

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

STARRY BANNER

by: Anna Ranson-Williams

LAST CALL FOR RAFFLE TICKETS

Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets before the big drawing on July 6th. Grand prize is a brand new golf cart! All proceeds go to support the Festival Halle renovation project. \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Tickets are available for purchase online. Visit festivalhalle.org for more details! Please see below for a schedule of events for the upcoming holiday weekend and a huge thank you to all of our sponsors!

REEDVILLE TURNS 150!

Join us for a weekend full of family fun!

July 5: 5k packet pickup at Fairfields VFD - 8am-4pm
Golf cart parade and competition on Main St/Festival Halle - 6pm
DJ, food trucks, beer garden under the Wendell G. Haynie Pavilion - 7pm-9pm

July 6: 5k registration at Fairfields VFD - 6:45am-7:45am
5k run/walk at Festival Halle - 8am
Kids activities under the Wendell G. Haynie Pavilion - 10am-12pm
Beer garden, DJ, grilled food at RFM - 11am-2pm
Tour of "Rescue III" by SPSR at RFM Docks - 1pm
Firemen's Parade on Main Street - 3pm
Fireworks start in Reedville - between 9-9:30pm

July 7: Reedville Chorale "A Joyful Celebration" at Bethany UMC - 3pm

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

Omega Protein, Ocean Harvesters, Lilian Lumber Company, Ingram Bay Homes, United Bank, Jennings Boatyard, Rittenhouse Salon, Jett's Marine, Fawn's Cafe, Ross's Fine Jewelers, Chitterchats, Los Portales, Crazy Crab Restaurant, and CoverUp Storage





\$10
PER CART

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM GOLF CART PARADE AND COMPETITION

Friday, July 5 at 6:00pm
Followed by Community Dance & Food Trucks

Golf Cart Rules & Regulations:

All golf carts must be operated by a licensed driver age 16 or over. No driver should be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Golf carts should be decorated in a theme associated with the Reedville Community 150th or July 4th celebration. Be creative!! Add the special ideas to win first place and contribute to the overall entertainment of the event!

All displays should be in good taste and suitable for families. In the best interest of spectators, participants are required to display items and/or play music consistent to the theme. No discharge of firearms, fireworks or similar items during the parade.

Golf Cart Line-Up and Route:

All golf cart entries will receive a number- please display on cart for judging.

Meet and line up at Festival Halle at 5:30 PM on July 5, 2024.

Parade Route- Main Street from Festival Halle to end of Main Street and back to RFM parking lot. Please call 804-453-6529 for any parade/competition questions.

Award Categories- Judges will consider the following for 1st & 2nd Places:

*Creativity, Overall theme, Community Spirit, Bonus- Individuals in Costume and Music

A MESSAGE FROM THE RAPPAHANNOCK AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION



On behalf of the Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association, I would like to thank you very much for providing us with the opportunity to participate in the annual Museum Ships Weekend Event from the Reedville Fishermen's Museum this year.

We made approximately 170 radio contacts around the US including talking with 7 other Museum ships. This count is down a bit from some of our previous years but, as you have heard in the news recently, the unusually high solar activity lately "may cause shortwave radio blackouts at times". Well, it did! While we did notice some degradation in our "normal" radio conditions we were still able to make contact with stations from coast-to-coast. up into Canada, and south as far as the aircraft carrier USS Lexington down in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Regardless of challenges, our members had a lot of fun as well as gained valuable experience in setting up and operating an Amateur Radio station.

Several of our members who had not been to RFM before took the opportunity to tour the galleries. In addition, a number of people from the area who came to see the radio event also toured the Museum. The Saturday docents told me that they were busy! And, thanks to Will Garvey for keeping the trains running for everyone to see.

While the Museum Ships Weekend Event organizers, the Radio Club of the Battleship USS New Jersey Museum and Memorial, have not yet announced the dates for next year's Event I am going to assume for now that the weekend will be June 7 and 8, 2025 therefore we would like to ask for your tentative permission for us to operate again from RFM on those dates.

Sincerely,

**Wray Dudley, MSW Coordinator and Secretary, Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association
cc: Henry Boze, President, Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association**

BOATS, BOATS, AND MORE BOATS



June was a busy month for the Reedville Fishermen's Museum! RFM hosted the TWSBA, "Teaching with Small Boats" program, engaging students from Northumberland Middle School in hands-on learning. The program introduced students to maritime concepts, boat-building techniques, and nautical skills. Over several weeks, participants built and launched their own small boats! This immersive experience not only fosters craftsmanship and teamwork but also instills a deep appreciation for our region's maritime history. By blending education with practical skills, the Reedville Fishermen's Museum continues to inspire the next generation of maritime enthusiasts. RFM and Northumberland Middle School would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship for their generous donation towards this project. Thanks to NAPS, each student was provided with a toolbox of materials used towards the project.

