
REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

STARRY BANNER

www.rfmuseum.org

Reedville Fishermen's

Member Preview

and

Watermen's Reception

Join us on

March 22nd at 5:30 pm

in the Watermen's Gallery



RSVP by March 7th to office@rfmuseum.org or call 804-453-6529

The appetizers will be catered by Ma Margarets - Beer and Wine will be provided

Our Gift Shop will be having a Clearance sale during this event

Join us for the reveal of our new exhibits and technology

We will be celebrating the changing of Captains for

F/V Cockrells Creek



Watermen joining for the first time

will be able to purchase a membership at 1/2 price for the months of March and April

Our Museum will re-open to the public on March 27th 11a-4p

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

UPCOMING LECTURE:



**Join us at Fairfields VFD
March 3rd at 6:30pm
Sinking of the Glenna Fay
Peale Rogers and Stan O'Bier
discuss
Pound Netting**

**Due to the snow, we had to reschedule our
Annual meeting
please join us March 26th 6p - 8p at Fairfields
Volunteer Fire Department
RSVP by March 21st**

**DO YOU HAVE A TEEN NEEDING SERVICE HOURS?
EMAIL DIRECTOR@RFMUSEUM**



**Did you enjoy the music last season for
Outdoor Cocktails on the Creek?
Please consider a pledge this winter so we
can enjoy it again this coming warm season**

**Yoga is now
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:30a-10:30a at RFM**

Updates to the schedule will be on our Events tab on our website. We looking forward to seeing you!

Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Emily Fisher is a gift to RFM. She is seen volunteering at most all of our events. She also chairs the Concert Committee. She is vital to our VIP section at the Oyster Roast and is amazing with content on our Social Media. Emily, We appreciate your time and all of the ideas and hard work you have to offer.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Eason and Tyler Cash are fantastic volunteers here at the museum and in Reedville. They have assisted with many events to include but not limited to RFM Oyster Roast, Decorating Foggy River for holidays, setting up for our Concerts by the Creek and FVFD events.

Interested in Volunteering? Would you like to be a Docent?

Email: Director@RFMuseum.org

The 2025 Virginia Community Engagement Index survey is now available! The VCEI seeks to understand the state of service, volunteerism, and civic action in Virginia, and to identify community priorities. Your input will help shape not only our local efforts but also statewide initiatives for a more connected and engaged Virginia. To add your voice, please click the button below to complete the survey. The survey will remain open through Tuesday, March 4.

SURVEY LINK: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8147234/b754d5911113>

Docent training for the upcoming 2025 season will be held on Friday March 21, from 11 am until 1:30 pm.

LUNCH IS INCLUDED and we hope you can fit this into your schedule.

RSVP by 3/14 to office@rfmuseum.org or call 804-453-6529



We will have time to "play" with the Square and practice ringing up transactions, as well as finding membership information; time with the new kiosks that are interactive and allow people to explore a bit more about Reedville; time to learn about the new exhibits in the Watermen's Gallery; and time with folks who work in and know about the Boat Shop and the Model Shop. If you have a friend or two that might like to explore docenting, please feel free to bring them along!--the more the merrier when it comes to docents at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.



Nadine Leisz
Docent Scheduler

SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- March 3: Sinking of the Glenna Fay
6:30p-7:30p
- March 21: Docent Training
11-1 (Lunch Provided)
- March 22: Campus Clean Up
8:30a - 11a
- March 22: Member Preview/Watermen's
Reception
5:30p-7:00p
- March 26: Annual Meeting -FVFD-6p.
- March 27: Opening Day Museum/Gift Shop
11a - 4p

Please visit our website for All Events!
WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG

CAMPUS CLEAN UP
3/22 8:30a - 11:00a

Please bring your work
gloves and garden tools

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!



1997 BMW Z3 2.8 LITER
6 CYL. AUTOMATIC

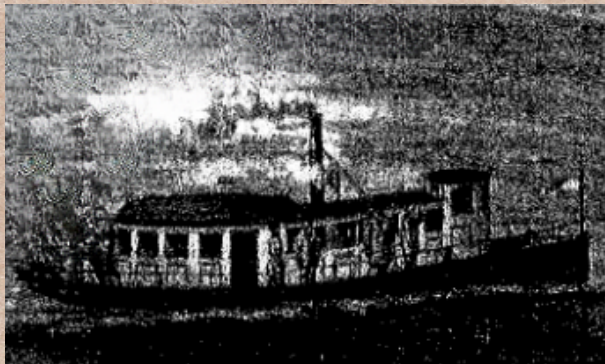
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- 1986 Wellcraft St Tropez 32'
- Chris Craft Scorpion Bowrider
- Santana 20 Sailboat with New North Sails
- Like new North Sails for a Santana 20
- Custom-made wooden rowboat
- Sun Cat 17.1 designed by Clark Mills

