



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

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of the ACBS

September 2024



Ahoy Fellow NC C&P Members,

I hope this finds all of you doing well. This nice little respite we've been having from the August dog days has been very welcome here. Chapter wise, the International Vintage Boating Day in Wilmington was a fun event. Members Jim Dean and Mike Loch coordinated to make this happen and we look forward to doing it again next year (See article that follows) Our membership is holding very nicely and I'm hoping our membership contest motivates you to bring in some new some new blood!

Next month is a busy one what with ACBS shows and events taking place. We are also blessed to have use of Cindy Jordan's family vacation home in Bath coming up. Details on how to participate are in the newsletter as

well as notices of upcoming events.

I hope you all took notice of our chapter's presence on the ACBS media. We made the "Where Has Your Rudder Been" magazine page (twice) and Lonnie Seick was mentioned in a beautiful piece in the Weekly Web Watch featuring Adirondak guide boats. In an effort to engage you guys a little, we have been running a photo captioning (or story/tall tale) opportunity the last few months. I know a lot of you are pretty witty and could have some fun contributing a little levity to the group.

I do hope y'all get to do some boating soon and have a happy and safe Labor Day.

Yours in classic boating,

Alan Hills, President



The Antique And Classic Boat Society
Your Stories • Our History



32nd Annual

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC

BOAT SHOW

Saturday, September 14th, 2024
10am-4pm

*The Resurrection of
Pink Lady*

1929 *Chris-Craft* Triple Cockpit



Goodhue Boat Company, Blackwater
400 Crazy Horse Drive
Moneta VA 24121
Smith Mountain Lake



FREE ADMISSION

woodenboats.net



Skaneateles by Anne Marie Hartman

Jim and I attended the Skaneateles, NY boat show the weekend on July 27th. As always there were a lot of pretty cool boats and displays. We were impressed with the junior judging program that we observed. The kids looked very professional in their judging t-shirts, white bucket hats and clipboards. It was perfect weather for the show. (to contact Anne Marie: banannie1@yahoo.com)



Skaneateles by Anne Marie Hartman—More pictures



Clayton, NY Boat Show

Anne Marie & Jim Hartman, Alan & Judy Hills as well as John Dougherty and his two brothers attended this show on Saturday August 3rd. Weatherwise it was a nice day for the show—mid-80s and a little overcast with a slight breeze.

As expected there were beautiful boats of all makes and sizes. Since Garwood had a facility nearby, there were a number of those wooden beauties on display.

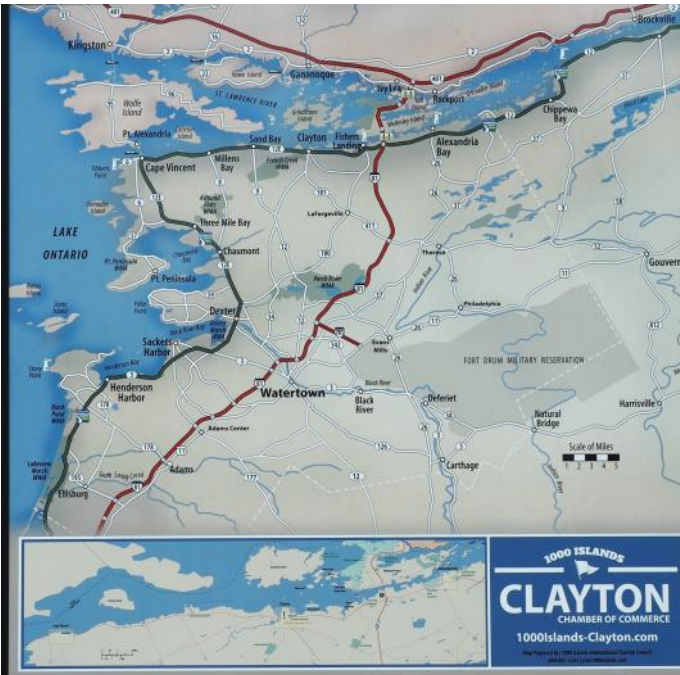
Anne Marie and John had purchased paddles to participate in the bidding for boats and motors in the field of dreams, but did not end up buying anything. Judy was worried because Alan had driven his truck to NY and it had a trailer hitch. She did not want see anything following them home!

