

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

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INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION



Firecracker 5K was a Success!

The 2025 Firecracker 5K is officially in the books-and what a turnout! We welcomed **544 registrants**, with participants traveling from as far away as **California and Texas**.

The weather was perfect for the 5K and all of the other RFM weekend activities.

Captured any race-day moments? We'd love to see them! Please post your pictures using **#RFM5k2025** or upload them to the **photo album on the RunSignUp platform**.

We want to share all the fun memories!

A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who helped make this event a success-**participants, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters** alike. We're also incredibly grateful for our ongoing partnership with our race vendor, Arsenal Events.

We appreciate all your support-**we couldn't do it without you!**




Looking ahead: next year's 5K is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 4th, 2026**, a special date as America celebrates its **250th birthday!** Once the date is confirmed and registration opens (in **Q1 of 2026**), we'll send out an email so you can mark your calendar.






Congratulations to Our Top Finishers!



Female:

-  **Morgan Axtell**
-  **Katharine Benfer**
-  **Headley Bowis**

Male:

-  **Thomas Neill**
-  **Holden Valerie**
-  **Jude Hardy**



CONCERTS BY THE Creek

SAVE THE DATE



AUG 9TH : 6-9PM



Tickets and Volunteer info at rfmuseum.org

-No outside food or drinks-No pets-Lawn chairs welcome-



SUMMER

D O C E N T


T R A I N I N G

AUGUST 21ST AT 10:30AM.

Please give back by Volunteering-WE NEED YOU!

**FIRST TIME DOCENTS ARE
WELCOMED AND
PARTNERED WITH VETERAN
VOLUNTEERS**

Just once a month would make a world of difference!



SUMMER

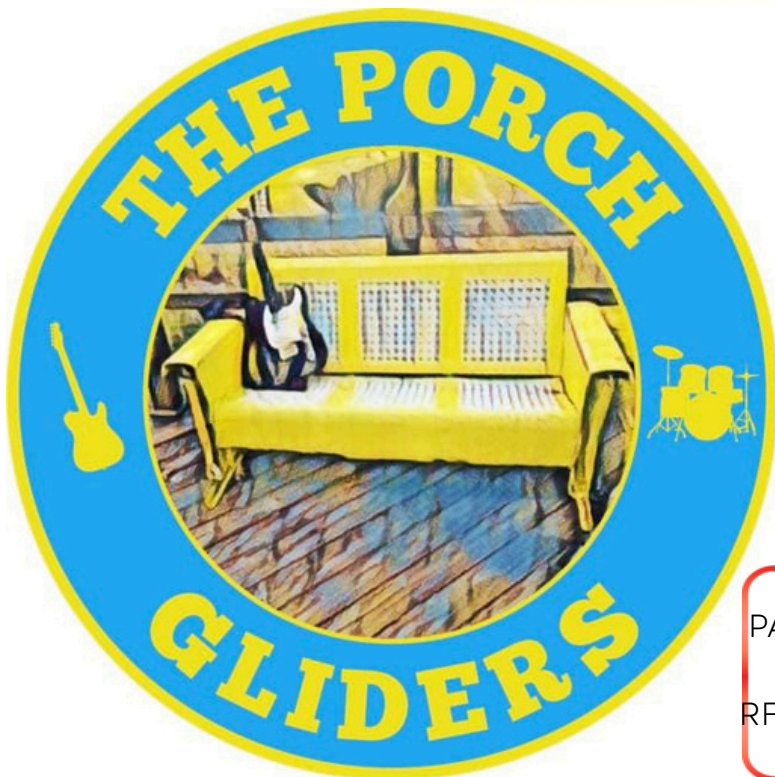
AQUAPALOOZA

Saturday August 30th, 3pm-7pm

HURRY!
ONLY 3 VIP SLOTS
AVAILABLE!



ALL DONATIONS ARE FOR
THE RESTORATION OF FESTIVAL HALL



Aquapalooza



PAYMENTS FOR VIP SLOTS AND DONATIONS CAN BE
MADE WITH THE QR CODE, BY VISITING
RFMUSEUM.ORG OR CALL THE OFFICE 804-453-6529

The background of the entire image is a repeating pattern of small, stylized sailboats. Each sailboat has a light brown hull, a single mast with a blue sail, and a small white flag at the top. They are scattered across the white background.