In addition to hosting the TWSBA program, we also hosted our annual Family Boat Building Event! Seven families and sixteen devoted Boat Shop volunteers braved the heat for the June 21st-23rd build under the Wendell G. Haynie Pavilion. A huge thank you to this year's coaches David Clark, Tom Melhuish, Bill Small, Brent Stansbury, Andy Sitison, Don Stone, Pat Darr, Ted Hower, Tom Miller, Lionel Whitcomb, Bill Brent, Bill Turville, Elliot Curzon, Charlie Staker, George Kranda, and Robert Gwaltney. Special thanks to Lilian Lumber Company and Lumber Yard for the use of their commercial fans, and Smith Point Sea Rescue for monitoring the first launch of the Mabel Skiffs. Despite the oppressive heat a great time was had by all!



NAPS ANNUAL MEETING



**Program featuring:
Northumberland Middle**

WITH TWSBA

(TEACHING WITH SMALL BOAT ALLIANCE)

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST FROM 2:00-4:00P.M.

UNDER THE WENDELL G. HAYNIE PAVILION

AT REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

504 MAIN STREET

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND ANNUAL MEETING
TO FOLLOW PROGRAM**

STORIES FROM A FISHING VILLAGE

DELEGATE HILLARY PUGH KENT AND THE RIGHT TO FISH LAW BY: CAROL MURATORE



“It’s about people. It’s about families and livelihoods. It’s about protecting the cultural fabric of the rural Northern Neck”. Hillary Pugh Kent is speaking about her legislation called the RIGHT TO FISH Law or House Bill 928 which recently was signed by Governor Glen Youngkin.

It goes into effect on July 1, 2024. She is our Virginia State Delegate in the 67 th District which consists of Caroline County and the Northern Neck. She is a freshman Delegate, newly elected in November 2023. In her short tenure, she has managed to have this law, plus three others go through the queues, committees and all the hoops to successful passage. Additionally, she co-patroned 4 other laws that successfully made it through the process. Hillary is pleased regarding the bipartisan support for her legislative wins because this demonstrates they are common sense laws truly needed for all Virginians.

The idea for the RIGHT TO FISH legislation was spawned during her time on the campaign trail as commercial watermen informed her of multiple incidents of harassment and purposeful damage to their equipment. Hillary was acutely aware that if

something happens to a commercial waterman or a commercial fishing operation, they will lose that income. She knew farmers in the commonwealth were already protected by THE RIGHT TO FARM Law. So why wasn’t there something to protect the fishing industry? It’s illegal to harass a farmer moving his combine on the roadways. They have rights. So how come people on ski jets can interfere with watermen doing their job putting themselves and the watermen in danger? During the Reedville 4 th of July parade, a man yelled out “Hillary, we’re counting on you”. She knew right then and there; she would take action.

Hillary knows there’s a lot of misunderstanding regarding rights, responsibilities and care for the environment. In speaking with our local commercial watermen, she found them to be one the best stewards of our creeks, rivers, bay and ocean. They depend on it more than any other group and care about it’s future. She says “One group’s concerns do not negate the other’s. We all have to live together”. Hillary wanted to ensure the RIGHT TO FISH Law had teeth and gave prosecutors the ability to punish criminal behavior effectively. This law covers all types of seafood or fishing. It does not matter if it’s fresh water, salt water or brackish. It covers Virginia waters, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. It allows for new penalties and restitution. It’s now a serious crime to harass commercial watermen or damage their equipment.

STORIES FROM A FISHING VILLAGE CONT.

As Hillary stood before the delegation introducing this bill, she asked her colleagues to let her paint a picture for them. “Think about what this means to a person who rises at 3am, puts on their white boots, get their boat gassed up and puts in an honest day’s work whether it’s sweltering hot or frigid cold outside. Think about what this means to the entire supply chain who depend upon their catch. There are multiple small businesses who in some way economically benefit whether it’s the boat yard that performs repairs all the way to the markets that sell the catch”. Many local watermen showed up at the hearings and committees to speak about their experiences taking time away from their work. It’s really a worker safety bill that sends a strong message that we value our commercial watermen and women and their many contributions.

Hillary decided to run for Delegate after much deliberation. It was not an easy decision until someone asked her how she would juggle this because she’s a busy mom who also happens to be a Vice President at her family-owned business, Al Pugh Distributing. That question immediately made it perfectly clear to her. Yes of course, she would run for this office because she was a mom, and it was for her children’s future. Hillary knew it was the opportunity for her to use her skills and make a difference. However, Hillary has been making a difference most of her life with community volunteer work. And she’s no stranger to hard work. Hillary helped out on her family’s farm in Richmond County growing up. Hillary has quite an impressive education getting her master’s degree at VCU after graduating from Randolph Macon College.