We had a chance to stop by the ACBS headquarters and see Executive Director Lora Hanson and Membership Coordinator Kristina Dorr. We had a few chapter membership issues we need to reconcile.

We visited with ACBS VP Ed Andrews and ACBS members from other chapters that we have come to know well. That is one of the greatest ACBS membership benefits—making new best friends.



Clayton, NY Boat Show Pictures—Judy Hills



Clayton, NY Boat Show Pictures—Judy Hills



A Kinder & Gentler World by John Coffman

My wife Beth and I decided early in the year that we wanted to participate in several 2024 boat shows. We chose the Lake Lure North Carolina in May, the Chesapeake Maryland show in June, the Keuka Lake New York show in July and of course Smith Mountain Lake show in Virginia is a must in September. We had a great time in North Carolina and Maryland and now we were heading to New York for the Wine Country ACBS show. Even the name sounds fun, "Wine Country Chapter". Perhaps other chapters could follow suit. For instance, "Blue Ridge Bourbon Chapter or the "Scotch SML Chapter or maybe even NC&P PBR Chapter? Obviously, I don't hold a degree in marketing, so we'll just continue with the story.

The Chris Craft Sedan was loaded up and off we were headed for our five-hundred-mile journey. Have you ever noticed how much kinder and gentler the world is when you're towing a classic boat? This old country boy usually ends up in the wrong lane of traffic and needs to make a turn. We got the slight tap of the horn, followed by a big thumbs up, followed with a smile while waving me in front of them into the correct lane. When traveling you also need to buffer a little extra time for fuel stops because someone is going to walk up and checkout the boat and start up a conversation. Without a classic boat in tow, it's a whole different experience. Someone lays on their horn while displaying a totally different hand jester and I don't believe they're implying I'm number one either!

We arrived at Keuka Lake without incident. The first thing we noticed was the crystal-clear water outlined in the mountains. Did I mention the weather was perfect? There was a little breeze, low humidity, it was a high of 80 with a few fluffy clouds thrown in for contrast to the blue sky. Truly a post card picture. Beth and I launched the boat and took a little cruise on the pristine waters of Keuka Lake.

While fueling our boat we met a group of boat show participants whose classic fiberglass boat decided not to participate. The boat wouldn't start, and the owner of the gas pumps was going to drive them by car to retrieve their trailer and tow vehicle since there was a boat launch on site. But hey, this a boat show and doing what fellow classic boaters do is help one another! We loaded the group up in our boat and hauled them back to the show where they had the trailer and truck parked. One of them commented it was their first ride in a wooden boat and enjoyed the smooth ride. See again there's that kinder, gentler world of classic boating! Finally, that night there was a welcoming social event under a tent at the boat show venue. Then we went back to the motel for a good night's sleep.

Saturday was the show day. There were thirty-two boats on display in the water along with another dozen displayed on land. There was a nice variety of antique and classic boats on display. There were also food vendors, craft vendors and classic boat parts for sale. A steady flow of spectators came by foot, boat or even sea plane.

The Saturday night banquet was held at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum. We had a chance to stroll through one of the six exhibits before dinner. Unfortunately, with our time constraints we couldn't come back to tour all the exhibits.

On Sunday the show was scheduled until noon. There was a water skiing and wakeboard exhibition. We got up early and had the boat ready for the show, then decided to
(Continued on next page)

A Kinder & Gentler World by John Coffman

visit the Glenn Curtiss Museum and we were glad we made that decision. Glenn Curtiss was a pioneer in bicycling, motorcycling, aviation and just really a speed freak. His need for speed made him "The Fastest Man on Earth" in 1907. He designed and built a 40 hp V8 aeronautical engine and mounted it on his motorcycle. It was able to reach a speed over of 136 mph. The museum was excellent and a must visit if you are in the Hammondsport New York area. We enjoyed our trip and the hospitality of the Wine Country ACBS. Antique and classic boats bring people together from all walks of life and that's what makes our hobby so exciting!

