

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

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**Welcome Aboard,
GRA and RFM are ready to cruise. The museum's opening day is Thursday, April 2nd followed by spring celebrations on Saturday, April 4th (Please find details later in the newsletter).**

We are honored to welcome our Board of Directors and current office staff. These individuals bring passion, expertise and a commitment to our mission. The crew is ready with energy, talent and momentum! The 2026 season is ready to start!

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”- Mark Twain



GRA Board and Staff



Spring Celebration

Saturday April 4th

The Easter Bunny will arrive on The Fannie at 10:00 am followed by an egg hunt at Bethany Church



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

CHECK YOUR
EMAIL FOR
DETAILS ON THIS
YEARS VOLUNTEER
CRUISE!



Meet the Exhibitor



Logan O'Bier

- Quilt Display -

Saturday April 4th

12:00-2:00

Logan O'Bier is a fiber artist whose work is deeply rooted in the heritage and working life of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay. Raised in Sunnybank, she grew up in a family where generations made their living as watermen, shaping her connection to the water and the rhythm of life in the Northern Neck. Her early experiences harvesting crabs and working alongside her father on the water continue to inspire her work, which often reflects the cultural labor and quiet beauty of life along the Bay.

Logan was captivated by quilting at age six after receiving her first quilt pattern book. What began as a childhood curiosity quickly became a lifelong passion. As a teenager, she further developed her skills working at a local quilt shop, gaining both technical knowledge and deep appreciation for the patient tradition of quilt-making.

Her artistic journey expanded to include punchneedle, where she had the opportunity to collaborate with renowned designers Minick and Simpson on a project featured in *The Spirit of Sacagawea: A Textile Tribute to an American Heroine*. Her work has also appeared in notable publications including *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Primitive Quilts & Projects*, and *Cultivate Magazine*.

Through her quilts, Logan preserves and interprets the legacy of Chesapeake Bay watermen, blending personal history with traditional techniques to create pieces that honor both family and place.

Honors and Recognition

We are proud to share recent recognitions that celebrate both our dedication to preserving local history and the remarkable generosity of those who have helped shape our mission.

The DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award

This award recognizes recognizes the Greater Reedville Association/Reedville Fishermen's Museum for its dedication to preserving the history, heritage, and traditions of Reedville and the Chesapeake Bay watermen. Through stewardship of Festival Halle and its transformation, the GRA/RFM has safeguarded a historic landmark, ensuring it remains a meaningful space that both honors the past and serves the community today.



The DAR Community Service Award

This award honors Helen Birkel for her extraordinary generosity and lasting impact on the Reedville community. Through her donation of Festival Halle and additional land for the future of Watermens Park, she has helped preserve local heritage while creating opportunities for community connection, education and growth for generations to come.

Birkel Bear

If you are looking for a new home for your Birkel Bear, please consider donating them back to the Greater Reedville Association/RFM



Check out our YouTube Channel

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TO GET NOTIFICATIONS FOR NEW VIDEOS EACH MONTH



@rfmvideos8912



Claud W. Somers Refit

By Tina McCloud

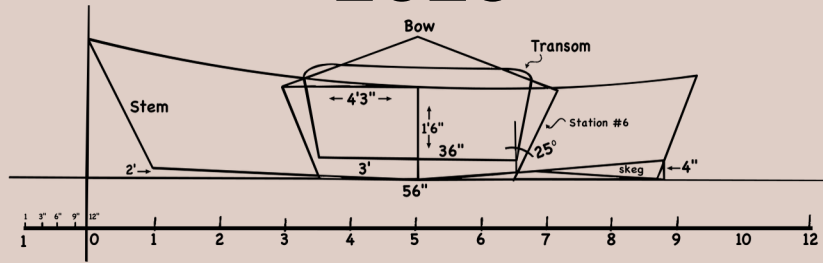
RFM public relations volunteer

Carpenter Drew Jones, shown at Tiffany Yachts in Burgess, recently crafted a new rudder for the historic skipjack Claud W. Somers. The boat, owned by the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, is on the hard at Jennings Boatyard in Fairport for a refit. The new rudder is of white oak planks -- sourced in North Carolina --with bronze pins and stainless steel bolts, said Steve Heare, one of the Somers captains. It will be painted red and white like the old one, which is beneath the new rudder in the photo. New metal brackets that hold the rudder to the stern will be crafted. Jones will help Somers volunteers reinstall the rudder later because alignment is absolutely critical Heare said. The old rudder -- which may date to the boats construction in 1911 -- was taken to the museum for future display.



Family Boat Build

2026



June 19,20,21

\$250 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration

\$1000 total for the event.