Despite being new to government, Hillary has so much more going on in the legislative arena. The RIGHT TO FISH Law is a positive and important step for our commercial watermen. Yes, Hillary we are counting on you to keep up the good work for our little fishing village.



**REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S
MUSEUM WOULD LIKE TO
EXTEND OUR WARMEST
WELCOME TO OUR NEW
BOARD MEMBERS:**

**JIM BARRETT &
VERNELL EDWARDS**

CONCERTS BY THE CREEK ARE BACK!

CONCERTS *Creek*

**THE PORCH
GLIDERS**

**AUGUST 10
6-9**



\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT RFMUSEUM.ORG OR AT THE GATE

NO OUTSIDE COOLERS PERMITTED!

SMALLER CATCHES

RFM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED JULY 4TH FOR
INDEPENDENCE DAY

CALLING ALL DOCENTS! We need your help.

In order to continue to keep our beloved museum running, our history needs to be shared. It's a great way to learn the area, maintain a social life, and help your community! Please email us at office@rfmuseum.org to sign up.

SAVE THE DATES

July 4: RFM Office Closed

July 5: 150th of Reedville Celebration

July 6: Reedville Independence Day
Celebration (fireworks start 9-9:30)

July 6: Model Trains Running

July 7: Festival Chorale Concert

July 12: Cocktails on the Creek (indoor)

July 26: Cocktails on the Creek (outdoor)

August 5-8: Kids Summer Camp

August 5-9: Kids Model Making Workshop

August 9: Cocktails on the Creek (indoor)

August 10: Concerts by the Creek



HELPING HANDS

In this new section in our Starry, we highlight where we need help most and how to take action! Currently, we are in need of the following:

Docents - email office@rfmuseum.org

Independence Day Activities - sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA9AD2FA1FDC34-49432858-july#/>

Firecracker 5k - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA9AD2FA1FDC34-49218884-rfmfirecracker#/>

Classic Boat Show

Saturday, September 7th, 2024, 10-4
Reedville, VA.



Antique & Classic Boats / Land & Water
RFMuseum.org or call 804-453-6529
\$10 Adults - Children under 12 years are free

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR A NEW BOAT THIS SEASON!



← I960 IDEAL CRAFT 15' RUNABOUT -
\$2,900



donations@rfmuseum.org



2007 CHAPARRAL 180 SSI -
\$4,900 →

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PHOTOS HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH:



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Charlie Staker

Charlie Staker plays a crucial role as Vice President on our Museum's Board of Directors. He chairs the Nomination Committee and keeps up with buildings and grounds. When he isn't busy, you can find him dedicating his spare time in the Boat Shop, helping with events such as our Family Boat Build. He also handles the ordering of food and beverages for all of your favorite events. Charlie is already shining his Santa Boots for this year's Christmas festivities.

Thanks for all you do Charlie!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Patti Staker

Patti Staker dedicates her time and efforts in multiple areas. She is the brains behind all things financial. She handles the accounting, bookkeeping, and keeps track of payroll. She serves on the finance committee and monitors the office internal controls.

Patti also handles all of our grant and restricted funds. She is an instrumental volunteer at our events, especially handling food and beverage at the Oyster Roast. We couldn't do it without you Patti!

FISHERMEN'S FUN FACT:

The smallest fish in the world is the Philippine goby, which reaches only 8mm when fully grown. The largest is the whale shark, which grows up to 33 feet and can weigh as much as 41,000 pounds.

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JUNE'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Beth Altaffer
Karen Anderson
Harry Bastow
Kenneth and Rose Brannon
Sergio Capocelli
Dan and Michele Carroll
Steve and Brenda Casey
Jerry Christoforatos
Heather and Nick Cockrell
Dottie Combs
Michael and Carol Cummings*
Joel and Haley Diehl
Kathy DiLisio
Sydney Dorin
Al and Betsy Douglas
Charles and Terry Dutcher
Ray and Susan Edgell
Michael Fisher
Ed and Shelly Forche
David and Zoe Forsyth
Charley Gillmer
Roberta Graham
Bruce and Sue Gross
Jim and Carole Grove
Joel Hamlet
Angela Harrah
Dan and Jeanne Hickey
Dan Holden
Barry and Patty Howard
Ken and Robin Hurst

Gary Kohler
Christopher Laird
Joon Lee
Janet Mann
Hunter and Ingrid Manson
Molly Mayock
Larry and Dee McMurray
Mark and Kathleen Meservey
Ilana and William Nauman
Kathleen Nelson
Stephanie Oliver
Cliff and Liz Parker
Linda Prible
Betty Rennie
Reg and Janet Ridgely
Dan and Marci Robinson
David Ryan
Arleen Samuels
Bruce Sarandrea
Katie and Charlie Selden
Mary Shaughnessy
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Woody and Rainey Trice
Ann Trullender
Andy and Donna Weaver
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