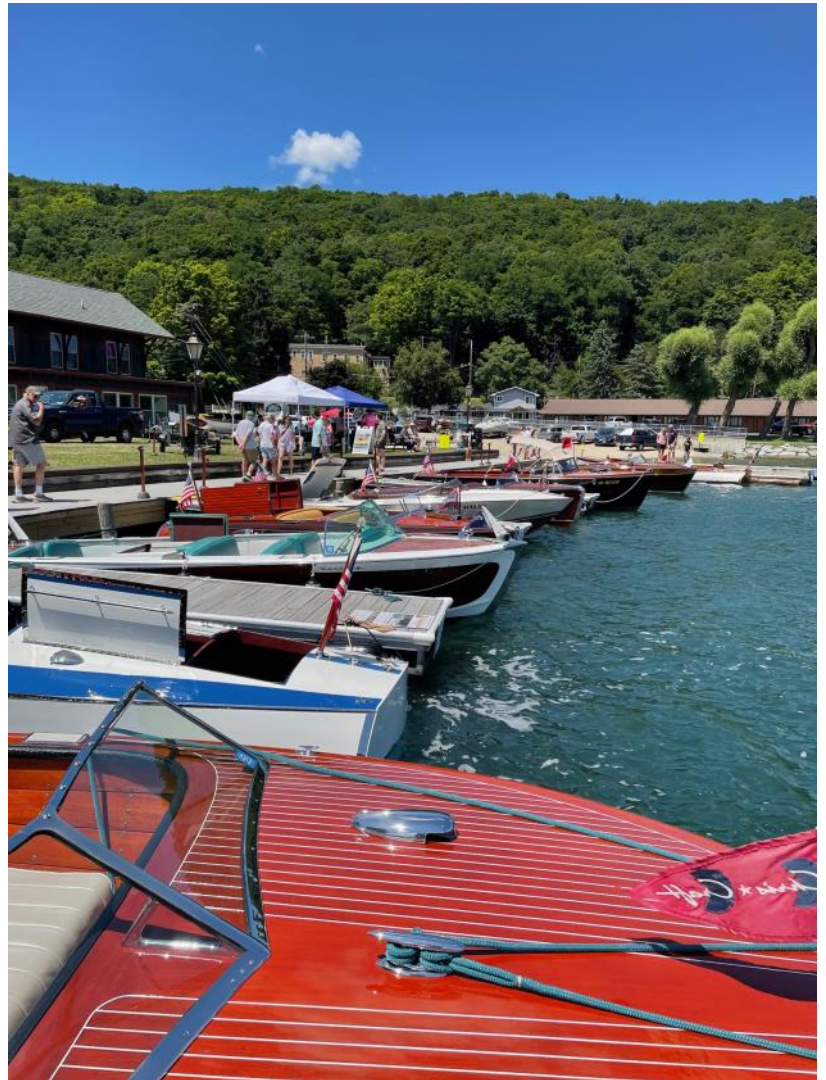
(to contact John: jecoffman@verizon.net)



Glenn H. Curtiss Museum
Hammondsport, Steuben County NY.



Keuka Lake Boat Show Pictures by John Coffman



International Vintage Boating + Marina Day in Wilmington

It was hot, hot, hot at the Wilmington Marine Center on Saturday August 17th. Thank goodness several members brought tents. We huddled in their shade and sucked down cold bottled water while sweating profusely. Just another typical summer boat show. What's a little physical discomfort when you get to talk boats with like-minded people! LOL

We had a really nice turnout of members: Alan & Judy Hills, Anne Marie & Jim Hartman, Jim & Alice Dean, Joe & Bev Peacos, Julian & Beth Arrington, Larry & Eileen Lettick, John & Tammi Tinney, John Justice, Neal Keeter, John Olsen, Stan Thorne, Jim Quinn, Stuart Benson, and Mike Loch.

