

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

STARRY BANNER

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FAMILY BOAT BUILD 2025

We had a great event!

For the first time, ALL participants had their boats on the water Saturday! No major leaks or repairs were necessary for Sunday!!

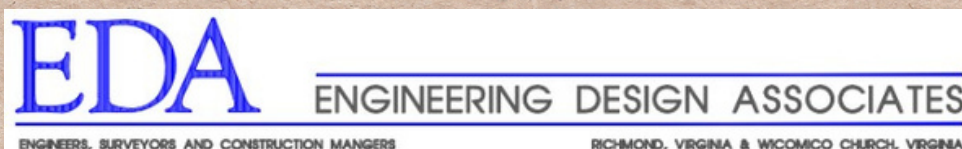
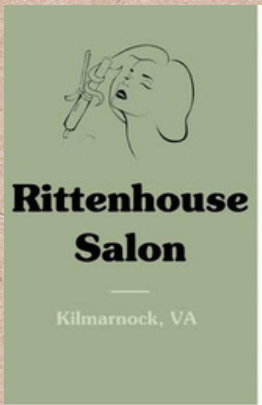
Great Job, Teams!

Thank you for all of our Volunteers that made this a successful event!

Thank you to Smith Point Sea Rescue!! As always, you are "there when needed"!



Many Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors



CONCERTS BY THE Creek

SAVE THE DATE
AUG 9
6P - 9P



Tickets and Volunteer opportunities can be found on our website
rfmuseum.org

No outside food or beverages. No pets
Feel free to bring your lawn chair.

Classic Boat Show



See the website for boat and vendor registration

**Saturday,
September 13th,
2025
10am - 4pm
Reedville, VA.**

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



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



Captain Steve and USCG

David Croy

Even with Cockrell's Marine Railway's generous support, this has been an expensive endeavor on the part of the Reedville Fisherman's Museum. Keeping a 1911 skipjack alive AND USCG certified for passengers is a noble cause. Thanks needs to go out to the wonderful

Museum directors for supporting the CLAUD W SOMERS requirements and to the vessel's skilled captains for managing requirements, keeping her ship-shape, and keeping cost under control. People don't realize these vessel's were built for a 15 to 30 year working life expectancy. The SOMERS has been plying the waters of the Chesapeake Bay for 3 to 4 times that lifespan (114 years!). That takes hard work, dedicated care takers, and money! Support your local Museum (and take a sail on the CLAUD W SOMERS)!

We proudly recognize the Claud Somers crew's remarkable achievement in passing their Coast Guard inspection, a testament to their two-year commitment to restoring this 1911 vessel. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the selfless contributions of our volunteers, the boat shop, and the skipjack crew, who have worked diligently to bring this historic vessel up to certification standards. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Cockrell's Marine Railway for their significant support and guidance throughout this endeavor. The unwavering dedication and community spirit displayed by our volunteers have been instrumental in achieving this milestone, which aligns perfectly with the RFM mission to preserve maritime history. We commend our team for their outstanding efforts in embodying this mission and proudly commemorate 25 years of the Somers at RFM! [#teamworkmakethedreamwork](#)

Claud W. Somers

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!!!

\$35 PER PERSON (NON-MEMBER)

\$30 PER PERSON (MEMBER)

AGE 10+

UP TO 20 PASSENGERS

PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION

804-453-6529 OR OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG

JULY 12 & 26

AUG 16 & 30

SEP 13 Classic Boat Show

OCT 18 & 25





If you have been down Main Street in Reedville lately, you may have seen a lot of activity at Festival Halle. RW Gordon Construction, LLC from Kilmarnock, has been hard at work removing the old rotted joists and beams and replacing them with new ones. They are also replacing the sub-floor; see the photos below.

Once the sub-floor is completed, they will re-install the HVAC and encapsulate the crawlspace to condition it. The water intrusion into the crawlspace, which is what caused the beams and boards to rot, has been mitigated by enclosing the building vents so no more water can leak in.

The next phase, phase 2, will be installing the finished floor, repairing the walls, repainting the Halle and updating the interior to be ADA compliant.

The committee is still raising funds to complete Phase 2, so if you haven't already purchased a beam or board, please visit our website at Festivalhalle.org. Your name or in memory of donation will be listed on a plaque at Festival Halle. We thank all of you for your support and can't wait to reopen this special place in our community.





KIDS *Summer* CAMP

Registration Fee

\$100

**Preregistration is required,
limited spots available.**

Ages 6+



**504 Main Street
Reedville, VA
22539**



**fun &
creative
outdoor
activities**


**August 4-8
9am - 11am**

Please email us at director@rfmuseum.org to register.

