

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

STARRY BANNER

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Dear Reedville Community;

As the days grow longer and warmer, June and July will be two special months on Main Street! We will celebrate both our nation's history and the rich traditions of Reedville~

The Greater Reedville Association and Reedville Fishermen's Museum will host major activities and events throughout June and July. There are details throughout the newsletter, however below is a quick snapshot of the lineup. All activities are designed to connect, engage and uplift the community. Please join the fun, visit often and thank a volunteer along the way.

JUNE:

June 13th: Concert on campus- (details throughout newsletter)

June 16-18th: Historic Skpjack Sigsbee will visit and dock at the end of Main Street. Visit and enjoy rich history and activities (details in newsletter)

June 19-21: Family Boat Build- space available (details throughout newsletter)

JULY:

Traditional Independence Day Activities- Celebrate 250!

Join the Semiquincentennial Movement~ Hard to Pronounce~ Easy to Follow!
(details throughout newsletter)

These activities would not be possible without your generosity and heart. Thank you for walking beside us as we turn committment into impact.

Wishing you a joyful, safe, and restorative summer.

With gratitude,

Lee Ann Scanlon

President, GRA/RFM Board of Directors



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!

RFM PRESENTS:



FARON HAMBLIN

JUNE 13TH 6-9PM

**WENDELL G. HAYNIE PAVILION
AT THE REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM
504 MAIN STREET, REEDVILLE**

TICKETS:



[HTTPS://RFMUSEUM.ORG/SUMMER-CONCERT-SERIES](https://rfmuseum.org/summer-concert-series)

**ENJOY YOUR OWN FOOD!
PICNIC BASKETS ARE
PERMITTED. HOWEVER, TO
SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT, NO
OUTSIDE BEVERAGES
(INCLUDING WATER BOTTLES)
ARE ALLOWED ON THE
GROUNDS. A FULL BEVERAGE
BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-
SITE.**



**NO TIME TO COOK OR
PREPARE- CAJUN CARRY
OUT WILL BE READY TO
SERVE YOU YOUR
FAVORITES!**



**BRING YOUR PICNIC AND DESIGN A
LAWN OR TABLESCAPE TO BE
CONSIDERED A PARTICIPANT IN A
CONTEST!
THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE TWO
TICKETS TO THE AUGUST 15TH
PORCH GLIDERS CONTEST.**



CELEBRATE NORTHERN NECK HIDDEN
HISTORY TRAIL'S 3RD ANNUAL

JUNE TEENTH

OPEN TO
THE
PUBLIC

FREE
EVENT

FAMILY

FOLKTALES

LEGENDS

Celebrated Guests:

Dr. Bessida Cauthorne White - Virginia genealogist

Dr. Wanda Tucker - Historian and Jamestown 1619 Descendant

Roberta Lea - Award Winning country singer and songwriter

Saturday, June 20, 2026
12-6PM

Ma Margaret's House B&B
249 Greenfield Rd,
Reedville VA

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Donations accepted!

MORE INFORMATION >>



NORTHERN NECK
HIDDEN HISTORY TRAIL

nnkhiddenhistorytrail.org

FREE SIGSBEE TOURS AT CRAZY CRAB DOCK!

Open to the public

Wednesday June 17th:
Deck tours/open house
from 10-4pm

Thursday, June 18th:
Deck tours from 10-2

SIGSBEE is a Chesapeake Bay skipjack, used to dredge oysters and haul cargo on the Bay. She was built in 1901 and dredged commercially until 1993. In 1994, she was completely rebuilt and certified to carry passengers. Today, SIGSBEE sails the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, teaching students about the ecology, history, and economic importance of her local waters. She still dredges and trawls for fish daily, but only for educational purposes. She sails between march and November and offers programs from 1 day to 10 days in length.

Sigsbee is LOA 75 feet but only 49 feet on deck, beam 16 feet, and draft 4 feet
rig height is 72 feet

Freeboard at the gate is 3 feet

Capacities (max) for vessel:
Sigsbee: 32 passengers plus our 4
professional crew

**Museum will
also be open
extra day that
week-**

**Wednesday
6/17 11-4:00.**

**Information about America
250 programming centered on
the War of 1812 and
Chesapeake Bay maritime
history**

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

Cocktails with a Purpose



The Reedville Fishermen's Museum invites you to a special dedication celebrating the installation of a newly grant-funded historical marker honoring the Chantey Singers.

This marker, to be placed on Main Street in Reedville, recognizes the legacy of the Black watermen whose voices carried the rhythm of the menhaden industry. Through their powerful songs, the Chantey Singers paid tribute to the demanding work of fishermen who once hauled nets by hand.

