
REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

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Happy Birthday, America!

Reedville, grab your red, white, and blue!

Our nation is officially 250 years young!

Let's celebrate the Semiquincentennial on Main Street! Get out there, fly your flag, and join the fun. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation, our museum stands as a vital gathering space to reflect on the stories that shape our community. This landmark year is an opportunity to explore our heritage, celebrate our progress, and envision RFM's future together.

Many exciting events surround the 250th celebration- please find details within this newsletter!

In addition, please help us welcome Larry Foulk, RFM's new Executive Director! Mark your calendars for July 10th~ an evening to "Meet the Director" during RFM's Cocktails on the Creek. Larry and his wife Susan, look forward to working alongside our members to continue our museum's mission.

Wishing you a happy 250th as we celebrate our nation's milestone;
GRA/RFM Board of Directors



REEDVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS & AMERICA 250 CELEBRATIONS



FRIDAY, 7/3

- 5:30 pm Golf Cart Parade and Competition
(line up at Festival Halle by 4:45pm)
 - Pavilion Party following Golf Cart Parade @ RFM Campus
music, dancing, food
- *no coolers or outside food, food and beverages will be sold*

SATURDAY, 7/4

- 8:00 am 5K Race (starts at Festival Halle)
- 10:00am Kids Activities
- 10:45am FVFD "Hose Down" @ RFM Campus
- 11:00am Food & Beverage Sales
- 3:00pm Main Street Parade 3
- 9:00 pm Fireworks



Event Registration



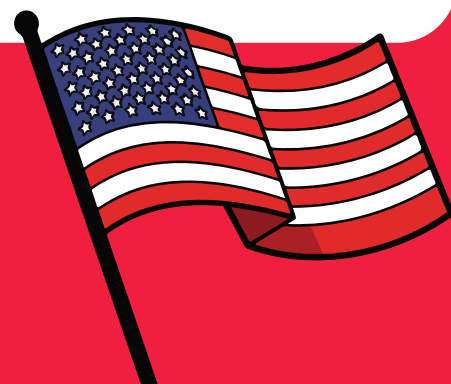
SUNDAY, 7/5

- 3:00 pm Reedville Festival Choral Singers @ Festival Halle and announcement of art and essay contest winners



5k packet pickup
for registrants:
Fri 7/3 : 9 am - 1 pm
at FH
Sat 7/4: 6:30 - 8 am

101.7 radio will broadcast live from the parking lot on 7/3 from 6-10am





“Freedom, Equality, and the American Promise”

Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday

In honor of the USA250/VA250 celebration in July, the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum, in cooperation with Northumberland County Schools, has launched Art and Essay/Poetry competitions. Students have been asked to use their writing and artistic talents to focus on themes found in the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence. The competitions are designed to raise student awareness of civics and appreciation for America’s founding principles. The finished work is sure to enhance our Reedville celebration of America’s history of freedom, equality and American promise!

Submissions will be judged and prizes will be awarded for each grade level.

Art will be displayed at Festival Halle on the weekend of Independence Day and presentation of awards will be at the Reedville Festival Chorale concert in Festival Halle on July 5 th at 3:00 pm. The *Committee continues to solicit sponsorships for this event.*

**For more information, contact Jeanne Hickey
(jeanne@smithpointmarina.com, (804) 580-1951.**





Cocktails on the Creek

July 10th

Meet the Director

5:30-7

RFM's new Executive Director



Larry is excited to be joining the GRA/RFM "family" of staff and volunteers in service to Reedville and the surrounding Northern Neck community. Family is important to Larry. He and his wife Susan have been married for 29 years and have three children - Hadley, Ava, and Ephraim.

Larry has served professionally as a teacher and administrator for public and private-independent schools in several different states throughout the southeast. He has also sought to give back to the communities he has been part of by serving in roles like a docent and writer for a National Trust Site, an elections poll worker, and a volunteer commissioner for an historic preservation board.

It is true that whether as a devoted husband and father or as an educator, Larry has spent more time living and working in Virginia than in any other state, and having visited Reedville on more than one occasion, Larry appreciates just how special the place and its people are, and he is grateful for the opportunity to call it home!