See our website for Registration Form or contact the office

Office@RFMuseum.org 804-453-6529

Deadline is May 25th



Firecracker 5K

2026

Registration opens 4/1/26. - \$35 early bird (4/1 - 5/22/26); \$40 (5/23 - 7/4/26)

Register by 6/15 to guarantee T-shirt



runsignup.com/Race/VA/Reedville/ReedvilleFirecracker5KRunWalk

Tour a Menhaden Vessel at Ocean Harvesters



Open to the Public

May 16, 2026

11a - 3p

The Smith Building at the Morris-Fisher Stack
610 Menhaden Rd in Fleeton

\$10 per person

Proceeds go to Reedville Fishermen's Museum

Please wear appropriate shoes

Flat, Close toe, no open back are preferred

Flip Flops, Slides and Heels are not recommended

Questions?

Call: 804-453-6529

Email: Office@rfmuseum.org

Reedville Fishermen's Museum Thanks and Appreciates
Ocean Harvesters/Omega Protein for their Support!!

Museum Ships on Air

June 6th 8am-5pm

June 7th 11am-4pm



Every June, the Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association sets up a HAM radio station under the pavillion at RFM to participate in the Museum Ships on Air event, representing our skipjack *Claud W Somers*. Last year alone they made over 320 contacts with stations as far away as England and the Azores! Stop by and watch the magic happen—it's a weekend you won't want to miss!

Calling all local crafters!

We're looking to carry handmade items in our museum gift shop. We love supporting small businesses!

★ Reach out if you're interested ★

office@rfmuseum.org 804-453-6529

⇒ Aquapalooza ⇐

Mark your calendars! Aquapalooza returns Sunday, Sept 6th 2:00-6:00

♪ Featuring live music by Black Cat Murphy ♪

All proceeds support Festival Halle

VA 250

at VIRGINIA STATE PARKS

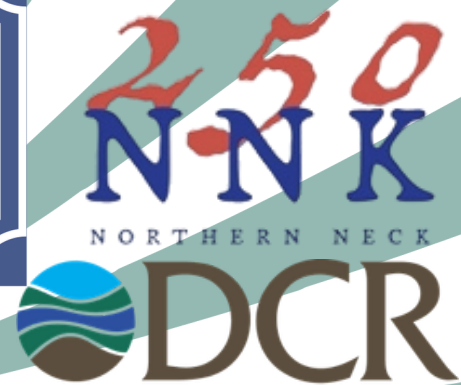
WESTMORELAND STATE PARK TURNS 90!!

Foundation CELEBRATION!

JUNE 27, 2026

11AM - 5 PM

145 CLIFF RD,
MONTROSS, VA 22520



This year marks an important milestone of America's 250th, Department of Conservation and Recreation's 100th, and Westmoreland State Park's 90th anniversary! We invite YOU to join us in celebrating this event. There will be food and drink vendors, along with many activities and games provided by Westmoreland State Park and other local organizations!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: westmoreland@dcr.virginia.gov | 804-493-8821

Heritage Society Spotlight:

Smart ways to give back to RFM

Meaningful giving options that can benefit you and the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

As the year draws to a close, many members look for meaningful ways to support the Museum. Here are two simple, tax-wise ways to make a lasting difference for RFM:

Appreciated Stock Gifts

-You can donate appreciated stocks and **avoid capital gains tax.**

-The Museum sells the shares and uses the proceeds to support operations.

Ask your financial advisor for details and to begin the process.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a gift **directly from your IRA** to RFM

This helps meet your **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** and **reduces taxable income** – one of the most **tax-efficient** ways to give!

How to Make a QCD:

1. Contact your **IRA administrator** and direct them to make the check out to **Greater Reedville Association dba Reedville Fishermen's Museum** P.O. Box 306, Reedville, VA 22539 (Tax ID available upon request)
2. Specify your gift amount.
3. Notify the Museum so we can properly thank you.

"Your generosity helps the Reedville Fishermen's Museum preserve the history of our watermen and serve our community. We couldn't do it without you!"



Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron

Chesapeake Commons 453C North Main Street

Kilmarnock, VA 22482 www.abcnnk.org



GET YOUR VA BOATING SAFETY CARD!

Saturday May 9 & 16, 10am - 3pm

Saturday June 20 & 27, 10am - 3pm

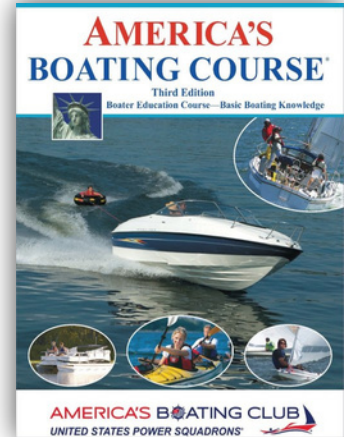
You'll learn:

- ☑ Handling your boat confidently
- ☑ Handling medical emergencies
- ☑ Dealing with mechanical problems
- ☑ Towing, trailering & anchoring
- ☑ Federal & State regulations

Free – Added Value:

- ☑ Hands-on practice, Boating Virtual Trainer

Special Price \$25
Subsidized by
Henry Sweet Trust



Classes are presented in 2 consecutive sessions. You must attend BOTH sessions to receive your card!

