



FIRST WATCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

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from the helm

Season's Greetings to all members and friends of the Adirondack Chapter of ACBS!

My name is Steve Upham, and it is my privilege to serve as your new president. Having previously served for many years as chapter secretary, I look forward to continuing our tradition of stewardship and community. My lifelong connection to wooden boats began in the Les Cheneaux Islands of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where mahogany runabouts were an essential part of daily life. My career in the oil and gas equipment industry took me across the country before I settled in Saratoga Springs 37 years ago. I have owned my 1939 Chris-Craft for 57 years, and it remains a cherished link to those early days on the water.



I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Adam Weisburgh and to the outgoing officers and members of the Board of Directors. Their leadership, dedication, and service have strengthened our chapter and positioned us well for the future.

As we look ahead to 2026, our chapter will focus on three key objectives:

1. Membership Growth: Expanding our ranks with an emphasis on engaging younger generations and new enthusiasts.
2. Show Schedule: Presenting three major shows that highlight the craftsmanship, history, and beauty of antique and classic boats.
3. Workshops and Education: Increasing both the number and frequency of chapter workshops to support restoration skills, maintenance knowledge, and member engagement.

I am honored to lead the chapter into the coming year and look forward to working with all of you to advance our mission.

Together, we can ensure that the legacy of wooden boating remains vibrant for generations to come.

Best regards,

Steve



Upcoming Workshop: Saturday, January 31, 12pm – 3pm

At Adirondack Restoration in Ticonderoga

WHAT: Our first workshop of the new year! Boat shop owner and Adirondack Chapter board member Scott Bessette opens his shop to our chapter members, as well as those from the Lake Champlain Chapter, for an afternoon **learning about woodworking, finishing, canvas work, as well as surveying.**



WHERE: Adirondack Restoration
47 Delano Rd., Ticonderoga NY

RSVP PLEASE: By text: 518-241-2683 By email: scottbessette7@gmail.com



2026 Adirondack Chapter Boat Shows

Capital District Antique Boat Show & Workshop – 2nd Annual – **June 13, 2026**
Contact: Adam Weisburgh
aweisburgh@live.com

Fulton Chain Rendezvous – 34th Annual – **July 10 – 11, 2026**
Contact: Brad Pearson
brad.pearson61@gmail.com

Lake George Rendezvous – 52nd Annual - **August 21 – 22, 2026**
Contact: Teresa Hoffman
thoffmanlg@aol.com



Scenes from Clayton NY: ACBS International Boat Show
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