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	2	3 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a <hr/> Golf Cart Parade (5:30) Pavilion Party (6-9:00) Food, Beverage and DJ	4 REEDVILLE FIREWORKS!  Start time depends on weather.	5 Reedville Independence Day Celebration Please see our website for details
6	7	8 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	9	10 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	11	12
13	14	15 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	16	17 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	18	19 Take a Kid Crabbing @ RFM 10-1
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AUGUST 2025

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TAKE A KID CRABBING

JULY 19

10-1P

@RFM

PLEASE RSVP TO

OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG

What could be more fun than crabbing from a dock in the summertime?

To help the younger set get started with this time-honored tradition, the Reedville Fishermen's Museum will offer "Take a Kid Crabbing" from **10 a.m.-1p.m. July 19 at the museum. It's free!**

Tim Abrahams, a museum board member, is the organizer of the new event. He has been crabbing his whole life and has spent hundreds of hours crabbing off a dock with his own kids.

He will supply everything needed: chicken necks on a string and dip nets.

The children will put the bait into the creek at the museum's dock. He'll demonstrate how to pull the string up slowly so a helper can net the crab. He also will bring some small crab traps kids can bait and drop off the dock.

He also plans to bring some live crabs caught from his house and give a demonstration on how to steam them. The kids can sample them if they want.

There is **no age restriction, but he suggests a parent or teenager should stay with youngsters under 6. He said he'd be comfortable with 15 to 20 youngsters participating.**

504 Main St., Reedville

Register at 804-453-6529

office@rfmuseum.org or director@rfmuseum.org

Walker House Bridal Exhibit

A BIG
"THANK YOU"
TO THE TEAM THAT
FACILLITATED

"WITH THIS RING"

Chesapeake Garden Club

Rebecca Elston - President

Susan Moore

Sharon Lemke - First Vice President

Darleen Nelson

Donated:

Family of Frances Haynie -

1902 embroidered wedding
gown, shoes, shawl

Olivia Cockrell -

orange Jr Bridesmaid's
dress made by Marguerite
Walker

Lynne Haynie -

high chair, baby suit,
wooden hangers, butter
press



SHOUT OUT TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS
LEEANN SCANLON AND GAYLE STERRETT
WELL DONE

On Loan:

Lydia Haynie -

Wedding dress, veil, mother's
portrait, 2 photos, glass shoe,
cake topper, tin
container

Lou Rogers -

Maria Rogers's china, 2
invitations, cake topper, wedding
gown, veil, 4
bridesmaids dresses, 2 portraits,
4 head pieces, Emily Post
etiquette book, 2 pillow cases, 4
cards, gift registry, ring bearer
pillow, nightgown, 2 hat boxes,
flower girl dress, basket, picture

Deborah Whittaker -

Deb's wedding gown and veil, her
mother's gown, Deb's portrait, 2
silver

wine goblets, invitation, parent's
picture, wedding quilt,
ringbearer's suit, picture, cake
topper

Rita Johnson -

wedding gown, veil, 3 portraits,
daughter's gown and veil, picture

Lee Ann Scanlon -

cake topper, beaded purse, bride
doll, bouquet, handkerchief

Gayle Sterrett -

portrait, invitation, 2 pairs of
gloves

Betsy Brann -

wedding gown, headpiece, 2
portraits, news clippings

Wylia Holbrooks -

wedding gown

Kim Hampton -

wedding gown, petticoat,
marriage certificate

Mary Max Lewis -

wedding gown, 2 marriage
certificates

Shauna McCranie -

2 portraits, cake topper, sixpence

Susan Owens -

bride doll

Sandra Aili Green -

Men's Suit that was worn by
George Frayne



SHIPS ON AIR



Every year on the first full weekend of June the amateur radio club of The Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial organizes an event that encourages amateur radio operators, “Ham Radio” operators, set up radio equipment aboard or near Museum Ships local to them providing an opportunity for other Hams around the world operating from their home stations to make two-way radio contact with as many of the ships as they can over the course of the weekend. It also provides a chance for the ship operators to talk about their museums. This event is known as the Museum Ships on the Air Event.

This year, as we have done for the past several years, members of the Northern Neck’s Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association set up a temporary radio and simple antenna in Reedville Fishermen’s Museum Wendell G. Haynie Pavilion to represent RFM’s Chesapeake Bay Skipjack Claud W Somers in the Museum Ships on the Air Event. This year were one of almost 100 historic and museum ships around the world participating including USS Nautilus, USS Yorktown, and USS Midway to name a few. Using our club official callsign W4NNK our members, taking turns operating the radio, made over 320 two-way radio contacts using both voice and morse code, over the course of the weekend. While most of those contacts were with stations in the US and Canada we also talked with people in England and in the Azores.