CURRENT INVENTORY
WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG

donations@rfmuseum.org

WHAT IS BEHIND THE NAME: STARRY BANNER



According to an article written by George T. Edwards Jr., “*Starry Banner* is an important part of the history of the Reedville area being the first steam powered vessel to be used in the menhaden industry on the bay.

She was small at 39.5 gross measurement tons and about 65 feet long. Her steam engine was small at 30 horsepower and she kept the same engine her whole, short life. She had a capacity for 125,000 fish, less than a tenth of what modern boats carry. She was

special, however, when she came to the Chesapeake Bay since, up to then, all the fishing was done from sailing vessels. Elijah Reed purchased her at the end of 1879 and she was in service from 1880 until she was sold in 1889. Her next owners used her as a ‘wrecker’, a vessel used to raise other vessels whole or, if the vessel could not be raised, to salvage the cargo and equipment. But fate turned the tables and, in November of 1891, *Starry Banner* ran onto a shoal off of St. Augustine, Florida and was a total loss. There was no insurance. The crew of seven was saved by the life-saving station after several hours clinging to wreckage.”

For the full article, please refer to the Northumberland Historical Society’s Bulletin.



WE ARE BUILDING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KITS FOR THE GREATER REEDVILLE AREA

These kits will be stored for the community in the event of an emergency.

Please note again, that all contributions will be tax deductible.

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT INFO IN THE NOTES SECTION SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU.

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visit our Amazon page @

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/2RNDQ5H89ST6S?ref_=list_d_gl_lfu_nav

You can also find us under registries RFM/GRA Wish List

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Reedville Association dba Reedville Fishermen's Museum.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Interview with Spencer Headley.

by Carol A Muratore

Spencer grew up in Fairport, VA spending his youth getting to know these waters like the back of his hand. He was the son of a waterman and grandson of a boat carpenter. He literally grew up on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in North America. He said his dad taught him everything he knows working alongside him for close to 30 years. Spencer has firsthand knowledge of the waters, the habitat and has witnessed the many changes over the years. Spencer bought his own waterman's card and obtained his own licenses as a young man. Today, Spencer is an independent commercial waterman. But that's not all. Due to his immeasurable knowledge of these waters and experience, Spencer was appointed as a Board Member to the very important and well-regarded Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC). These appointments are carefully vetted, and the candidates are selected by the Governor of Virginia. The services VMRC is responsible for include Recreational Fishing, Commercial Fishing, Fisheries Management, Shellfish Management, Habitat Management, Marine Police and other Administrative Services. He serves with an impressive group of individuals with vast backgrounds ranging from lawyers, executives in healthcare, experts on the environment as well as people with expertise in the vertical integration of the industries for-mentioned. Spencer travels monthly for meetings in the Hampton Region office. Spencer is also a Board Member on the Potomac River Fisheries Commission which does similar work but covers the waters controlled by Virginia, Maryland related to the Potomac River. These Board Members are also appointed by the state's Governor. Again, he travels hours to attend these meetings. Most recently, Spencer was appointed to the Northumberland County Wetlands Committee. All of these responsibilities cut into his time working on the water. None of these positions come with a salary, only some basic expense reimbursement. It is a sacrifice to do this work. So why does he do it? He's been the victim of poor legislation himself. Today he works on a committee assigned to clean up or eliminate senseless or harmful laws. Spencer has witnessed how misinformation has harmed his colleagues or folks in other areas of the industry. He has a good sense of what is necessary and what is bureaucratic red tape.

Spencer has many examples of how science might be saying one thing, but he sees something totally different. He has also seen how good science is improperly used to make negative changes or legislation to the industry. Often there is no connectivity to the root cause, real problem or reason for an issue. In essence, the science doesn't even support the push for laws in such cases. Spencer is passionate about focusing on the right issues. He is articulate and is a strong voice for the industry as well as our community. Spencer cares about the environment and knows its sustainability is important to the future of the industry. He states, "sometimes there is no better science than that of a person who works out there every day seeing it firsthand." His message to his fellow watermen: "keep your head down and don't give up". Spencer truly is going the extra mile to give those who work hard a voice.