**The dedication will take place during our Cocktails on the Creek members' event
June 26 at 5:30 PM.**

Due to the Faron Concert on June 13th There is only ONE Cocktails on the Creek this month

VA 250

at VIRGINIA STATE PARKS

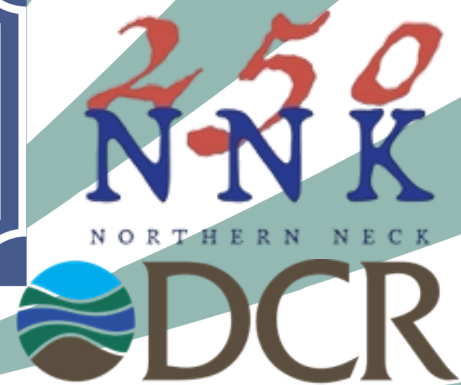
WESTMORELAND STATE PARK TURNS 90!!

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



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!





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



\$40 (5/23 - 7/4/26)

Register by 6/15 to guarantee T-shirt

Aquapalooza

Mark your calendars! Aquapalooza returns

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

Featuring live music by Cougar Flash



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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All proceeds support Festival Halle

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

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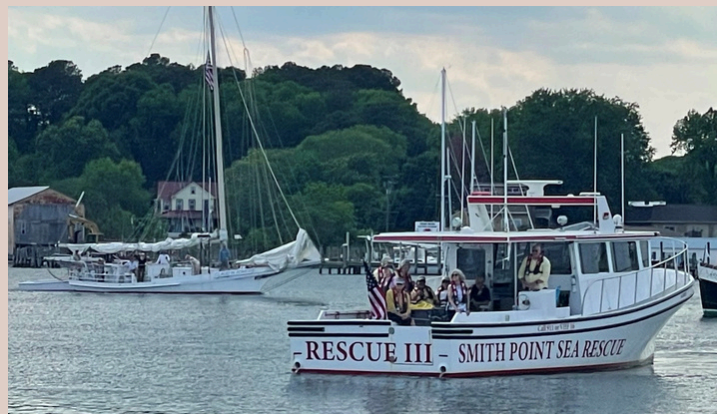
By Tina McCloud
RFM public relations volunteer

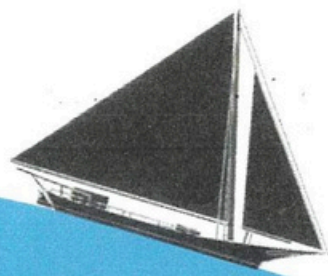
The historic skipjack Claud W. Somers is back where she belongs: at her home dock at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

The skipjack has been on the hard at Jennings Boatyard since last December for a major refit. The all-volunteer crew worked through all kinds of weather, much of it not all that pleasant. The weather was perfect for her return on Saturday May 16. The refit was possible through two grants totaling \$100,000 that were awarded last year. December through April, the crew has put in 384.5 hours of work on the boat: 287.5 hours on grant-funded projects and 97 hours on other items, according to volunteer Wylia Holbrooks. Traditional skipjacks don't have motors, so the trip home was powered by Spat II, a small boat attached to the skipjack's stern. The push boat maneuvers the skipjack when it is not under sail. Captain Steve Heare steered the pair bow-first alongside the dock, but the docking wasn't done yet. Past experience has resulted in a procedure to turn the skipjack 180 degrees so the bow faces toward the mouth of the creek. As Heare steered, crew members on the dock, with lines attached to the Somers, walked along the pier and gradually pivoted her around. Other volunteers on hand for the return included Capt. Tom Briggs, Mike Holbrooks, Jorge Bermudez, Caren Walker, Dana Briggs and Artur Morka. The crew took Somers out for her first shakedown cruise of the year Sunday May 17, said Briggs. They sailed in the river, then dropped sails and motored with Spat II to the boat parade and Blessing of the Fleet around the Stack, Heare added.

The last work on Somers, while on land at Jennings Boatyard included attaching the new rudder. This included lifting and pounding, followed by delicate adjustments by "rack of eye"; like boat builders back when the boat was built in 1911. The rudder installation was done Friday May 8 by Drew Jones and Tyler Boshier of Tiffany Yachts and Somers volunteer Mike Holbrooks. Jones, who crafted the new rudder, and M. Holbrooks mounted brackets called gudgeons to both the stern and the rudder. They had to line up perfectly, so there was a little trial and error before the gudgeons were bolted on. Meanwhile, Boshier was up top maneuvering a metal rod (the pintle) so it would pass through the gudgeons with enough play for the rudder to turn easily.

