



# FOURTH WATCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ADIRONDACK CHAPTER ACBS

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## 2025 CALENDAR

**June 14** Capital Region  
Antique Boat Show and  
Workshop @ Ravena  
Coeymans Yacht Club

**July 11** Fulton Chain  
Rendezvous, Old Forge

**July 28** Organizational  
Meeting: Lake George  
Rendezvous

**August 24** Lake George  
Rendezvous

**September 19-20** ACBS  
Intl' Boat Show in Clayton

**September 15** Chapter  
Board Meeting

**October 4** Chapter Annual  
Meeting and Dinner

## On to the next 50 years of the Adirondack Chapter

Since its founding in 1975 on the shores of Lake George, NY, The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. (ACBS) has grown into the largest society in the world dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of classic boats.

This year, the organization's annual boat show will be held at ACBS headquarters in Clayton NY. If you haven't been to the International show, you really must try to make it, especially since it's in our backyard. It's sure to be an outstanding selection of antique and classic boats, all of which will be judged by experts and held to the ACBS standard.

The Adirondack chapter had our big anniversary Lake George Rendezvous last year, marking 50 years. Now we face the next challenge: reaching the next 50. Join the fun and take a look at the calendar – let's break some attendance records this year. Let's meet up with old friends and make some new ones!



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## *from the Helm* a message from the vice president

Hello everyone!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Andy Ellis, and I am your Adirondack chapter vice president. I have spent much of my life living along the Hudson River. I am a lifelong boater, and lover of all things made of wood. I graduated from Siena College with a BA in accounting. In my professional life, I use my degree while running my own business. I have been a custom builder and woodworker for 25+ years.

In 2019, I was appointed to the New York State DOS Albany Board of Review, where I currently serve as the chairman. My better half and I currently have the privilege of residing with our rescue dog (human?), Ollie, and an undisclosed number of antique boats on the Hudson River in Schuylerville. But, if you ask my wife, Christine, she will give you an exact number and ask for suggestions as to where we should put the next one.



I joined ACBS in 2022 and have enjoyed an active membership. Before I became a board member, you could find me at any given event helping in any way I could be useful. Since I joined, however, I have noticed a drop in member volunteership for open positions. Currently, we have an "Iceberg Ahead!" urgent need for volunteers like chairpersons and committee members for many club activities.

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# from the Helm

a message from the vice president (continued from page 2)



One example is that we currently have an outgoing chairperson for the Lake George Boat Show with no one stepping into the seat. Although there haven't been many club activities since the fall, I can assure you that the club is anything but dormant. Adam, our outgoing president has been hard at work creating an exciting new boat show for our members who are more local to the Albany area. Stay tuned for more details on our Facebook page and website.

The Adirondack Chapter is the first chapter of ACBS International. This year, we are celebrating 51 years as an ACBS chapter. I would like to see this club have another 50+ years, continuing to lead by example. This is not possible without the continued support by our dedicated members.

Please reach out to me to find out how you can help the club flourish, even if you only have a few hours a month to spare.

My email address is: [knotwrightwoodworking@gmail.com](mailto:knotwrightwoodworking@gmail.com).

Sincerely yours,

Andy Ellis  
Vice President  
ACBS Adirondack Chapter



Adirondack chapter vice president  
Andy Ellis with rescue pup Ollie in the  
boatshop.

## LESSONS IN RESTORATION

### Removing Old Deck Seams

by Neil Satterly

Crisp deck seams are a finishing touch that make a big difference to a restoration or revarnish job.