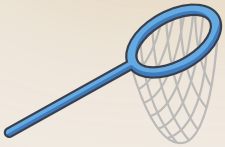
“That's my son Ephraim in the Mabel Skiff, and I'm the fella in the blue museum t-shirt, and Ephraim and I wouldn't have had such a great experience without the help of Mr. Bill Turville, one of the museum's volunteers!” Larry Foulk



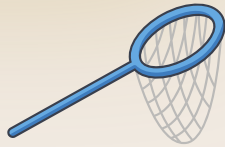
**Sign up for the Firecracker 5K
on July 4th!**



\$40 (5/23 - 7/4/26) Register by 6/15 to guarantee T-shirt



**Take a Kid Crabbing
July 18th
11a - 1p**



**The Dock at Reedville Fishermen's
Museum**



**RSVP by July 13
office@rfmuseum.org
804-453-6529**

KODACHROME

We invite you to come meet the artists and experience this unique celebration of local culture and creativity.

July 18th 6-8pm
Watermen's Gallery



Join us for a special gallery showing celebrating the photography of Mike Fontaine, whose work is featured in this year's Watermen's Gallery exhibit at RFM. Enjoy an evening of photography, stories, and conversation as Mike shares insights into his work and the inspiration behind his images. The showing will also feature a live musical performance by Genny WithaGee.

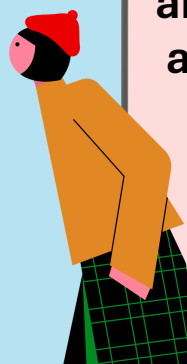
The Reedville Fishermen's Museum is happy to welcome visitors in 2026.

In order to do this, we need a few more crew members for Docent Duty. The Docent Crew supports the mission of the Museum and allows GRA/RFM to receive grants for Museum operations and activities. At this time, the Museum is open the minimum number of hours necessary to qualify for grants of this type.

If you enjoy meeting people, hearing stories, sharing stories and learning something new, then this volunteer opportunity is for you. Docents get a first look at the exhibits, learn the stories and historic lore of Reedville and the lower Northern Neck, and help maintain a sense of community.

The Museum is open Thursdays through Saturdays from 11am to 4 pm.

Starting Memorial Day weekend, we will be open on Sundays from 1pm until 4pm, through Labor Day weekend.



If you want to learn more about what it means to be a docent, please contact the Office.

Office@rfmuseum.org
804-453-6529



Our Watermen's Boots are officially on display!

A special thank you to our Boat Shop crew for helping install and set up this newest addition to the museum grounds. Be sure to stop by, snap a photo, and enjoy this tribute to Reedville's watermen and maritime heritage.

BOOK FESTIVAL HALLE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!

The wait is over! Festival Halle is officially available to book for private events. We're so excited to open these doors to the community for celebrations, gatherings and everything in between.

Reach out to em@rfmuseum.org to reserve your date and start planning!



≡ Aquapalooza ≡

Mark your calendars! Aquapalooza returns

Sunday, Sept 6th 2:00-6:00

Featuring live music



by



Cougar Flash



All proceeds support Festival Halle

Reserve your VIP spot today!

Space is limited and VIP spots sell out quickly. Secure your place for Aquapalooza for \$500 and enjoy the best views of the action on the water.

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TIME TO SET SAIL!



CLAUD W. SOMERS

MEMBERS \$30
NON-MEMBERS \$35
KIDS 10+ ARE
WELCOME
PRICES ARE PER
SEAT

CHARTER THE
ENTIRE VESSEL
(CALL FOR PRICE)

SAIL DATES:

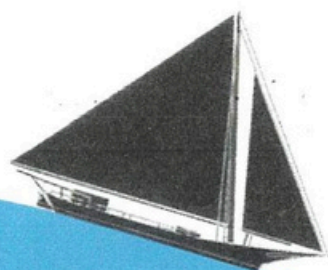
JULY 11
JULY 25
AUGUST 8
AUGUST 22
SEPTEMBER 12
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 10
OCTOBER 24

LEAVE RFM DOCK
AT 10AM
RETURN RFM DOCK
AT 12PM

PASSENGERS
ENTER/TOUR
MUSEUM AT NO
COST

UP TO 15 PASSENGERS PER SAIL!

TO BOOK YOUR SAIL CALL 804-453-6529 OR EMAIL OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG



CREW WANTED

The historic skipjack *Claud W. Somers* is sailed and maintained entirely by volunteers. If you have an interest in sailing, there is a place for you on the crew. No experience is required, we will train you!

During the summer and early fall, the crew sails the vessel on weekends for afternoon cruises and charters. The off-season is spent maintaining the vessel and training the crew.



Reedville Fishermen's Museum

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CONCERTS Creek



AUGUST 15TH
6 - 9



August 29, 2026 - 10am-3pm

Join us for a day of boats on display, both on land and in the water, and other festivities!

Vendors

Music

Beer Garden

Oyster Po' Boys, Brats and Hot Dogs

Taxi on the Fannie and Elva C.