Amateur Radio operators (“Hams”) are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in order to be able to operate their short-wave two-way radio stations. In order to obtain a license a prospective Ham must pass a test that covers electronic and radio theory, FCC Rules, and operating practice. While hobby of Amateur Radio has been around for more than 110 years no one is quite sure where the nickname “Ham” came from....it has always been there!

The Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association very much appreciates RFM allowing us to operate our radio each year during this event and to represent RFM and Claud W Somers to an audience that reaches far beyond the Northern Neck. By the way, several RARA Ham members are also active RFM members!

Wray Dudley

FIRST-TIME MEMBER INCENTIVES

FIRST RESPONDER/EMT

REDEEM YOUR FLIER

FIRST RESPONDER SPECIAL:

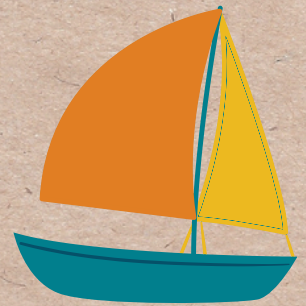
If you serve in law enforcement, fire/rescue, or EMS, join RFM for just \$25-a 50% discount on a family membership during June and July!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Join us for a ride on the **FANNIE** or **ELVA C** before Cocktails on the Creek

🕒 Departs at 4:15 pm

✉️ RSVP: office@rfmuseum.org



TEEN LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS?

We'd love to have them at the museum.

Email: director@rfmuseum.org



Help Keep the Music Going!

Loved last summer's music at Outdoor Cocktails on the Creek?

Consider a spring pledge to bring it back this year!



NEW MEMBERSHIP APP IS HERE!!!!

RFM HAS LAUNCHED OUR NEW E-MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM.

NO MORE PAPERCARDS-JUST YOUR PHONE NUMBER!

DISCOUNTS, GUEST PASSES, AND EASY CHECK-INS ALL IN ONE PLACE!

HAVING TROUBLE OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFO? CALL OR EMAIL US!



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Share Your Story in the 2025 Edition of The Bulletin
of the Northumberland County Historical Society

Do you have a story, memory, or insight connected to Northumberland County's rich past? Whether you're a seasoned historian or simply someone with a story worth telling, the Northumberland County Historical Society (NCHS) warmly invites you to contribute to the 2025 edition of our annual journal, The Bulletin of the Northumberland County Historical Society.

Everyone has a voice in our shared history—no experience required.

Since our founding in 1964, NCHS has proudly published work from contributors of all backgrounds. We believe that every person—regardless of age, profession, or writing experience—has something meaningful to offer. If you care about preserving the stories and legacy of Northumberland County and the Northern Neck, we're here to help you share your voice.

What Can You Write About?

If it's rooted in the life and history of Northumberland County, it belongs in The Bulletin. We're especially interested in:

- ❶ Personal memories and family stories
- ❷ Historical or genealogical research
- ❸ Local landmarks and institutions—churches, schools, homes, businesses
- ❹ Cultural heritage and traditions
- ❺ People, events, or places that capture the spirit of our county

Whether you write about a battle, a bridge, a boat, or your grandmother's kitchen, we welcome your perspective.

Examples of Past Submissions Include:

- ❶ A detailed exploration of DNA testing in genealogical research of a local family
- ❷ A guide to ancient court records housed in the county courthouse
- ❸ An excavation update from Coan Hall, the county's oldest known home site
- ❹ Heartfelt stories like the granddaughter of the man who invented the crab pot, recalling her days with "Pap"
- ❺ A touching coming-of-age memoir from 1940s Heathsville

From the academic to the deeply personal, each article helps paint a more detailed picture of life in Northumberland—past and present.

Why Submit Now?

As one local elder once said: "If we don't write it down, it'll be lost forever." Sadly, many stories already are. But it's not too late. Your contribution—big or small—could be the key to preserving a piece of our shared legacy for future generations. Please contact us soon to let us know of your plans. We want to save a spot for you.

Submission Guidelines:

- ❶ Length: 5 to 25 pages (flexible)
- ❷ Format: Typewritten and submitted as a Word (.docx) file
- ❸ Deadline: October 31, 2025 (dependent on length and editing needed)

Questions?

We're here to help!

❖❖ Call NCHS: (804) 580-8581 or ❖❖ Email the Editor: NCHS.editor@yahoo.com
We can't wait to hear from you. Your story matters—now is the time to tell it.

SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- July 6th - Reedville Festival Chorale
- July 19th - Take A Kid Crabbing
- August 4th - 8th - Kids Summer Camp
- August 9th - Porch Gliders Concert

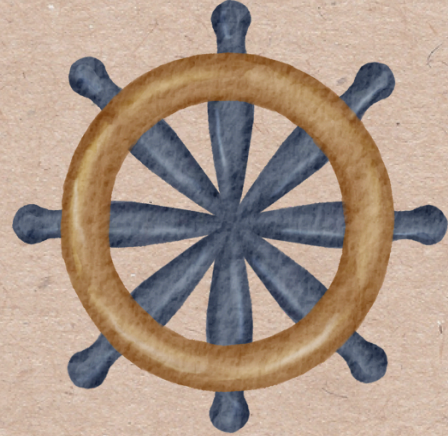
Please visit our website for All Events!

WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG



Your Local Farm to Food Bank

Bring non-expired, non-perishable food to the
next cocktails on the creek



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
- 1991 Thompson Fishermen 240
- 1995 28' Bayliner
- 16' Custom-made wooden rowboat
- 2005 Bayliner Sierra 275
- Custom Built 16' wooden skiff
- 1973 Ericson 32 Sloop
- 1999 Monterey Explorer 230
- 12' Custom-made wooden row boat
- Folding dingy with oars

SALE



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CURRENT INVENTORY
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Get to know the people you may see around the museum!

Bob Dillon, train model shop volunteer

1. What brought you to the Northern Neck?

"Stewardesses!" Now of course they are flight attendants. When I was a pilot for United, we were on the ground someplace chatting. I asked where would be a good place for my wife, Page, and me to move from Rockville, Md., which was getting too crowded. One attendant said she had a real estate friend in Reedville named Harry Lee Self. So we came down and it was the first house we looked at. We've been here about 31 years.



2. What do you do at the museum?

Page was volunteering here and met George Frayne, a founder of the museum who had started the model shop. She "volunteered" me about 26 years ago. "I was kind of into trains ... not like I am now." I'm there on our workdays, generally Thursday mornings. Other volunteers and I go to a big model train show and sale in Richmond each year. We load up a lot of train paraphernalia to sell and we pay our own expenses. This brings in about \$3,000-\$4,000 a year for the model shop. I'm also director of the boat model building summer camp again this year.

3. What do you enjoy doing when you're not at the museum?

My wife and I have traveled a lot. I have always been interested in trains and shooting sports, such as skeet, trap and sporting clays.

4. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

"I was born wanting to fly airplanes!" My interest probably was piqued watching news reels of P-47s in World War II. I went from high school into the University of Maryland's College of Military Science. That was my first time flying, going up with the servicemen who also were getting their degrees. After graduation I went to Air Force pilot training and was active duty for about 8 years.

5. What is on your bucket list?

"Nothing. Absolutely nothing." After my Air Force service I joined the Air National Guard (retiring as a lieutenant colonel) and flew with United at the same time. "The kid who wanted to go flying ended up with about 23,000 hours of total flying time."

6. What is a phrase you live by?

"Make them tell you no." People will say you can't do something. I got told "no" a lot. I was not a good student. "I had to have a lot of help getting out of college. But it worked."

Interviewed by Tina McCloud



SUMMER ART CAMPS



The Reedville Fishermen's Museum will host two creative camps August 4-8:

Art Camp (Ages 6+)

10 AM-Noon | \$100 | Max 10 kids

Led by our Executive Director, Shauna McCranie, who is a retired art teacher.

Campers will create fish-shaped wall hangings using clay and chicken wire.

Past projects included boat painting excursions, fish prints, and sea life dioramas.

Boat Model Building Camp (Ages 10+)

10 AM-2 PM (Bring lunch) | \$100 | Max 6 kids

Led by longtime volunteer Bob Dillon, beginners will build Chesapeake Bay Flatties; returning campers will tackle more advanced models.

504 Main St., Reedville

Register: 804-453-6529

Email: director@rfmuseum.org or office@museum.org

RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Katie & Nick Barrack
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 Taylor & Trevor Deihl
 Tyler Deitz
 Kathy DiLisio
 Vaughan Dize
 Jane Dunaway
 Brenda Duncan
 Susan & Ray Edgell
 Susan & Charles Ewing
 Jeff Fahey
 Charley Gillmer
 Kristy Hall
 Angie & John Harah
 Sandra Haywood
 Christian Headley
 Patty & Barry Howard
 Emily and David Huff
 Thomas Hunter
 Robin & Ken Hurst
 Yvonne & Al Hurt
 Linda Jackson
 Adriana Kaplan
 Nancy & John Lewis

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