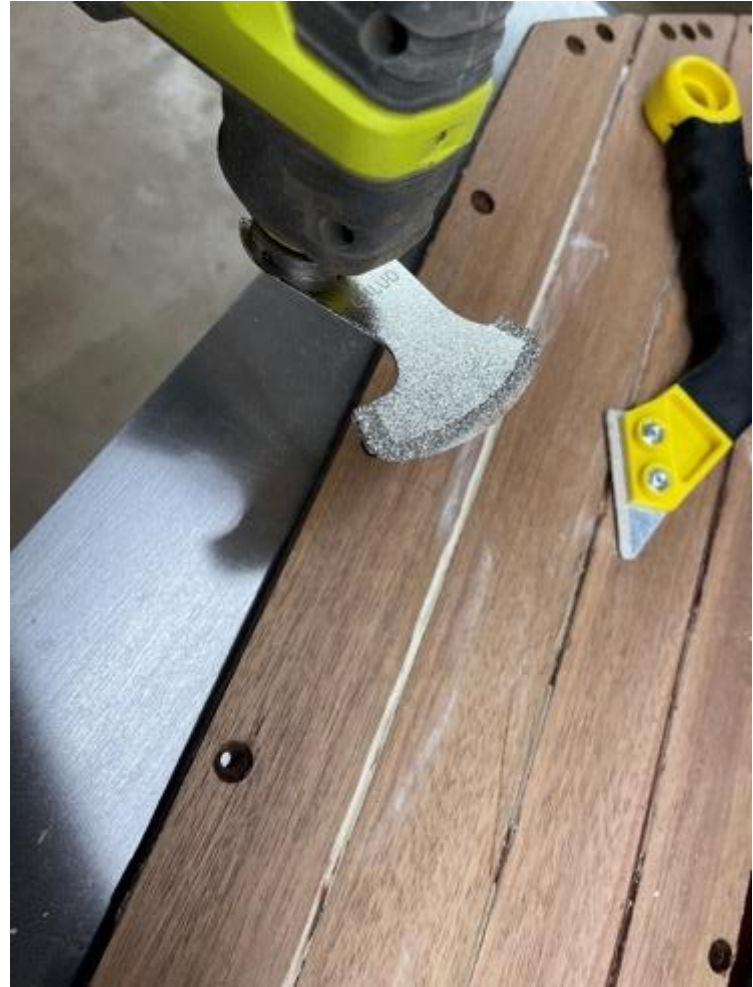
Restoring my 1956 Chris-Craft Holiday, I am attempting to reuse the original decks which are in good shape. Taking them through the thickness planer to remove a few millimeters of old wood reveals some nice grain. Before refastening them, I repainted the deck framing and repaired some rot under the port side covering board. I have also put down 4mm of Okoume marine plywood underlayment for increased strength, decreased stress fracturing of the deck boards, common with these post-war boats, and to make up for reduced deck plank thickness with planing.

Since a fair amount of the old deck seam material had fallen out, I thought removing the rest would be a snap. *Wrong*. Various pick tools were no match in most places for hardened material.

Original deck seams applied to antique or classic decks are most likely made of a compound containing lead. I wasn't aware of this until recently when I questioned my friend Scott Dorrer for suggestions on removing the hardened seams. It's interesting that in some places the material just falls out while in a few other places it can be picked out with pick tools, but in many places it's tenacious. In extreme cases, the wood splits out with the compound! Removing the old rock-hard deck seams was probably better done *before* running them through the planer to preserve the planer blades but I didn't know what I had yet to learn.

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Grout removal blade on a multitool (left), hand grout removal tool (right).

Removing lead seams is a problem for two reasons. The first and obvious problem is the health issues associated with lead poisoning. Inhaling or ingesting lead dust can affect various body systems, including the brain, nervous system, and kidneys. While often associated with children, this can affect adults too so protecting yourself is important. Mask protection is a must.

The second problem is getting the seams cleaned without damaging the wood. To remove the material stubborn sections, Scott said a circular saw with a guide is fast, but you should consider that you will sacrifice the blade.

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## Removing Old Deck Seams (continued from page 4)

Also, the saw method won't work on curved seams if you have them. Not wanting the lead dust, I experimented with several tools and found that grout removal tools, both hand and power work well. There is still some dust involved.

Secure your work to the bench with clamps. A hand grout removal tool (pictured on right) will grind down the material much like a hardened tile caulk. This is arduous but it works and will allow working plank edges (where seam on edge of plank meets seam on an adjacent plank).

Another option is to use a grout removal attachment for your multitool. This is faster but you will need to be careful to keep your blade on course to not damage the width of the seam kerf. I bought a set of six straight and curved blades for \$15 (LEILUO 6Pcs on Amazon).

As of the writing of this newsletter the Adirondack Chapter's Adironduck is getting some repairs and refinishing for the coming season. We'll follow up with a report on "freshening" the deck seams where Sikaflex 295 was originally applied in 2008.