Boat Handling

Wednesday April 8, 6pm-8pm, Wednesdays for 7 weeks

Learn how to handle your boat in a variety of situations and become the skipper you want to be. Gain confidence in terminology, line handling, docking, underway, anchoring, and other seamanship skills.

Weather for Boaters

Tuesday April 14, 6pm-8pm, Tuesdays for 8 weeks

Understand the specifics of a forecast, anticipate how the weather will impact you. Learn meteorological systems, how weather is created, signs of impending poor or dangerous weather.

Each course is \$95 Non-Members, \$20 discount for Members

! FREE SEMINARS !

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| Saturday April 11 | 10am, Confidence in Docking & Undocking |
| | 1pm, Introduction to Navigation |
| Sunday April 19 | 10am, Emergencies on Board |
| | 1pm, Man Overboard |
| Sunday May 3 | 10am, Introduction to Navigation |
| | 1pm, All About VHF/DSC Marine Radio |
| Sunday May 17 | 10am, How to Use a Chart |
| | 1pm, How To Use GPS and Chartplotters |
| Sunday June 28 | 10am, Introduction to Marine Batteries |
| | 1pm, Fuel and Boating |

Details & register contact: Jim (804) 339-7218 or orsoe@abcnnk.org

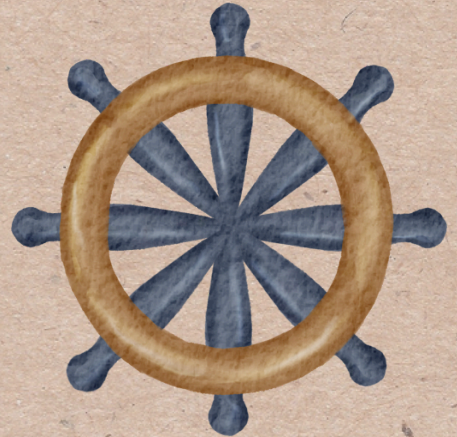
SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- April 2nd - Opening Day
- April 4th - Spring Celebration
(Bunny+Egg Hunt)
- April 4th - Meet the Exhibitor- Logan
O'Bier(Quilt Display)
- April 10th - Cocktails on the Creek
- April 24th - Cocktails/Meet the
Exhibitor(Smith Point Sea Rescue)

Please visit our website for All Events!

WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG



NOW ACCEPTING, CAR DONATIONS!

The majority of the museum's operating budget comes from the sale of donated boats and other items. This year we have expanded our program to include cars! Our inventory is low. Please consider the museum when deciding how to dispose of a boat or vehicle that you no longer need. We can pick up the vessel or car and provide the necessary paperwork for tax purposes. Your contributions greatly help the local community and our beloved museum. Please email us at donations@rfmuseum.org for more information on how to donate or to inquire about our current inventory!

SALE



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*See the website
for full inventory*

donations@rfmuseum.org

CURRENT INVENTORY
WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Museum and Gift Shop Opens 11-4	3	Spring Celebration- 4-4:30 Bunny, Egg Hunt 10:00 Meet the Exhibitor- Logan O'Bier Quilt Display 12-2:00
5 	6	7 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	8 OFFICE CLOSED TO MEMBERS AND PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	9 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	10 Cocktails on the Creek 	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

May

2026

Yoga: Every Tuesday/Thursday (\$10)
 Museum Hours: Thurs - Saturday 11-4
 Museum Hours: Open Sundays Starting 5/24
 Cocktails on the Creek - BYOB and a dish to share

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8-4
 Wed: By Appointment Only

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Jett's Marine Open House 9a-1p	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Happy Mother's Day
11	12	13	14	15 Cocktails on the Creek Member Preview of Festival Halle Cocktails will be held at Festival Halle	16 Tour a Menhaden Vessel 11a-3p at the Smith Building by the Stack	17 Blessing of the Fleet
18	19	20	21	22 Living Shoreline Presentation 2p	23	24 Museum Open
25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29 Cocktails on the Creek	30	31

RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Linda & John Almassy
Debbie & Henry Boze
Bryna Brennan
Thomas Briggs
Alice & Bob Burgess
Susan & Charles Caple
Donna & Jim Cowardin
Bill Crowther
Page & Bob Dillon
Gene Downing
Debra Exline
Gregory Fox
Nancy & Lonnie Frye
Leland James

Bill Judkins
Anne & Jim Kenner
Carol & Ed Kratt
Mindy & Chris Larson
Laura & Tim McDonald
Barbara & Jim Moreland
Friends of NCHS
Andrew Parlour
Kathleen Petersen
Merle & Clint Stables
Anita & Norman Tadlock
Trisha & David Tetlow
Gary Weeter

Thank you for your memberships!

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