Claud W. Somers

WE ARE NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS:

\$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

JUNE 14 & 28

July 5th (TBD)

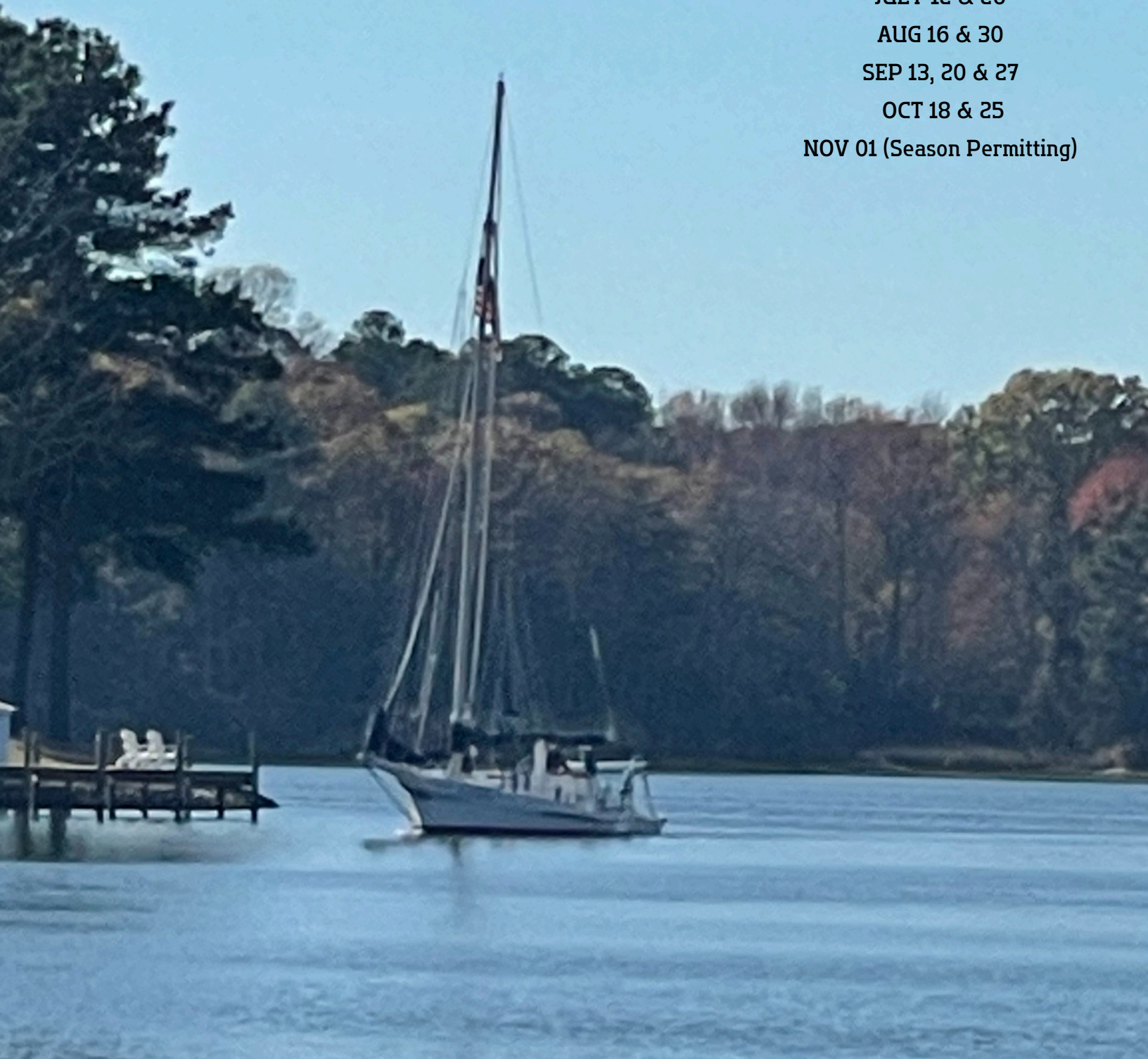
JULY 12 & 26

AUG 16 & 30

SEP 13, 20 & 27

OCT 18 & 25

NOV 01 (Season Permitting)



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA SORORITY FOR
OUTSTANDING WOMAN EDUCATORS PRESENTS:

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2025



Doors Open : 5:45 pm — Game Start : 6:00 pm

**JOIN US AT
THE REEDVILLE FIRE STATION
119 MAIN STREET
REEDVILLE, VA. 22539**

Cost: \$20.00

Refreshments will be available for sale during the event!

