



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

Messing About In Boats

Monthly newsletter

NC Coastal & Piedmont
Chapter of ACBS

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Hello Fellow members,

I don't know about y'all, but this hot weather has really affected the enjoyment of outdoor activities here in Eastern NC. I did a quick search to see how 2026 ranked as far as high temps are concerned and discovered that since the year isn't over a complete comparison cannot be made. However, July has been the hottest month on record for the U.S. ever. This is since 1895 when temperatures started being officially recorded. Hopefully, cooler days will be with us soon.

We have finally received the funds from the estate of Bill Baker. I say finally because we had gotten a check from the estate's account this month and deposited it in our scholarship account. A few days later we were notified that the bank (which will remain nameless) did not honor the check. John Justice got on the case and finally, after about 10 days, we were issued a cashiers check with an apology, or maybe an excuse, for the "bank error." Now we can start funding scholarships to our designated recipients. Thank you, John, for getting this straightened out!

Chapter member Jim Hartman has been busy hitting the boat show circuit in upstate NY. John Dougherty also was in the area and they attended the Finger Lakes chapter show in Skaneateles. Jim's 20' Continental was featured in the show program. After

that, it was off to Clay-ton, NY for the show held at the Antique Boat Museum. The weather wasn't very co-operative that week but the rain held off on show day. Not so much on Sunday. It poured so bad that they had to cancel the boat parade.



The local (Southern) classic boat activities start to pick up this month. I know that many of you are disappointed by the cancelling of the Smith Mountain Lake show due to low water levels, but here are a few shows coming up that you might choose to attend. Next month, chapter member Steve Weaver will be putting on a workshop on steam propulsion on October 10th at Cape Fear Community College. He will have his steamboat there to explain to us all there is to know on the subject. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about how boats got around before the invention of the gasoline engine. Save the date and plan to attend!

That's it for now. Go for a boat ride and have fun (safely)

Yours in classic boating,
Alan Hills, President

A Follow Up to Last Month's Shaque Boat & September Contest

From **Anne Marie Hartman**,: My Canadian half and I think the amphicar should be:
"SHAQUACRUISER."

From **Rob Weller**: I was intrigued by Shaq's jet-boat, and my answers would be::

- 1) No ACBS classification unless that is an actual '64 Chevy in which case it might be a Restomod
- 2) The bench seat must go wayyyy back
- 3) Since this was the favorite Chevy to create a lowrider, I would name it either "Wet-rider," or "Shlow-rider."

Thanks for your entries Anne Marie and Rob!

Here are a few links to other future "iconic" boats (maybe, maybe not!):

Japanese designed zipper-shaped boat:

[Click here](#)

Watercar EV: [click here](#)

For the September newsletter, find or create with AI a unique boat design that you find intriguing. If there is a story that goes with it, we'd love to hear it==true or not!

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.



August 15th Vintage Boating Day: Rob Weller, Alan Hills



Rob Weller on Lake Norman above. Alan Hills, John Peck, Chris Hills, Emily & Tye Sasser sailing on the Neuse River.



Update on Bill Baker's Legacy by Jim Alexander

Funds left to us by Bill Baker have been received and we have begun applying them as Bill requested. Our chapter has funded \$2,000 Bill Baker Memorial Scholarship programs at both Carteret County Community College and Beaufort County Community College. Students meeting the criteria we established - largely focused on boat building programs - will be eligible for up to a \$1,000 scholarship.