The Deans, the Peacos, the Arringtons, the Letticks, the Hartmans, Mike Loch, and the Tinneys brought boats. John Tinney actually brought two: A rowing scull and his son Scott's boat. Scott is also a member but was unable to attend. Jim Dean and Mike Loch had their boats in the water and the rest were land displays.

Alan had a lot to stuff to sell but Jim Dean had twice as much! There were a couple of other people selling marine related items. Alan



International *Vintage*
Boating Day
Saturday, August 17, 2024

donated the proceeds of his sale (\$55) to our CCFC Scholarship Fund.

Oh, and we had a visit from an alligator although there is a difference of opinion on the length (or if it was the same gator).

The Jersey Mike's sandwich, chips and soft drinks were much appreciated. Thanks, Mike!

Our thanks again to member Jim Dean for organizing this and to member Mike Loch for hosting us at the marina and providing lunch!



International Vintage Boating + Marina Day in Wilmington



Beth Arrington



International Vintage Boating + Marina Day in Wilmington



At Ease in Paradise & Photos by Molly Banta

This very moment might be the most exceptional ever on the lake.

No nautical motors interrupt the calm. Vibrant fall colors coupled with a quiet serenity mimic the slower pace of another era. I want forever to remember this gentle morning because today truly is a moment to savor being at ease in paradise. A slight, constant fall breeze blows away the usual haze – there IS a mountain there! – as intense morning sunrays begin to diamond-dust the placid creek before me.

Loud shot. An uproar swells into the air and echoes between two shores. Suddenly, I notice how changed is this familiar creek, my paradise: six orange buoys, each at least a four-foot diameter, bob on the surface suggesting a path, to where? Green canoes slice the scene imitating elegant white swans while a few solitary kayaks hold vigil at their designated spots waiting, for what?

The screaming begins; soon follows the flapping. Scores – maybe a hundred – small pink or yellow neon spheres bounce out toward deeper water. The race is on!

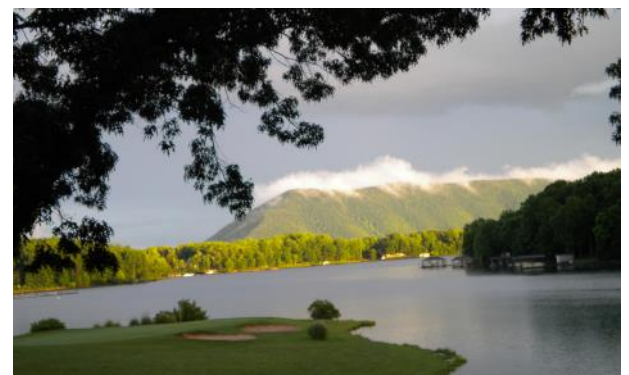
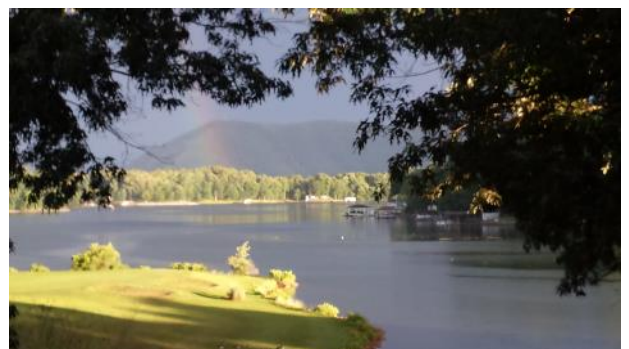
The Triathlon has begun. Children – those pink and yellow neon specks are everywhere, or so it seems – assault the water, their young arms morphed into flapping wings while cohorts stand sentinel on the shore with squawking lungs of enthusiastic support! No sooner has that deafening cacophony imploded the peace, than voilà! As if by magic, the diamond-dust spreads across a once smoothly mirrored surface making that majestic Smith Mountain reflection all but disappear.

My paradise has changed to “theirs” – yet I remain at ease.

That is the power of this place.

That is its gift.

(To contact Molly: blauvelt9@earthlink.net)



August Contest



From Bob Banta's photo collection. Yeah, we all know what this is—may even have used one from time to time. Make up a story about this picture (fact or fiction). Entries include.

