

FOURTH WATCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ADIRONDACK CHAPTER ACBS

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2026 CALENDAR

October 17 Chapter Annual Meeting & Dinner, The Factory Eatery & Spirits, Ballston Spa

October 22 ACBS Chapter Roundtable (online)

RSVP now for the annual dinner (see page 13)

Winter Workshop schedule to come. Watch your email!

The 52nd Lake George Rendezvous

We had a great 52nd Annual Lake George Rendezvous on August 21–22, with perfect weather and lots of gorgeous boats on the Lake George Village docks. Friday pre-shows in Hague and Bolton Landing gave the whole lake a look, and *Achilles*, *Tahawus*, and *Golden Fury* were among this year's winners.

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Up Next: Annual Meeting & Dinner, Saturday, October 17

Join fellow members at The Factory Eatery & Spirits in Ballston Spa for dinner, a recap of our three boat shows, the election of new board members, and a silent auction to benefit the chapter. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

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Lake George Rendezvous (continued from page 1)

The weekend got underway Friday morning with free public pre-shows at Rogers Memorial Park in Bolton Landing and at the Hague Town Beach Park & boat ramp. On Saturday, the main show filled the town docks in Lake George Village from 10 AM to 4 PM, with boats in the water and on land.

Going in, show chair Teri Hoffman promised some true showstoppers, from a 1939 Gar Wood and a 1927 Hacker Dolphin to a 1900 Fantail Launch—even an Amphicar. The Dolphin, *The Tempest*, went on to win Farthest Traveled after making the 950-mile trip from Aiken, SC.

The Triumph and Model T car clubs rounded out the displays, sponsors and local boat shops set up tables on land, and the Ship's Store sold chapter merchandise featuring our newly redesigned logo.

Launch Party at Hall's Boat

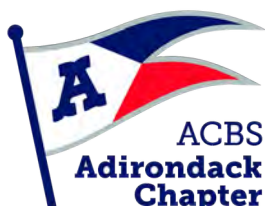


Teri Hoffman presents a plaque to Nick Lamando (center) and his son Sean (right), the father-son team at Hall's Boat.

The Rendezvous weekend got off to a festive start Friday evening, August 21, with a launch party at Hall's Boat in Lake George.

Thank you to Hall's Boat, one of our longtime sponsors, for hosting us, and to Boat Show Chair Teri Hoffman, who generously provided the food, drinks, and open bar.

Old friends caught up and new ones were made, a perfect kickoff before the first boat reached the docks the next morning.



"These boats are living history, restored and maintained by owners and craftsmen who pour their hearts into preserving them." — Teri Hoffman, Boat Show Chair

Lake George Rendezvous (continued from page 2)



Bill Kistner watches the tow line from the aft deck of *Tahawus*, with Brad Pearson and the *Adironduck* in tow.



Saturday on the Lake George Village docks.

Lame Duck

Oh no! As we well know, sometimes old boats need a little extra attention—and a tow. Brad Pearson gave several rides in the *Adironduck* before the motor stopped during the Lake George Rendezvous. Neil Satterly came to the rescue with *Tahawus*, with Bill Kistner (Niagara Frontier Chapter) handling the tow line from the aft deck.

Michael Glenn is overseeing repairs during the off-season to ensure the *Duck* is healthy again next summer. Thanks to all!



Brad Pearson waves from the *Adironduck*.



Ship's Store volunteers with gear featuring the new chapter logo.



On the docks, left to right: Bill and Carol Kistner's 1967 Donzi (President's Choice), a Lyman pennant, and a Shepherd cockpit.

boat show winners

CLASS	BOAT
SPECIAL AWARDS	
Chris-Craft Stewardship	1949 19' Chris-Craft <i>Brandy</i>
President's Choice	1967 18' Donzi
Farthest Traveled	1927 Hacker Dolphin <i>The Tempest</i> (950 miles from Aiken, SC)
ACBS Most Original	1954 15' Lyman <i>FiddleSticks</i>
Best Restored	1926 Fay & Bowen <i>Achilles</i>
EXHIBITOR AWARDS	
Antique	1930 28' Hacker <i>Shooting Star</i>
Classic	1948 20' Chris-Craft <i>Tahawus</i>
Late Classic	1957 20' Chris-Craft <i>Golden Fury</i>
Contemporary	2012 18' Homebuilt <i>Evadora</i>
Non-Power	1960 Hacker Homebuilt <i>Frozen Dream</i>
Land Display	2022 24' Sustainable Energy <i>Solar Sal</i>
People's Choice	1936 25' Ditchburn <i>Arequipa</i>
Exhibitors' Choice	2022 28' Garwood <i>Living the Dream</i>

HUGE thanks to Boat Show Chair Teri Hoffman and her hard-working crew, and especially to all our sponsors who made it happen!

