

1000 Island Chapter ACBS Spring meeting – 5/23/26 – Grenell Island, NY

President Randy Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:45. Despite the cool and overcast weather, 26 stalwart sailors were in attendance.

Randy recognized two past presidents, Bud Ames and Stu Clough. He then thanked the hosts: Jim Holden, Larry & Kym Asam.

The following announcements were shared.

The chapter's incorporation process was completed this past winter. Formerly known as "TI Chapter", the NY state recognized name is now "1000 Islands Chapter ACBS Inc". For IRS purposes it is also noted: aka "T I Chapter."

July 25th is the date for the 2026 1000 Island Chapter Boat Show in Alexandria Bay. The kick-off party will be at Keewayden, which has limited capacity. Check the chapter web site for details. www.1000islandsacbs.com

July 13th is the cutoff for the kick-off party @ \$25 per person. After that date the cost will be \$35 to attend the kick-off party. Boat registration is still \$15.

Club rendezvous are also listed on the chapter website. Hosts are urged to let Karen Hoskins and Larry Asam know the times for each event.

Chapter cruises will be planned for summer 2026. Please send ideas to Randy and Heidi.

Treasurer Heidi Szonn gave the treasurer's report. A few highlights were: Jan. 1, 2026 balance was \$19,419.93. The balance on May 23, 2026 is \$19,768.85. Rendezvous expense - \$58. Overview of income was \$1035 – dues, \$800 - boat show sponsors, \$125 - boat show entries, \$300 - cocktail party registrations.

President Randy noted the following chapter donations: \$1,000 - Antique Boat Museum and \$500 each to River Hospital, Gananoque Museum, Alexandria Bay Village Docks, Cornwall Brothers Store.

Major sponsors for the 2026 Boat show are Watertown Savings Bank, a donation in memory of Heidi and Randy's neighbor John Galli, St. Lawrence Restoration. Heidi noted that door prizes are being solicited and accepted. Business donations in excess of \$500 are noted on the boat show poster. Donations under \$500 are acknowledged on the donor board and in the newspaper announcements.

Randy thanked Larry Asam for creating the advertising post cards. Cost of the cards was \$115. Club members are encouraged to pass the cards out, especially targeting possible boat show participants. Randy noted that ACBS recognizes "classic" boats made of fiberglass as well as wooden vessels.

President Randy introduced new members Mark and Patti Siegenthaler and Brad Kranz.

Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neely! Nadine Logan and Tom Neely “tied the knot” on May 22nd in Lowville, NY. The first stop on their honeymoon was the ACBS Chapter Rendezvous May 23rd on Grenell Island. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds!

Randy shared that one of Heidi’s boats, minus its bottom planks, served as the 1000 Islands Chapter float in the 2025 Clayton Christmas parade.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Ames, Secy. pro tem