RFM BOAT SHOP NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

**DO YOU
HAVE ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED**

**TAKING UP SPACE IN YOUR
GARAGE??**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO DONATE TO
RFM BOAT SHOP??**

**PLEASE DELIVER TO RFM
THE WEEK OF SEPT 8TH-12TH
TUESDAY OR THURSDAY
FROM 9-11AM
THANK YOU!**

Classic Boat Show

**Saturday,
September 13th,
2025**

10am - 4pm

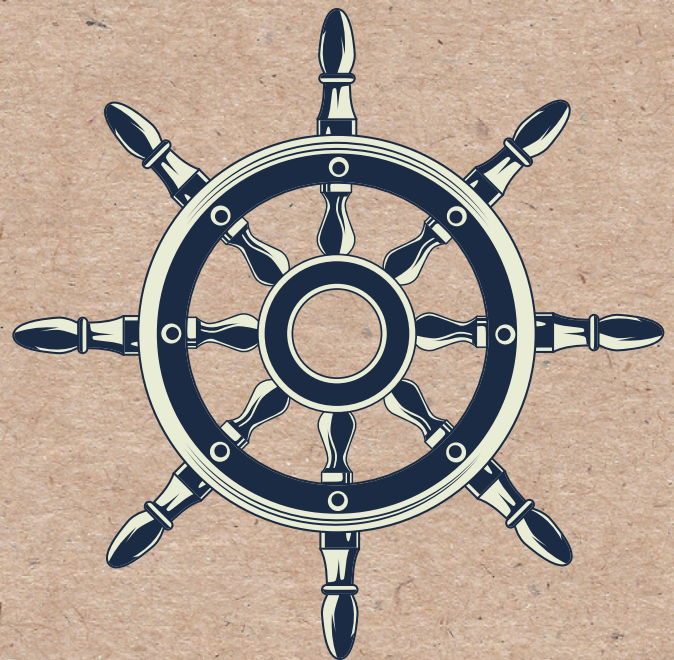
Reedville, VA.

**Antique & Classic
Boats / Land & Water**



**For more info email
RFMuseum.org or call
804-453-6529**

**See our website for vendor application and boat registration forms.
Call or email the office with any questions**



Claud W. Somers

Sale the Chesapeake on a Historic Skipjack!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

\$35 Non-Member | \$30 Member

AGE 10+ | Max 20 Passengers

Payment is due at time of reservation

804-453-6529

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Dates:

- August 16 & 30
- September 13
(Classic Boat Show)
- October 18 & 25



Thank You



Omega Protein recently presented a check for \$250,000 to the Greater Reedville Association toward the restoration of Festival Halle on Main Street in Reedville. From left: Top row: Bailey Loving, Charlie Selden, Mark Barry, Bruce Samuelsen. Middle row: Sara Gaskins, Hannah Long, Martha Tallent, Kathleen Ennen, John Sterrett. Bottom row: Sonny Abbott, Emily Sprague, Diane McGuire, Becky Haynie, Shauna McCranie, Priscilla Fink, Martha Hill.

REEDVILLE – Omega Protein recently presented a check for \$250,000 to the Greater Reedville Association toward the restoration of Festival Halle, a cherished landmark on Main Street in the village.

“With deep roots in Reedville’s maritime heritage dating back to 1878, we are honored to support an organization whose mission is to preserve and share the rich history of our community,” according to Nick Sterrett, vice president of sales for Omega Protein. “We are grateful to be part of an organization like Cooke Seafood, who makes it their mission to strengthen the communities in which they operate.”

The building now called Festival Halle served as Reedville High School from 1927, then later as a primary school. The building was donated to the association in 2009 by the Birkel family.

The building is undergoing an extensive renovation, with completion scheduled for early 2026.