Can You Hear Me Now?

If you missed a few of our commentators' boat stories this year, blame the karaoke machine, not the storytellers. It was a generous last-minute loan, but it was out of its depth on the docks. We'll have a real sound system in place for next year's show.



Disco lights: included. Volume: not so much.

Awards Dinner at Fort William Henry



Members gather for Saturday's awards dinner at the Fort William Henry Hotel.



Teri Hoffman presents the Antique award to Ed and Sally Becker for *Shooting Star*, their 1930 28' Hacker.



Teri Hoffman presents ACBS Most Original to Bill and Mary Ann Tortolano for *FiddleSticks*, their 1954 15' Lyman.



Neil Satterly presents the Chris-Craft Stewardship award for *Brandy*, a 1949 19' Chris-Craft.



Teri Hoffman with the *Arequipa* crew, People's Choice winners for their 1936 25' Ditchburn.



FROM LAST YEAR'S RENDEZVOUS

A Founding Face at the Rendezvous

Among the visitors at last year's Lake George Rendezvous was a very special guest: Mo Sherrill, one of the original members of the Antique & Classic Boat Society. ACBS was founded on the shores of Lake George in 1975, so it was fitting to see Mo back on the lake where it all began, surrounded by the boats and the community the society has grown into. Fellow founding member Jean Hoffman captured the moment.

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GOLD SPONSOR



Fulton Chain Rendezvous Shines in Old Forge



The Fulton Chain Rendezvous from above: boats line the Old Forge waterfront, with the Packard Woodie on display in the lot.

The annual Fulton Chain Rendezvous in Old Forge, NY was held July 10 and 11. Perfect weather, more than 45 boats registered on land and in the water, a very rare 1940 Packard Woodie station wagon, live music, and several other land displays made for another wonderful show.

In conjunction with this year's show, the Antique & Classic Boat Society held its quarterly directors meeting Friday morning at the Water's Edge Resort. This was the Adirondack Chapter's opportunity to showcase our wonderful annual event, and we hit a home run.

Friday at noon, the weekend kicked off with a lake cruise from the Old Forge village docks to the Inlet village docks for ice cream cones, sundaes, and a generous amount of social time. The 22-mile round trip was enjoyed on calm waters.

Friday night, a record 75-plus people gathered on the deck at the Forge Motel for the traditional welcome reception. The event was catered by the Mountainside Smokehouse & Grill, with over-the-top dessert cakes from local baker Kristen Armendola.

Saturday's show went smoothly as usual. The chapter membership tent got an added boost from ACBS Executive Director Lora Nadolsky-Hansen and ACBS President Ed Andrews, who joined forces with Chapter President Steve Upham to sign up new members and renew others.

The afternoon concluded with the traditional boat parade up the First Lake channel, led by the Old Forge Fire and Police Department boats. The Saturday awards dinner at the Thendara Golf Club restaurant capped off the weekend.

[Winners on page 8 \(click\)](#)

boat show winners

CLASS	BOAT	OWNER/S
Historic	1895 25' Launch <i>Laura</i>	Morrison Family, Old Forge, NY
Antique	1931 18' Chris-Craft <i>Chara</i>	Carolyn & Alan Benjamin, Old Forge, NY
Classic Utility	1945 25' USCG Whaleboat <i>Geraldine</i>	Joe & Donna Sabo, Tupper Lake, NY
Classic Runabout	1970 19' Chris-Craft	Andrew & Marna Boerman, Lansing, NY
Late Classic	1982 24' Grand Craft <i>RumRunner</i>	Ed Andrews, West Cape May, NJ
Contemporary	2007 25' Hacker Craft <i>Barbara Ann</i>	John Belanus, Franklin Lakes, NJ
Outboard	1955 14' Thompson	James & Mimi Daykin, Geneva, NY
Land Display	1940 Packard Woodie Wagon	Alan Rosenblum, Utica, NY
Exhibitor's Choice	1962 23' Chris-Craft <i>That Girl</i>	Alicia & Bob Boardman, Elkridge, MD
People's Choice	1955 18' Chris-Craft <i>DanMar</i>	Dan & Margaret Harder
Chris-Craft Stewardship*	1957 18' Chris-Craft Classic Utility <i>Moose Feathers</i>	Bill & MaryAnne Ransom, Old Forge, NY

*Presented by the Chris-Craft Antique and Classic Boat Club. People's Choice received 28 of 212 votes cast.

Thank you to the entire FCR show team led by show chairman Brad Pearson!



Visitors stroll the Old Forge docks.



Signing up new members and renewing others at the chapter membership tent.



Jim Huss and Anna Hennessey (now married!) at the Blackriver Boatworks tent.