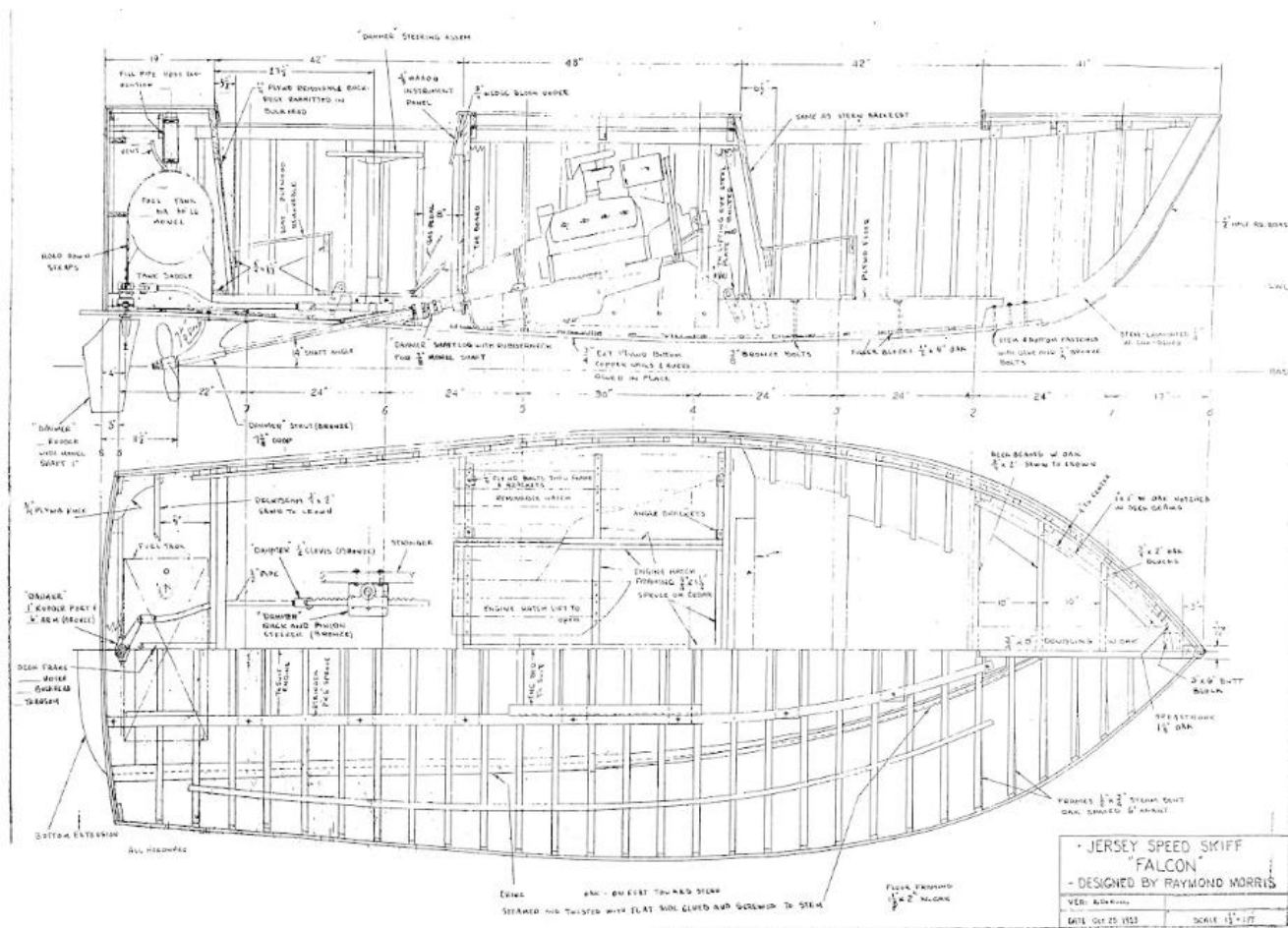
Little Did I Know—The Saga of JS100 by Alan Hills



The picture above was taken at Cape Fear Community College at the boat show in April 2022. Shown is one of the students who was a recipient of an ACBS Scholarship sitting on a Jersey Speed Skiff, the very same one I would come to own in 2025. Below is me checking it out at CFCC in 2024. Shown on the right is John Olsen, chapter member and instructor. **(Continued on next page)**



Little Did I Know—The Saga of JS100 by Alan Hills (continued)



Here are the plans for the boat, the blueprint by which I would outfit the hull that I purchased from the CFCC boat building program. Yes, I said "hull."

They will not sell a boat with an engine, so that's all I got.

It all started at the 2022 Cape Fear Community College boat show. The unmistakable profile immediately told me that I was looking at a Jersey Speed Skiff be built in the college shop. I've had an affinity for these going back to taking the family up to Stuart, Florida, to watch them race. A young lady, who was part of the build team, was proudly sitting in the boat answering questions from the show visitors. I asked her about the design and construction and she said it was built from a 1950s design, but the build was of modern glued lapstrake as opposed traditional planking and rib. I thought it was very cool that they were building this, a

race boat, along with the sailing and motor skiffs that are more the norm of the program.

