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2025 CALENDAR

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

The Fulton Chain Rendezvous: a Crowd Pleaser

The Adirondack Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society hosted another fantastic antique and classic show in the Fulton Chain at the Old Forge waterfront. The weather couldn't have been better nor could the diversity of boats, both in the water and on land.

The weekend started on Friday at 12 noon with the traditional cruise from Old Forge Pond to Inlet for ice cream. Smooth waters greeted the small fleet that made a delightful afternoon run on lakes One through Four. [Continued on next page](#)



Up Next: 51st Lake George Rendezvous... and Registration is Now Open!

Join us on the weekend of August 22-23! Saturday's main show at the Lake George Village docks will include 50+ boats, numerous vendors, antique Model T and Triumph sports cars.

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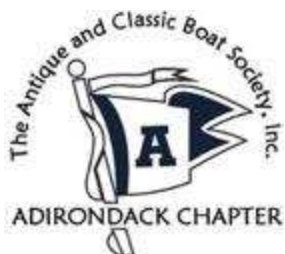
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Photos and story by Neil Satterly

The Rendezvous officially opened later in the afternoon with a welcome reception on the Forge Motel overlook. It was a reunion of old friends and several new faces. Many who reconvene annually describe the afternoon and evening affair as their favorite night of the summer.

The Mountainside Smokehouse & Grill provided a sumptuous variety of pulled chicken, roasted turkey, beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, and summer squash. Decadent specialty cakes of several flavors were made by local baker Kristen Armendola.

No one left the show hungry unless they were too busy socializing and forgot to get a plate. It was truly an amazing day to kick off the weekend.

Early Saturday morning the waterfront was buzzing with show preparation activity, summer sun and heat. Although the public show is advertised to begin at 10 AM, people are often seen strolling the docks by 9 AM for an early glimpse.

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The Fulton Chain Rendezvous (continued from page 2)

The center entrance to the show this year was a dazzling display of four mahogany beauties including a 26 foot pre-war Chris-Craft triple cockpit, a 26 foot Contemporary Gold Cup Racer, a 20 foot Chris-Craft resto-mod, and post-war Chris-Craft Special runabout.

Making way past these and turning in either direction, viewers were treated to a diversity of antique and classic vessels of all types like never before. There were several land displays to showcase boat brokerage services, restoration services and much more.

The Adirondack Chapter-sponsored *Adironduck* was giving rides while promoting personal flotation device safety to youth and families.

At the same time Dunn's Boat service provided free rides to people of all ages aboard their 1955 Chris-Craft *Grace*.

The Old Forge American Legion served barbecued food and cold drinks that visitors enjoyed with live music.

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The Fulton Chain Rendezvous (continued from page 3)

Saturday evening the Restaurant at the Thendara Golf Club laid out a great buffet dinner menu with boneless barbecued chicken, pork ribeye, sweet potato fries, orzo salad, bean salad, tossed salad, and dessert. The Fulton Chain Rendezvous volunteers were recognized for their work and show sponsors were thanked.

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The Fulton Chain Rendezvous (continued from page 4)

The Fulton Chain Rendezvous is a non-judged show. The winners for the classes below are Antique & Classic Boat Society designated categories chosen by balloting. The winners are chosen by fellow participants, except for the Chris-Craft Stewardship Award.

boat show winners



CLASS	BOAT	OWNER/S
Historic	1904 Launch <i>Echo</i>	the Hornick Family
Antique	1921 Hutchinson <i>The Queen</i>	Alan and Marcey Rosenblum
Classic Utility	1954 Chris-Craft Holiday <i>DanMar</i>	Dan and Margaret Harder
Classic Runabout	1960 Shepherd <i>Adirondack Jules</i>	Kevin and Julianne Reaume
Late Classic	1990 Hackercraft <i>It Certainly Is</i>	Scott Bessette
Contemporary	2001 Wilson Water Car Cold Cup Race Boat <i>T-14</i>	Teri Hoffman
Outboard	1957 Larson Thunderhawk <i>Knot Wood</i>	Jocelen Pearson
Land Display	1957 Chris-Craft Holiday Resto-Mod <i>Golden Fury</i> owned by Duane and Jeanne Cipas	Duane and Jeanne Cipas
Exhibitor's Choice	1962 Century Resorter <i>End of The Line</i>	Eric and Erna Newman
People's Choice	1945 US Coast Guard Launch <i>Geraldine</i>	Joe Sabo
Chris-Craft Stewardship	1934 Chris-Craft Runabout <i>Adirondack</i>	Rob Kidd



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The support of our sponsors enables the Chapter to carry the Fulton Chain Rendezvous. Please support them as they support us!