Ed Mitchell (left) and Reuben Smith (right) at the Tumblehome tent.



Michael Glenn (right) at the Antique Outboard Motor Club tent.

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CAPITAL REGION SHOW

2nd Annual Capital Region Boat Show & Workshop

The chapter's newest show returned for its second year on June 20 at the Ravena Coeymans Yacht Club in Selkirk, NY, organized by past president Adam Weisburgh.

New this year were a swap meet and boat sales, and the 1 PM workshop was all about winterizing your boat, with the real deal on how to put it to bed for the season.



keels or wheels

A Summer Evening at The Algonquin

In July, chapter members arrived by keel or by wheel at The Algonquin in Bolton Landing for another Keels or Wheels get-together. More than a dozen members gathered around a long table for dinner, boat talk, and plenty of catching up.

"Thanks to Steve, our chapter president, for attending and providing us with a total chapter rundown and the boat show events, both already happening and those to come in August in Hague, Bolton and LG Village," said organizer Ed Scheiber.

Thanks to Ed for coordinating another great evening, and to our hosts at The Algonquin.



More than a dozen members gathered for dinner at The Algonquin in Bolton Landing.



Chapter President Steve Upham gives members a chapter update.

Musings on Boats, Membership and Volunteerism

by Brad Pearson

The meandering views and opinions expressed here are entirely my own and not the club's position. And I reserve the right to revise them whenever it suits me—which is to say, probably right after someone proves me wrong at the dock.

Bring on Another Thousand

There's an old line: a boat is just a hole in the water you pour money into.

Which, in fairness, is also true of hobbies like skiing, scuba diving, hunting, golf, fishing, and—depending on your teenager—college.

The difference is boats do it with style. And lots of chrome.

Not everyone has—or needs—the kind of marquee boat you see lined up in Clayton, NY, gleaming like they've never met a speck of dust or a bad decision. And that's fine. Honestly, one of my favorite parts of this whole thing is looking at *all* boats.

Perfect boats. Imperfect boats. Boats that are “almost done” (for the last 12 years). Boats that came with “just a few small projects,” which is code for “clear your calendar.”

Every single one has a story. Sometimes the story is inspiring. Sometimes it's a cautionary tale.

I always enjoy reading the legacy stories of how someone came to be the third- or fourth-generation owner of a family boat, but I didn't inherit a boat that was my grandfather's. I didn't start big. Like several people, I came in through the gateway drug of the water world: an inexpensive used pair of jet skis. Quick, fun, relatively simple—and just enough to convince you that you are, in fact, a captain.

And once that happens... well, you know the saying. You captain one boat, and suddenly you're mentally captaining *all* of them. Even the ones tied up three docks over that you have no business touching.

The Volunteer Puzzle

Somewhere along the way, boats and volunteering got intertwined for me.

The Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS). Chris-Craft Antique Boat Club. US Air Force (no longer active...). Kiwanis (two different chapters, because apparently one isn't enough). Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Central Adirondack Association. Even a Loudoun County Election Officer—because nothing says “variety” like going from polished mahogany to handing out ballots. I am also a member of The Retired Officers Association and The American Legion, two very worthy organizations that assist veterans in numerous ways and provide children of veterans with scholarship opportunities. I have never volunteered my time with the latter two, preferring to let their paid staff lobby for me and choose how to distribute my donations.

I originally joined ACBS for the same reasons most people do: interest, curiosity, and probably a mild case of “it seemed like a good idea at the time.”

For years, I didn't bring my boat to shows. Part hesitation, part intimidation. You look around at these immaculate boats and think, “Mine has... personality.” Also, we bought our first classic boat, a 1957 fiberglass outboard, from an ACBS chapter president who said just enough, but not too much, to make signing up interesting.

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Eventually, I got over my hesitation to take our boat to a local rendezvous and to get more involved in ACBS. Not because my boat suddenly became perfect—but because I realized nobody else's is either. Some people just polish their imperfections better.

Some organizations are struggling. Local service clubs—Kiwanis included—are feeling it. Meetings get smaller. The average age creeps up. And suddenly “we need younger members” starts sounding less like a goal and more like a survival strategy.

Every organization I've been part of says the same thing: “We need more members, and we need younger members.” And it's always said with urgency. Sometimes it makes me envy the Quaker attitude toward recruiting new members. They don't try, and they are not evangelical, yet they have existed for almost 400 years.

Meanwhile, people today are busy. Volunteering now competes with work, family, side hustles, actual hustles, and the very appealing option of doing absolutely nothing for once.

Fortunately, the ADK chapter has a robust volunteer roster. And lately we've been able to attract younger members with new perspectives! Without our engaged chapter membership, we simply couldn't accomplish all of the wonderful and educational events that take place each year.