50/50 raffle

Nautical Flea Market

**2026 REEDVILLE
CLASSIC AND
WORKBOAT SHOW**

Celebrating RESCUE I

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

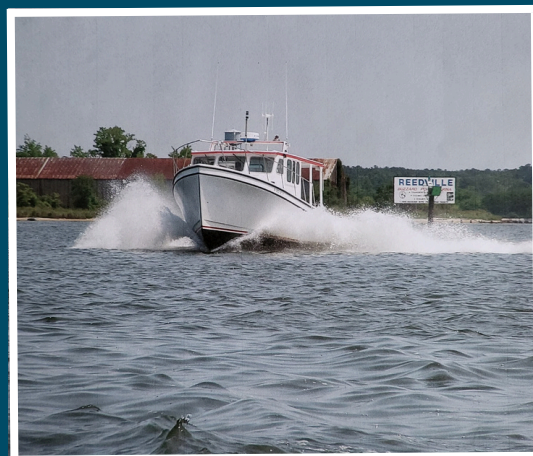
She is 25 this year!!

**This year we are not only showing off the Classic Boats
we are also excited to share the Working Boats!**

Register your boat or sign up as a vendor at



**“there
when
needed”**



Oyster Roast

November 14th 2026

Member Ticket Sales

September 21st - 25th

4p-7p

on the front porch of the Butler Building
(Administrative Office)

Admiral's Circle and Captain's Circle Members -

Please contact the office by September 18th to reserve your membership tickets



Check out our latest YouTube Video!

**George Butler:
A Man And His Craft**



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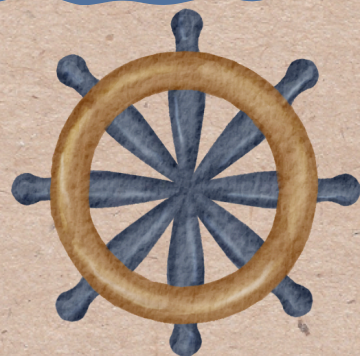
SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- August 7th Cocktails on the Creek
- August 15th Porch Gliders
- August 21st Cocktails on the Creek
- August 29th Classic and Workboat Show
- September 6th Aquapalooza
- September 21st Member Oyster Roast Ticket Sales
- September 25th Cocktails on the Creek

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*

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CURRENT INVENTORY
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July

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Wed: By Appointment Only

Closed on National Holidays

Yoga: Every Tuesday/Thursday (\$10)
Museum Hours: Thurs - Saturday 11-4 & Sundays 1-4
Cocktails on the Creek - BYOB and a dish to share

2026

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6	7	8	9	 10 Cocktails on the Creek Meet the Director	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Take a KidCrabbing and Kodacrome Exhibit Guest Event Genny WithaGee performing	19
20	21	22	23	 24 Cocktails on the Creek Book your ElvaC Cruise	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Wanda Basker	Mary Harris	Marci & Dan Robinson
Vivian & David Basl	Sharon & Steve Harrison	Maria & Wade Robinson
Harry Bastow	Lydia & Vincent Haynie	Linda & Dave Ryan
Brude Belt	Shirley & Warren Haynie	Lee Ann & Dave Scanlon
Marguerite & Russ Bertino	Wylia & Mike Holbrooks	Donald Scott
Ann & Mark Billings	Patty & Barry Howard	Katie & Charlie Selden
Rebecca Brady	Robin & Ken Hurst	Nancy Shackelford
Rose & Kenneth Brannon	Catherine & Thomas Johnson	Mary Shaughnessy
Sergio Capocelli	Sloane & Bob Kane	Dean Sherick
Lisa & Paul Capotosto	Stephanie & Tim Kelchner	Mark Slifko
Heather & Nick Cockrell	Mary & Bill King	Alice Sparks
Kathryn & Greg Corsa	George Kranda	Diane & Steve Staub
Christine Dee	Susan & Nathan Moore	Janet & Steve Sullivan
Susan & Chalres Ewing	Linda & Floyd Morris	Rosalie & Leo Titus
Beverly Fletcher	Natalie & Rob Muzzio	Rainey & Woody Trice
Shelly & Ed Forcke	Leah & Stephen Napotnik	Nancy Tripp
Zoe & David Forsyth	Sandy & Matt Newton	Robin & David Vitale
Roberta Graham	Sarah & Tom Peabody	Deb & Tom Watkins
Karen & Skip Grandstaff	Marilyn & Brad Primeau	Donna & Andy Weaver
Carole & Jim Grove	Margit & Chip Ray	Keese Williams
		Sandy Wright

Thank you for your memberships!

****New Lifetime Member!**

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