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD

This event benefits our altruistic projects like Teacher-to-be Scholarships and Alzheimer's Association.

Come One – Come All!

Free Event – All are welcome to attend

NAPS Special Program & Ice Cream Social

followed by NAPS Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Fairfields Volunteer Firehouse
119 Main Street, Reedville

Featuring:

Ghost Crab Pot Roundup



Up to 20% of commercial crab pots become unbuoyed or abandoned each year trapping countless crabs, turtles, diving birds, fish, otters and other wildlife! NAPS will have wrapped up its first winter season removing these killers and will share its experiences.

Northern Neck Wooden Boat Builders STEM Program



Last summer, we engaged local middle school students in hands-on learning, including maritime concepts, boat-building techniques, and nautical skills. We'll let you know what's in store for this year and how you can help!

...plus other projects, programs & initiatives

Each presentation will be followed by a discussion session to share ideas and answer questions. **Hope to see you there!**

Any questions or ideas? Email Stewardship@NAPSva.org or message 313-0274

**RFM in partnership
with
Bethany United Methodist Church
will welcome the
Easter Bunny**

Saturday, April 19th at 10:00

at BUMC

**Volunteers are asked to meet in the
RFM/BUMC parking lot at 9am on April
19th to help hide eggs and set up games.**

**Donations of candy are greatly
appreciated.**

**Please drop candy off during RFM office
hours 8a.-4p.before April 14th.**

**More details to follow in April's Starry
Banner**



SPRING
2025
BOAT SHOW

**Northern Neck
Sail & Power Squadron**

**Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center
Kilmarnock**

10 AM - 3 PM

Saturday April 26

**Silent
Auction**

**Raffle
Bake Sale**

Boats - New & Used

Arts & Crafts

Classic Cars & Boats

Flea Market

Food Trucks

Contact: Angie -- events@abcnnk.org

(804) 577-4324

www.abcnnk.org

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CARDBOARD REGATTA



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Join us for a fun-filled day in Reedville, as the Northern Neck Wooden Boat School hosts it's first ever Cardboard Regatta! Gather your crew and build a boat. There will be prizes for fastest vessel, most creative design, people's choice, and most spectacular sinking! All boats must be built off site and in advance. Registration fee is \$125 per team and all proceeds support the Northern Neck Wooden Boat School. Please see the NNWBS website for more information: nnkwoodenboatschool.online

Event Details:

Saturday July 12th, 2025


Reedville Fishermen's Museum


Check in at 11:00 am

Race begins at 12:00 pm



Contact Us:

 nnkwoodenboatschool.online

 (804) 453-8609

 blueberry49@gmail.com



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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RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

John Baffa
 Debbie & Henry Boze
 Bob & Alice Burgess
 Billy & Bootsie Burgess
 George Calvert
 Howard Canada
 Pat Clark
 David & Eileen Clark
 Brewster Cockrell
 Harold Conklin
 Roscoe & Kaye Connell
 Elliott & LaDonna Curzon
 Robert & Kim DeBeradinis
 Bob & Page Dillon
 Gene Downing
 Donald George
 Russell & Lynne Haynie

Ted & Lynn Hower
 Mark & Luci Huffman
 Chris & Mindy Larson
 Susan Lindsey
 Emily & J.F. Metz
 Mike & Martha Murphy
 Walter & Cheryl Naulty
 Steve & Lisa Ott
 Andrew Parlour
 Victor & Madge Rollins
 Colleen & Steven Shriver
 Don & Dana Stone
 Norman & Anita Tadlock
 David & Trisha Tetlow
 Christopher Tripp
 Glenn & Susie Warner
 Jim Wiley

THIS IS IMPORTANT!

RFM HAS LAUNCHED OUR NEW E-MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM. THIS NEW PROGRAM WILL DO AWAY WITH THE PAPER MEMBERSHIP CARD AND GUEST PASSES AND ALLOW FOR MEMBERS TO SIMPLY BE LOOKED UP IN OUR SYSTEM BY PHONE NUMBER! OUR NEW APP WILL BE USED TO OFFER COUPONS AND DISCOUNTS AS WELL. PLEASE GIVE US A CALL TO UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL IN OUR SYSTEM OR IF YOU EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES.



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