## Free, New Event This Year on the Hudson River, Saturday June 14!

This is a first-time event for the Adirondack Chapter. We are coordinating with the ACBS Hudson River Chapter and holding an event at Ravena Coeymans Yacht Club, on the Hudson River. Don't miss it!

This one-day event will be a boat show with multiple workshops throughout the day ([see next page for info on the workshops](#)). We open the show at 8am and will wrap up at 5pm. There is no registration fee for this event. Our host will have food and drink during the event. Weather permitting, the Adironduck will be there for rides.

[Register for the event on our website by clicking here.](#) **Contact** registration Chairman Adam Weisburgh with any questions at [aweisburgh@live.com](mailto:aweisburgh@live.com) or call 518-339-4542

Photos courtesy of David Price



## CAPITAL REGION EVENT

### New Event This Year on the Hudson River Saturday June 14!

by Adam Weisburgh

In addition to a fantastic boat show planned at the Ravena Coeymans Yacht Club on the Hudson River, ([see previous page](#)), we'll also feature a "Barn Finds" workshop. We are going to cover three different hull materials and the pitfalls of each.

One boat is named "Weed Queen," a 22' Cruis-Along Vacationer. Chapter VP Andy Ellis and I saved this one-owner boat from a barn last year. We moved it from its resting place to my shop and it is just the way we found it! Even the barn dust is still intact. Another boat is an original Feathercraft – complete with original paint and all the mother nature you could ask for.

The intent of this workshop is to discuss the hard parts of understanding "what did I get myself into." This workshop should be a ton of fun!

**Join us June 14, 8am – 5pm.**



*"Barn finds" like the boats in this workshop are the way many of us start our path of dreams to the first launch at the first show.*

**Also featured on this day:** David Borton (Solar Sal) talks about solar electric commercial and pleasure boats.

## Antique & Classic Boat Show and Workshop

### Workshops;

Barn Finds  
"What did I get  
myself in to?"

Solar Sal

**JUNE 14TH 2025**

**8 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

**RAVENA COEYMANS YACHT CLUB  
52 STONE HOUSE HILL RD SELKIRK, NY**



A look at  
some of the  
"Barn Finds"  
to be  
discussed  
during the  
workshop  
June 14



# NYS Boater Safety Requirement

## Attention All Boat Operators in NY State

**Starting in 2025 ALL people operating a boat in NYS must have their Boater Safety Certificates with them when operating a vessel.**

This law has been phased in to allow time for everyone to be prepared but if you still have not taken the required online or in person instruction with exam, you should get it done before launching because non-compliance can mean being ticketed by law enforcement.

Use this link to the NYS Parks website where you can see all the ways to take the boater safety course.

<https://parks.ny.gov/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx>



As of NOW, you must have your Boater Safety Certificate with you when operating your boat.



Photo by Neil Satterly

# Register Now: 2025 Fulton Chain Rendezvous

**Join us July 11–12 at the Old Forge town docks for a relaxed weekend  
with vintage boats and great company.**

Your Fulton Chain Rendezvous organizers and committee have been busy planning the July 11-12 Rendezvous in Old Forge. Early support from sponsors has been strong and once again have the good fortune to work with the Central Adirondack Association (local Chamber of Commerce) and the Central Adirondack Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (aka LivingADK). Both organizations help to connect our Adirondack Chapter show in Old Forge with the community who we rely on for cooperation and financial support.

ACBS Chapters are encouraged to give back to the communities that host events. The Fulton Chain Rendezvous not only brings commerce to the Central Adirondacks but also donates rendezvous proceeds to those less fortunate through LivingADK community programs.

For more information on Living ADK, visit <https://www.livingadk.org/>.

The Fulton Chain Rendezvous will follow the traditional Friday and Saturday format of Friday Lake Cruise and Welcome reception and Saturday public show, Boat Parade and Awards dinner at the Thendara Golf Club Restaurant. This year, Sunday activities will allow everyone to choose what they want with suggestions provided.

Contact Brad Pearson [brad.pearson61@gmail.com](mailto:brad.pearson61@gmail.com) with questions about registration.