51st Lake George Rendezvous is Up Next: Join us August 22-23

The Lake George Rendezvous planning committee met again recently on July 28.

Boat show committee chairman and chapter president Adam Weisburgh has again assembled an impressive crew of experienced committee members and dock hands who are ready to make this show another success for the chapter.

Weekend Event Schedule

FRIDAY

9 AM – Noon: Bring your boat by water or trailer or a casual public viewing at either docks at Bolton Landing's Rogers Park or the Hague Park & boat ramp and docks on Rt. 9N

3 – 5 PM: Bring your trailered boat down to the blocked off lane of Beach Road along the Lake George Village docks for a mini land display

5 – 8 PM: Welcome cocktail / hors d'oeuvres gathering at the beautiful Fort William Henry Hotel. Come and catch up on old friendships and start new ones.

SATURDAY

7AM – 9:30AM: Exhibitors arrive and are guided by our seasoned Rendezvous dock crew to their assigned slip in the water or to their land space. Captains pick up their show packet, including a member gift at the registration tent.

10AM – 4 PM: Spectators arrive to our 49th Annual Main Event at the Lake George Village Docks on Beach Rd. Children get free boat rides in our Adironduck.

3:15-4:00PM: Spectators look forward to hearing the rumbling start of the boat engines and watching them take off from the docks before circling back to the crowd.

4:30 – 6:30PM: Conclude the weekend at the Fort William Henry Hotel, walking distance across Beach Rd from the docks, for a casual Awards dinner. Relax and rejuvenate yourself while your boats are being tended by a watchman. The dinner concludes at 6:30PM, leaving plenty of time to trailer/motor home.

Register Now

We'll be on the docks in Lake George Village for a fun weekend!

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THE REGISTRATION PACKET



*"This year we will be honoring **Fish Brothers Marine** for their years of dedication to world of antique boating and a huge part of our chapter," said chapter president Adam Weisburgh shortly after the passing of Pete Fish earlier this summer.*

"Pete has been a great supporter of the chapter as well as a great educator for many. Please come join us to honor the legacy," Adam continued.

Adirondack Chapter Holds First Capital Region Event

The Ravena Coeymans Yacht Club (RCYC) on the Hudson River was the host site for the first public show and workshop in the Capital Region by the Adirondack Chapter.

The day began with a lecture on solar boats presented by Captain David Borton a retired PhD professor from Rensselaer Polytech Institute.

Dr. Borton has cruised the length of the Erie canal hauling commercial cargo and the making Alaskan Inside Passage as a pleasure cruise with his son Eric, *all the way using only solar power.*

He shared images of his boats and scenic places along the way as he provided technical information on the use of solar panels, batteries and three-phase electric motors to efficiently cruise some 50-plus miles each day with nothing but power from the sun – not even with any help from shore power!

Borton was joined by his wife Harriet who helps him remember details during his technical lectures and who he affectionately refers to as his “Memory Stick.”

Together they brought one of their Solar Sal brand boats to the show. For more information on Solar Sal Boats, visit www.solarsal.solar

After lunch there were talks presented by Adirondack Chapter members on three barn finds of aluminum, wood and fiberglass, all with the theme question of “what have I gotten myself into?”

Andy Ellis led off with an aluminum Feather Craft boat from the 1950s. He discussed aluminum construction and repairs with riveting and riveting tools.

We learned that the rivets used are the aircraft type and that riveting is a two person job, with one person on the inside and the other outside.

We also learned that aluminum restorations are straightforward compared to wood hull restorations and that there is a lot of information available on Feather Crafts, as they were quite popular and plentiful in the 1950s. [Continued on next page](#)



Neil Satterly picked up with a surveyor's review of a 1922 foot Cruise-Along plywood boat that was found in the original owner's barn recently. Decades of proper storage prevented its demise. Plywood boats and especially plywood cruisers typically have not fared as well in storage as their carvel and lapstrake constructed counterparts, but this one did well.

There were of course several exceptions pointed out which segued into a Q&A of whether it would be worth investing in major repairs. Materials costs, market values, sentimental values were all highlighted. Membership in the ACBS was discussed for providing a network of knowledge and support.