Omega Protein’s donation will serve as a partial match for the \$280,800 GO Virginia grant recently awarded to the association. GO Virginia is a state-funded initiative, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, that strengthens and diversifies Virginia’s economy and fosters the creation of higher wage jobs in strategic industries.

The grant will help establish an aquaculture and maritime innovation incubator program that will be headquartered in Festival Halle. The total budget for the incubator project is \$524,385.

“Corporate, community and local government donations have made it possible to acquire the necessary grant funding to undertake such a large project,” said Shauna McCranie, executive director of the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum, which also is under the umbrella of the Greater Reedville Association.

A key part of the project will be to install a fully equipped and certified commercial kitchen, so local watermen and food entrepreneurs can process and package seafood for regional markets, according to Bruce Samuelsen, treasurer of the association.

The project includes workforce training and education (food safety, business finance, marketing and human resources) and supporting entrepreneurs through outside partnerships.

The goal is to create at least 80 jobs in five years, with \$1 million annual economic impact; enable direct-to-market seafood sales, boosting revenue for local watermen; and provide training to support long-term economic development in the region.

Participating localities include Northumberland County and Lancaster County, but the project is open to watermen across the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula, according to Sarah Oldaker, GO Virginia’s Region 6 Program Director.

“The Region 6 Council is proud to support a unique project that focuses on the shellfish growers, commercial fishermen and agricultural producers in the region. These industries have historical and cultural significance and provide important economic impacts for area localities and the Commonwealth. The vision for this project serves as a catalyst for a larger scale-up effort in these industries in both the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Supporting these industries and expanding their markets outside of Virginia is a key piece of our growth and diversification plan for Region 6,” said John Anzivino, chair of the GO Virginia Region 6 Council.

“The Greater Reedville Association is excited to provide watermen with the ability to grow and market their businesses locally,” said McCranie. “We look forward to partnering with the local watermen community to have a space where they can package their seafood, learn valuable business skills and develop relationships with other leaders in the industry.”

CRAWL FOR THE HALLE

Crawl for the Halle



•Line up begins at 9am at Festival Halle
Drive begins at 9:30am

- Saturday September 13th
- \$30 Entry Fee
(includes one T-shirt)



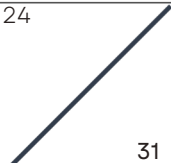




**Join our jeep crawl and support the
restoration of Festival Halle!**



•Register your jeep on our website:

rfmuseum.org

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Gentle FlowYoga 9:30a - 10:30a		Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	1	2
3	4 Kids Summer Camp	5 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a -10:30a Kids Summer Camp	6 Kids Summer Camp	7Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a Kids Summer Camp	Kids Summer Camp	9 Porch Gliders @RFM 6-9 
10	11	12 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	13	14 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	15	16
17	18	19 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	20	21 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	22 Cocktails on the Creek 	23
24  31	25	26 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	27	28 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	29	30  Aquapalooza 3-7 Porch Gliders 

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Gentle FlowYoga 9:30a - 10:30a	3	4Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	5	6
7	8	9 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	10	11 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	12	13 CLASSIC BOAT SHOW 
14	15	16 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	17	18 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	19	20
21	22	23 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	24	25 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	26 Cocktails on the Creek 	27
OYSTER ROAST TICKET SALE - MEMBERS ONLY						
28	29	30 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	OYSTER ROAST TICKET SALE - GENERAL PUBLIC			

About two dozen youngsters and helpers attended the first Take a Kid Crabbing event at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum's docks Saturday, July 19. Board member Tim Abrahams provided everything needed to catch, steam and eat, even a few crabs he caught at the dock earlier in case the kids' catch was slim.

Take a Kid Crabbing



Gabriel Casalaspro, 11,
of Callao,
show a crab hiding
in a corner of his pot.



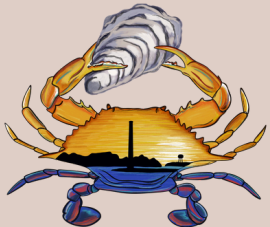
Into the steamer:
Esther Fox, 8,
and her mom, Vanessa,
of Farnham, take a
peek.