Dave Croy and Briggs later painted the rudder with bottom paint so it would be ready to go in the water. Across the boatyard, W. Holbrooks cleaned the interior of Spat II. Somers was lowered into the water Thursday May 14 and Spat II followed on Friday May 15 for the homecoming Saturday May 16. A Coast Guard recertification inspection, required to carry passengers, is scheduled for June 16. Crew orientation and training cruises will be held now through the end of the season. More volunteer crew members are needed to maintain and sail the Somers; sailing experience is not required. Sailing cruises will be available to the public starting in July. See the RMF website for more details.





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.



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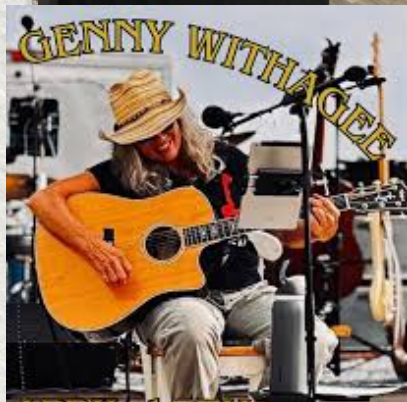


KODACHROME

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 reception 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 reception will also feature a live musical performance by Genny WithaGee.



Check out our YouTube Channel

Dive into our new four part video series on practical seamanship aboard our beloved Claud W. Somers!

From her rich history to sail handling, rigging and reading the weather-there's something for every skill level.



YouTube



@rfmvideos8912

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TO GET NOTIFICATIONS FOR NEW VIDEOS EACH MONTH

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



SUNDAY, 7/5

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



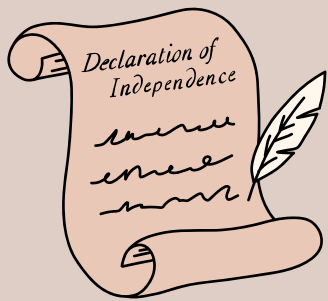
5k packet pickup
for registrants:
Fri 7/3 : 9 am - 1 pm
at FH
Sat 7/4: 6:30 - 8 am

Event Registration



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.**





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”**

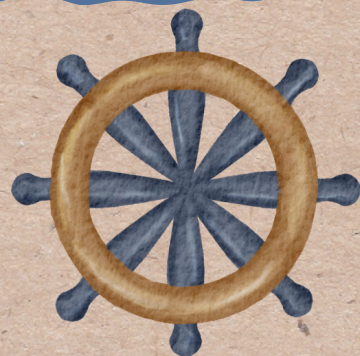


SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- July 3rd-5th Independence Day Activities
- July 10th - Cocktails on the Creek
 “Meet the Director”
- July 18th “Take a Kid Crabbing”
- July 18th Kodachrome and Genny WithaGee
- July 24th - Cocktails on the Creek (book Elva C
prior to: “Chanty Singers Dedication”

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



*See the website
for full inventory*

SALE



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CURRENT INVENTORY
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June

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

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8-4
 Wed: By Appointment Only
 Closed on National Holidays

2026







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Museum Ships on Air 8a - 5p	7 Museum Ships on Air 11a - 4p
8	9	10	11	12	13 Faron Hamblin Concerts on the Creek 6-9	14
15	16	17 Sigsbee Tour 10-4 Museum Open 11-4	18 Sigsbee Tour 10-2	19 Family Boat Build 	20 Family Boat Build	21 Family Boat Build 
22	23	24	25	26 Cocktails on the Creek "Chanty Singers Dedication" Book your Elva C Cruise 	27	28
29	30					

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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		

RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

George Armes
William Armstrong
Lynda & Mark Barry
Steward Belkin
Sara & Thomas Bingham
Mary & Bob Blocher
Brenda & Steve Casey
Harriet Crowther
Helen Del Grosso
Lisa Dutton
Anne & Frank Edwards
Leslie & Glenn Frazho
Joyce Gutermuth
Anne & Robert Haas
Martha & John Harper
Wanda & Dwight Hassler
Linda & Jay Herson
Faye Hughes
Linda Jackson
Brenda & Jimmy Kellum
Lisa & Tim Latendress

Dr. Emory Lewis
Shauna McCranie
Diane & George McGuire
Dee & Larry McMurray
Shannon & Richard Meagher
Marchal & John Meenan
Carrie & Mike Mullins
Lisa & Terry Murphy
Chatherine Parker
Mary & Bill Small
Connie & Craig Taylor
Christina Thompson
Amanda & Ruben Thrift
Harry Towne
Wilma & John Tripodi
Chad & Jedina Tucker
Marian Leigh & Joey Walker
Lionel Whitcomb
Olivia & Charles Williams
Dawn & Ronnie Young

Thank you for your memberships!

**New Lifetime Member!

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