The final barn find discussion was fiberglass - a rare 1965 Chris-Craft Corsair with a "swivel drive" I/O and a 302 Ford Interceptor motor.

Adam Weisburgh talked about this boat's features which make it a rare find with its own set of challenges for restoration.

Adam pointed to the resources of the Mariner's Museum in providing technical information on this model and the *Essential Guide to Chris-Craft* hardcover book, for background on the number built and the options offered during this model's production run.

Several other boats were displayed under cover along with many outboard motors. RCYC members were on hand to make us feel very welcome with a food concession, opening their clubhouse for the solar lecture and bathrooms.

The Club grounds are an excellent venue for this type of event, and we look forward toward returning in the future.

Thank you to the ACBS members who attended with their boats or just made the visit to be supportive.

Photos and recap courtesy of Neil Satterly



Special thanks to Adam Weisburgh who organized the event and to Andy Ellis for his extra efforts to make this day successful.



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NEWS FROM HQ

ACBS Annual Meeting & International Boat Show

September 15-21, 2025

Celebrating ACBS's 50th Anniversary at Headquarters in Clayton, New York in conjunction with The Antique Boat Museum

Most of the pre-show events and tours are sold out but you can still register a boat and register for receptions and events starting Wednesday, September 17. BUT REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15, SO HURRY!

Since the show rotates locations each year, it's not always so convenient to attend, but this one is in our back yard, in Clayton! Don't miss it. It's really a lot of fun! You'll meet some great people and will see some truly beautiful boats!



ACBS Annual Meeting & International Boat Show Partial Schedule of Events *(events not sold out as of Aug. 6)*



Registration Deadline is August 15

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Evening Welcome Reception

6:00-8:00PM at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel
\$75.00

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Chapter Roundtable

8:30-10:00AM at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel
\$20.00

ACBS Annual Membership and Board Meeting

10:30am - 2:00pm free to attend

Board Meeting Lunch

Join the ACBS International Board for lunch at
12:00. \$45.00

Boating/Restoration/History Seminars

Presenters, Topics and Times TBA, but we will be holding seminars throughout Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Antique Boat Museum.
free to attend

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

ACBS Annual Dinner & Fireworks

7:00-9:00PM at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel
Buffet dinner, open bar. 50th Anniversary Auction items that support ACBS's Education Fund, and other special presentations. We will cap the night with fireworks over the St. Lawrence River in honor of ACBS's 50th Anniversary. \$125.00

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

The ACBS International Boat Show

10:00am - 5:00pm at the Antique Boat Museum
free to attend

Saturday Lunch at the Boat Show

Lunch is being provided onsite at the museum by the famous Dinosaur BBQ from Syracuse NY and with cash beer and wine bar by Wood Boat Brewery. A Car Show in Downtown Clayton means local restaurants will be busy. \$50.00

Evening Boat Show Awards Reception & ABM Boat Shop Dedication

5:00-6:30PM at the Antique Boat Museum's new Boat Shop. \$30.00

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Our Chapter at a Glance

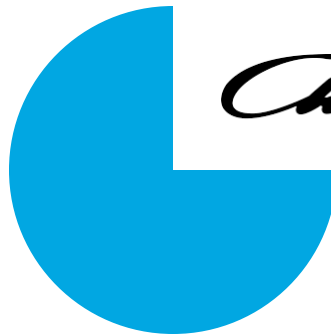
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200 TOTAL NUMBER OF
CHAPTER MEMBERS



472

TOTAL NUMBER BOATS
LISTED FOR OUR CHAPTER



Chris + Craft®

108 boats

NEARLY **ONE-QUARTER** OF ALL
MEMBER BOATS ARE CHRIS-CRAFT

1870 AGE OF OLDEST BOAT



2 GREAVETTE

3 HUTCHINSON

22

GAR WOOD

7 ARISTOCRAFT

12 FAY & BOWEN

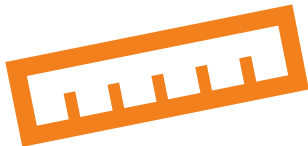
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60 ft. LONGEST
BOAT
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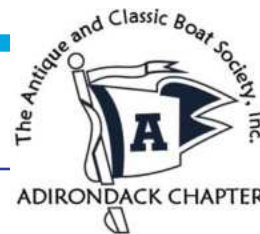


*information as of May 2025 from member data at acbs.org

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