Personally, when I volunteer my time, I look to have fun, add value to the event, maybe learn something, and hopefully provide value to the community being served by the organization.

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Knowing What You Don't Know (and Not Pretending Otherwise)

Now, let's talk about boat work. I'll be honest: I don't know much about fixing them.

I know what I like to look at. I know what I like to drive. But if something serious breaks, my first instinct is not “grab a wrench.” It's “who do I call before I make this worse?” Fortunately, by attending local boating events, I've gotten to know some excellent boat shops and the people behind them. At this point, I'm fairly certain a few have more than recouped their sponsorship fees thanks to my repeat business alone. These are folks who know their craft—and who've treated me right along the way:

- Black River Boatworks, Forestport, NY
- Dunn's Boat Service, Eagle Bay, NY
- Tumblehome Boatshop, Warrensburg, NY
- Reets Boatworks, Mayfield, NY
- Rivett's Marine, Old Forge, NY

These are the folks who can take something that looks like firewood, or an engine sounding like a bag of angry cats, and turn it into something that makes you emotional.

For me, the equation is simple: if I can make more money working than I would save trying to fix something myself—while also avoiding turning a small problem into a very expensive learning experience—I'm going to work and pay the professional. I know my limits.

That said, I *do* want to learn—at least a little. I keep telling myself I'll go to workshops, pick up some basics, maybe reach the level where I can confidently nod and say, “Ah yes, that's... wood.”

Where It All Connects

Boats and volunteer organizations don't seem like the same conversation—but they are. Both require people to show up. Both take time, money, and patience. Both slowly drift if nobody's paying attention. Both depend on something simple: participation.

You don't need the biggest boat. You don't need to be the most skilled. You don't need to run the meeting, lead the committee, or restore a hull from scratch.

But you do have to engage.

Whether it's a boat or an organization, the real danger isn't the cost—it's what happens when everyone stands around, admires it... and assumes someone else is going to keep it afloat.

Annual Meeting & Dinner: Saturday, October 17

Catch up with old friends and make new ones, and welcome our new chapter members! Together, we'll recap a great season of three boat shows, elect and welcome new board members, and enjoy a fun dinner together.

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 6–9 PM

WHERE: The Factory Eatery & Spirits, Creekside Room, 20 Prospect St., Ballston Spa, NY

COST: \$42 per person. Please bring cash, or a check made out to "Adirondack Chapter Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc.," to the dinner.

**Saturday
October 17 • 6–9 PM**

RSVP as soon as possible

Please include the number and full names of those attending.

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Silent Auction to Benefit the Chapter

Search your home, garage, or attic for items to contribute to the silent auction. Consider anything someone else might enjoy: nautical décor and artwork, boating books, boat care supplies and tools, gift certificates, or that one thing that deserves a better home. Every item raises funds for our shows, workshops, and programs.

No need to arrange anything ahead of time. Just bring your item to the dinner that evening.

Questions about what to bring or what's appropriate? Contact our 2026 Silent Auction co-chairs: Jennifer Scheiber at jenscheiber45@gmail.com or Jeanne Cipas at jdcipas@yahoo.com.

The Slate

The Nominating Committee (Ed Becker, Chair; Michael Glenn; Cynde Smith) recommends the following candidates for election at the meeting. Candidate bios were included with the corrected slate sent to members by email.

OFFICERS (1-year terms)

President Stephen Upham (re-election)

Vice President Tom Carmel

Secretary Cynde Smith

Treasurer Ann Satterly (re-election)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carol Schlink

Mary Carmel

John Painter



NEWS FROM HQ

Chapter Roundtable Highlights from Port Huron

by Neil Satterly

During ACBS Vintage Boating Week in Port Huron, Michigan, the customary Chapter Roundtable met to hear from chapters on what has gone well over the past year and where there may be future opportunities. The roundtable was well attended and the exchanges were productive. A few highlights follow.

A New Newsletter Service

Catalyst Communications, publisher of *Rudder* magazine, introduced a new newsletter service now being used by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Articles are submitted to Catalyst three times a year for layout and email distribution. A fourth issue combines the best articles and photos from the previous three, adds new end-of-year stories and photos, and is printed and mailed to members. The cost is \$700 per digital-only issue, with printing and mailing costs to be determined.

Show Posters: Showy or Simple?

There was also discussion of chapter show posters and whether to feature beautifully restored, larger boats or simpler user boats. It was agreed that it depends on the goal: simpler vintage user boats help *show participants* feel welcome to register, while the “showier” vessels draw more *public viewers*. One suggestion was to include two boats in the poster to represent both.

Next roundtable: online, October 22



The 2026 ACBS International Boat Show poster: Boat the Blue, Port Huron, Michigan, September 13–20.

from the editor

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