Fast forward to our 2024 International Vintage Boating Day gathering at the Wilmington Marine Center. Our chapter was displaying a group of boats there, one of them owned by John Olsen, who is member and also the director of boat manufacture and service at the community college. In a conversation with him, he mentioned that the Speed Skiff had been sitting outside for a while and that he'd really like to find someone to buy it. John told me that it was showing the signs of improper stor-

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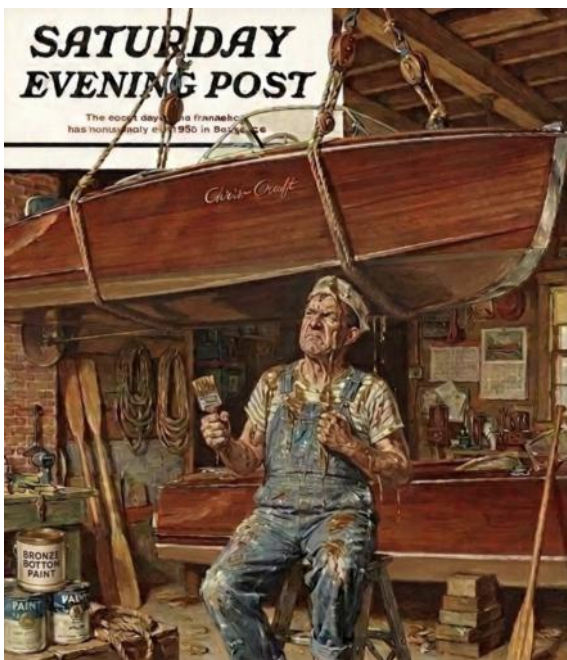
age, and that they were not allowed to sell boats with trailers or engines. So, it was basically a bare hull. I told him I might be interested and would get back with him about it. On the way home, I told Mrs. Hills that I really wanted to buy the skiff and make it a usable boat. I told her that the real hook for me was the fact that it had been featured in the summer 2024 issue of *The Rudder*, and I thought that would make a perfect backstory to tell at boat shows. Well, she bought into that logic and we purchased the boat.

At that time, I had a 15' Cavalier in the shop so Jim Hartman let me stick JS100 under a shelter at his place. Eventually, I was able to move the Cavalier into my carport and brought the skiff home. I started to list all I could think of that would be needed make this a running boat.

First thing on the list was an engine. Member John Justice has all kinds of engines in his shop (The Piglet) so he was the first person I reached out to. He told me of an old PCM 351 ski boat engine that he had given to Robert Blanchard to install in his vintage Ford Bronco a few years prior that ended up not getting used. I called Robert and he said to come and get it. It was missing a few parts but it was something I could deal with. I had my engine! Now all I needed was the running gear, a set of gauges, some deck hardware, refinish the weathered sapele deck, and I'd be all set. This should be pretty easy, I thought. But in the immortal words of the late coach Lee Corso that he uttered almost every week on ESPN's College Gameday, "Not so fast, my friend!"

(Story continues next month)