REGISTER



## ACBS Members Only Resources

One of the most apparent ACBS member benefits is the quarterly *Rudder* magazine which is delivered to you quarterly. A less apparent and often overlooked benefit is your ACBS *Members Only* portal on the ACBS website. If you have not been using it, you may be overlooking something special. You must be logged into your member portal to see it.

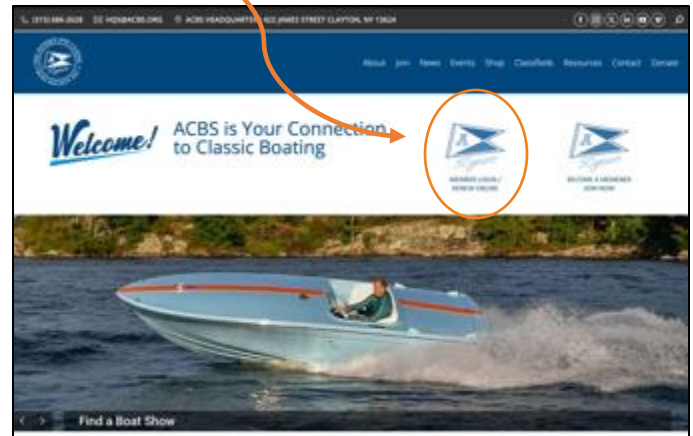
There is much to explore here but there's one very useful section for **restoration and maintenance videos**. Here you will find a library of approximately 125 educational videos dealing with multiple subjects, many of which were shot on location at various ACBS symposiums and workshops. There are videos on engine maintenance, wood repairs, bottom replacement, steering wheel restoration, varnishing, fiberglass repairs, tips and tricks of all sorts and much, much more.

To see these videos: Log in, click on **RESOURCES** to reveal the dropdown for **VIDEOS**. Once selected, you're in.

### Keep Your Information Updated

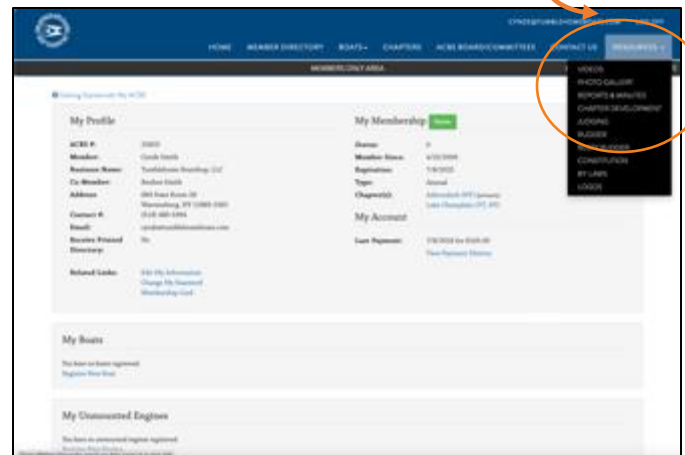
Within this Members Only section of the site, you can also look up other ACBS members and their boats and motors. Have you entered all the information on your boat/s or made changes recently with a purchase, sale or change of address? Check your info and update it if necessary. Updated information helps keep you connected with others who you may want to contact, or who may want to contact for information exchanges on the same models of boats or engines.

Go to [acbs.org](http://acbs.org) and click on the Member Login icon or just go directly to [myacbs.org](http://myacbs.org)



Tip: Once you've entered your login, check your info under My Profile to be sure it's up to date.

Click on **RESOURCES**, then select **VIDEOS** to see the library of restoration videos.



from the editor

**Comments? Got a photo or story to share?**

Then please reach out. Contact me directly at [cynde@tumblehomeboats.com](mailto:cynde@tumblehomeboats.com)



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## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Look who joined ACBS and/or the Adirondack Chapter within the last month!

Scott Colthorp

Dennis Creech

## Show Us Your Pups and Boats

Fourth Watch would love to feature the people and pups that are meaningful to you. Show us your photos and tell us about your boat and why your dog loves going out on it.

Share by email at: [cynde@tumblehomeboats.com](mailto:cynde@tumblehomeboats.com)



Photography for this issue has been contributed by the following members:

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Bill Miller  
Cynde Smith

Tumblehome Louie (at age 2 months) lying on the deck of a then-unrestored 19-teens Fay & Bowen.