Jim Hartman: Given the cost of fuel these days, this owner has elected to go with methane-power.

Judy Hills: Honey, did you forget the toilet paper, AGAIN!!!!

USCG Inspection Team Member to flustered captain: Tell me again how you think this working Marine Sanitation Device meets USCG certification requirements.

September Contest

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

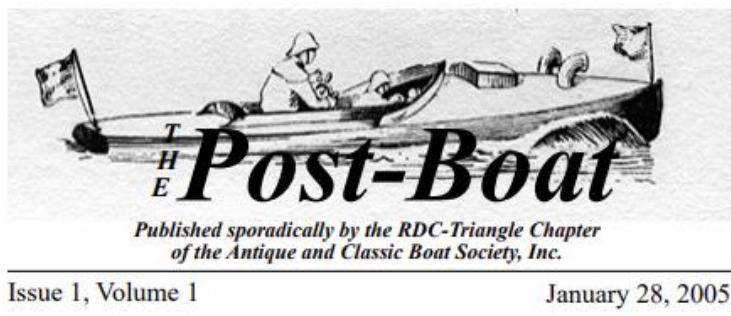


Did you happen to notice in the recent edition of the Rudder in the "Where Has Your Rudder Been" section, the picture of our chapter members at the Maritime Museum in Newport News and the picture of President Alan Hills at the Beaufort Boat Show?



From the Archives—A Trip Down Memory Lane

All ACBS Chapters have been asked to provide historical information to ACBS for use in the Weekly Web Watch as ACBS enters its 50th year celebration in 2025. Some of our members were around in 2005 when our chapter first formed as the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle Chapter. Below are photos contributed by Bob Banta. Charlie, Lonnie and Bob are still chapter members. . Mike Mayer is still an ACBS member, but he moved to Oregon. Bill died in 2015. He was quite the character! Do read about Bill on the history page of our website.



Left to right: Mari Mansfield, Bill Baldwin (founder), Lonnie Sieck and Charles Mansfield.



Mike Mayer and Bill Baldwin receiving our chapter charter in Norfolk, VA in 2005.



Left to right: Mike Mayer, Bill Baldwin, and Charles Mansfield



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: David Gammons (N. Myrtle Beach, SC),
 Renewed: Samuel Stowe (Belmont, NC)

Total Membership: 70 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 59 NC C& P Not Primary Chapter: 11

Welcome!

**NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of the ACBS**

<https://www.vintageboat.org/>

President:

Alan Hills (term ends 2024)
252-514-8525

President@vintageboat.org

Vice-President:

Jeff Martinson (term ends 2024)
919-760-2349

Vice-President@vintageboat.org

Secretary:

Judy Hills (term ends 2024)
252-670-1913

Secretary@vintageboat.org

Treasurer:

Kevin Leiner (Term ends 2024)
919-368-3412

Treasurer@vintageboat.org

2023 Directors:

[Jim Alexander](#) (2025)

[Bill Conley](#) (2025)

[Jim Hartman](#) (2024)

[John Justice](#) (2025)

[John Dougherty](#) (2024)

Membership Chair:

Jim Alexander
919-960-0838

DirectorJim@vintageboat.org

Scholarship Chair:

Jim Alexander
919-960-0838

DirectorJim@vintageboat.org

Web Master:

Judy Hills
252-670-1913

Webmaster@vintageboat.org

Newsletter Editor:

Judy Hills
252-670-1913

Editor@vintageboat.org



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:

- 9/5-15 ACBS International Show in Brainerd, MN
- 9/7 Reedville, VA Classic Boat Show
<https://rfmuseum.org/classic-boat-show>
- 9/14 Smith Mountain Lake Show at Crazy Horse Marina in VA
<https://www.woodenboats.net/boatshow.html>
- 9/28 Wing, Wheels, and Keels show in Topping, VA 8 to 4
<https://www.wingswheelskeels.com/index.html>
- 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
- 10/18-19 Georgetown SC Boat Show
<https://woodenboatshow.com/>

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.](#)