From left, Esther Fox, 8, and Gabriel Casalaspro, 11, follow directions from Crabber-in-Chief Tim Abrahams: "Suck it like a lollipop!"

Oyster Roast Date Change

RFM OYSTER ROAST



EAT MORE OYSTERS!



Many members have inquired about our Oyster Roast date change to November 15th, 2025! The change occurred because the Urbanna Oyster Festival changed their date this year which caused RFM to move the date due to shared vendors. We are really sorry that we felt the need to move the date but it was out of necessity.



THREE O'CLOCK BELL

**NEW SEPTEMBER
WALKER HOUSE
EXHIBIT**

BY GONE SCHOOL DAYS,
EDUCATING THE AGES
DO YOU HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS,
ARTIFACTS OR PICTURES OF SCHOOL
DAYS FROM 1875 TO 1975?



**WE'D LOVE TO SHARE YOUR STORY
IN OUR UPCOMING EXHIBIT!!!**

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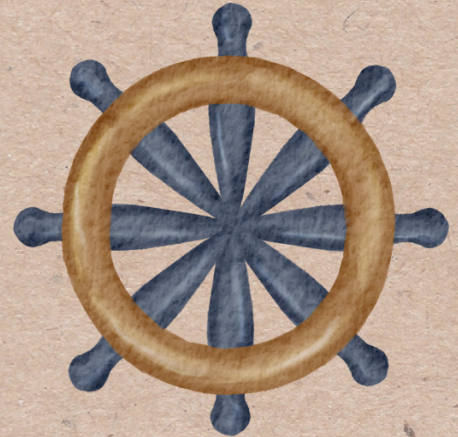
SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- August 4th-8th -Kids Summer Camp
- August 7th @ 3:00 - Building and Grounds meeting. Anyone is welcome to join the committee.
- August 9th -Porch Gliders Concert
- August 30th - Aquapalooza - The Porch Gliders
- September 13th -Classic Boat Show and Jeep Crawl
- September 22nd - Members Only Oyster Roast Ticket Sales
- September 29th - General Oyster Roast Ticket Sales
- October 4th - Cornhole and Jambalaya Cook-off

Please visit our website for All Events!

WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG



We are currently looking for someone to Chair "Kids Christmas in Reedville". Please email the office if you are interested in Chairing or being on the committee.

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



- 37' Trojan International 10 Meter
- 16' Custom-made wooden rowboat
- 2005 Bayliner Sierra 275
- Custom Built 16' wooden skiff
- 1973 Ericson 32 Sloop
- 12' Custom-made wooden row boat
- Glued lapstrake Chaisson Dory with steam bent oak ribs

See the website for full inventory

SALE



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CURRENT INVENTORY

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FEATURE ARTICLES

Updated: July 31, 2025

Best of the Rivah Contest: 2025 Winners



By Rivah Visitor's Guide Staff



Oyster Roast

1st: **Reedville Fishermen's Museum**, Reedville

2nd: **Lower Middlesex Vol. Fire Dept.**, Deltaville

3rd: **Chesapeake Academy**, Irvington

Museum/Historical Site

1st: **Deltaville Maritime Museum**, Deltaville

2nd: **Reedville Fishermen's Museum**, Reedville

3rd: **Steamboat Era Museum**, Irvington

RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Ellen & Bill Adams	Mary Katheryn Hall	Stephanie Oliver
Steve Adrian	Lisa & John Harding	Sarah & Tom Peabody
Beth Altaffer	John & Liz Hawk	Ron & Sharon Perry
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Kevin & Hayley Barber	Dan Hinchman	Michael Rock
Beth Benham	Laura & James Horney	Paula Santos
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Denise Doetzer	Susan Titus & Jay Lightfoot	Barbara & Gerhard Straub
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Jeff Fanning	Susan & Nathan Moore	Joan and Jim Watkins
Jim Filer	Carrie Mullins	Deb & Tom Watkins
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Amy & Guy Geisel	Sherell Noel	Morgan Wilson
Sue & Bruce Gross		Betsy Wyatt
Debbie & Robert Gwaltney		

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