberglass Scout and I loved that boat. It had a motor! Maybe a compromise is an old wooden boat, a Chris Craft, that does have a motor!

Below is a picture of a similar boat.



Scuppernong River Festival Saturday October 14th

We'd love to have a couple of our members take their boats to this festival and give out membership information!

Greetings from Columbia NC. Located on Scuppernong River and Albemarle Sound. We are looking for participants to display classic wooden boats during the Scuppernong River Festival on Saturday, October 14. We have slip and trailer boat availability. Interested parties should contact me ASAP by email Jeanlambertpt@yahoo.com or text (252) 717-6070. Thank you for your help! This link for the festival shows the QE li from 8 yrs ago! We have not had any boats in the last few years. <http://tyrrellcounty.org/en/scuppernong-river-festival> Columbia is located in Tyrrell County in the northeast.

32nd ANNUAL SCUPPERNONG RIVER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

COLUMBIA, NORTH CAROLINA

[2023 Vendor Application Package](#)

[2023 Vendor Application \(Excel fillable\)](#)



Keeping the Fall Leaves Out of Your Boat

We all know what fall means—lots of leaves falling off trees—and into our boats if they are not covered. The following information on how to cover a boat with a tarp is by [Ian Fortey in nauticalknowhow](#). “Covering your boat with a tarp is a good idea anytime you’re storing it. Boat tarps can protect from a number of outside elements. It helps deter vandals or thieves. A boat tarp also protects from the harmful rays of the sun. Dirt, leaves, and debris will be kept out of your boat thanks to a tarp. It will also prevent birds and other animals from making a mess of your boat. Considering how much of an investment a boat is, it’s a good idea to use a tarp to cover it and keep it safe and protected.”:

Many of us may not want to spend thousands of dollars on a custom cover, especially if the boat is still being worked on. This article

discusses how-to make your own boat cover with handy guides, photos and video instructions. Basically it comes down to: 1) choosing the right cover; 2) choosing the right size; 3) strength; 4) height; 5) vent spots; and 6) securing.

“You don’t need to spend a ton of money to cover your boat. You can get a good quality, heavy duty tarp at a good price. You just need to make sure you secure it the proper way. Avoid those low spots, watch out for problem areas like windshield frame corners. Make sure that you have the cover tightly secured. You can even hang old water bottles filled with sand or gravel from the islets if you need to. Whatever keeps the tarp weighted down and in place without causing damage.”

Chapter Boat Show at Blackbeard Sailing Club on 9/30/23 10 to 2

We hope you are gearing up to attend our boat show. We have posted the show FAQs and registration forms on [our website](#). As for the past several years, Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) in New Bern will be the host site. We have posted the show information on a lot of local online event calendars as well as on the ACBS boat show calendar. We'll be advertising it heavily in Fairfield Harbour, the large residential community in which BSC is located.

On the FAQ we have listed some events going on in New Bern on Fri and Sat nights, in case you might be inclined to stay one or two nights. We hope you will bring a boat. The boat does not have to be show-ready. It is interesting for people to see how much work goes into restoring old boats. And even if you don't enter a boat, please attend and bring your family and friends!

Thaks to Mike Triplett for the great show poster!



Members who joined or renewed recently included:

New: None

Renewed: Neal Keeter, John Tinney, Samuel Stowe, Jeff Evans, Thomas Hamilton

Total Membership: 53 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 42 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 11

Welcome!

EMBROIDERED 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. The long-sleeved, light-weight fishing shirts to the right (men's and women's) are available at Academy Sports for \$25. Contact [Alan Hills](#) if interested. Get 'em before the boat show season begins!



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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. We encourage you to support/attend these events! **Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.**

9/9 Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show [click here](#) for info.

9/10—16 ACBS International Show Petoskey, MI

9/16 ACBS Smith Mountain Lake Chapter Boat Show in Virginia.
[Click here](#) to register.

9/29 Chapter Boat Show welcome event at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern: Local cruise at 3 :30 PM and reception at 5 PM

9/30 Chapter Boat show at Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern 10 to 2. Awards at 2:30 PM

9/30 Wings, wheels, and keels show in Topping, VA



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](#).