August Contest Entries



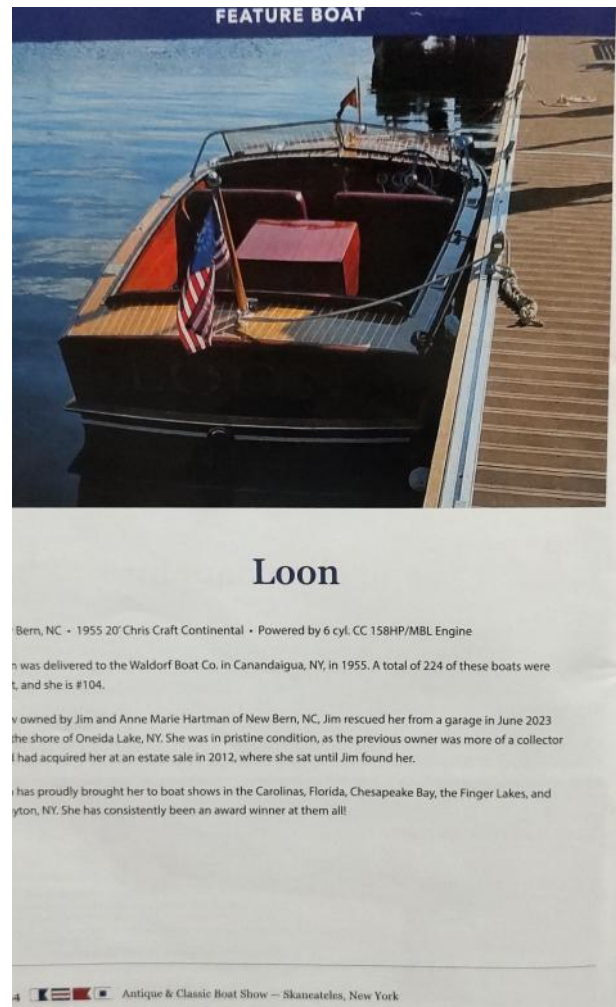
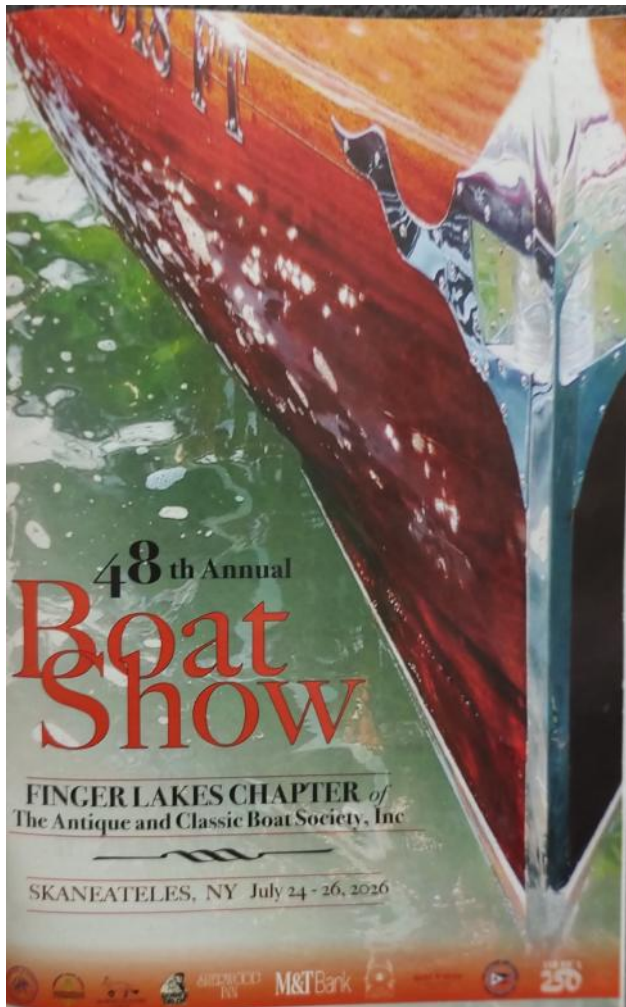
My experience with bottom paint!

By Rob Weller



This is what Popeye's antique boat would look like.

By Judy Hills



ACBS MEMBER SURVEY

As ACBS President, Ed Andrews, announced that we are starting to go through a strategic planning process at ACBS International. The first step of the process is a survey of the membership. Please take a few minutes to complete the online ACBS Member Survey and share your thoughts with us. Your experiences and ideas will help ACBS grow, improve, and stay connected to what matters most to our members. All responses are confidential and only shared in aggregate. This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete, and we are grateful for your input.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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: Thomas Hamilton (Henrico, VA), John Dougherty (New Bern, NC)

Total Membership: 65 NCC&P Primary Chapter: 53 Not Primary Chapter: 12

Welcome!

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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:

September

- 11 to 13 [Century Boats 100th Anniv Show](#) Manistee, MI
13 to 20 [ACBS International Show](#) Port Huron, Michigan
25-28 Bath weekend at Cindy Jordan's family home
[Email Judy Hills](#) to reserve a room
26 [Wings, Wheels, and Keels Show](#) Topping, VA

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

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](#).