

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

STARRY BANNER

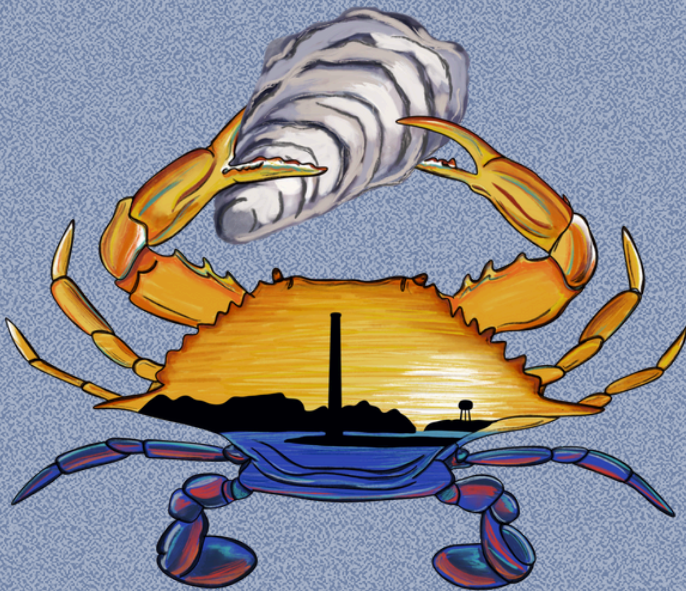
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Oyster Roast November 15

SOLD OUT EVENT!!!

Oyster Roast Volunteer Night- November 7th at 5:00pm.
To volunteer visit the website and use the sign up genius!

RFM OYSTER ROAST



EAT MORE OYSTERS!

Important Reminders

- Bring your ID
- No Pets
- No Outside Food or Beverages
- No Personal Chairs
- VIP may enter 30 minutes prior to General Admission



A Special Fundraiser for the Family of Peyton Mason

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum is partnering with a local photographer **Mike Fontaine** to support the family of **Peyton Mason of Gloucester**, a young waterman who died unexpectedly on **June 25th at age 30**. Peyton left behind his wife, **Taylor**, and their two daughters.

Taylor, who grew up on **Gwynn's Island in Mathews**, is now working hard to keep both their family and their business, the **Virginia Oyster Co.**, afloat-even after one of their two workboats recently sank and is under repair.



About the Photographer

Mike Fontaine's journey into photography began only this year, **February 27**, when he and his wife spotted a fleet of oyster boats from the Norris Bridge. Inspired, he set out in his own boat, "Kodachrome", to photograph watermen at work.

Though at first unaware of boating protocols, his photos quickly caught attention. After sharing them online, Fontaine was invited by Chris Daniel to photograph his father's boat, "Easy Rider". That opportunity led to "Pot of Gold" and his growing reputation in the watermen's world-a privilege "not easily bestowed."

Now known by many as "Kodachrome", Fontaine has built a passionate following of more than **1,700 Facebook friends** worldwide, all connected by a love of fishing and working on the water.

The Artwork: Pot of Gold

Fontaine has donated his professionally matted and framed photograph, "Pot of Gold", measuring **29" x 38"**. He captured the image on **March 3rd** aboard the workboat "Easy Rider" with Capt. Ashley Daniel while dredging for oysters near the Norris Bridge.

Raffle Details

- **Tickets on Sale:** October 15th
- **Price:** \$25 each, or 5 for \$100
- **Limit:** 500 tickets will be sold
- **Drawing:** November 15th, during the museum's **36th Annual Oyster Roast**
- **Winner does not have to be present**

Voices from the Community

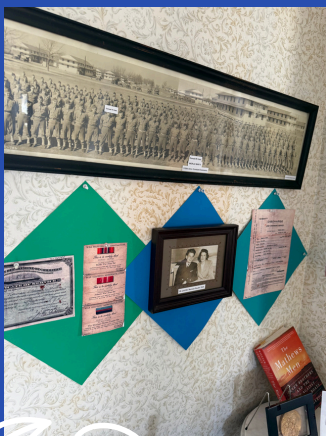
"It's kind of shock, honestly, that people want to help us as much as they do," said **Taylor Mason**.

"I value the fact that artists and photographers are willing to capture the watermen at work. And that we can support local artists as well as watermen families," added **Shauna McCranie**, the museum's executive director.

For raffle tickets or oyster roast information, contact the museum at **804-453-6529** or email office@rfmuseum.org

Article by: Tina McCloud, Volunteer PR

VETERANS
DAY
November 11th



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT OUR
VETERAN'S DAY EXHIBIT IN NOVEMBER.**

The Museum is open Thursday-Saturday 11am-4pm
Thank you Veterans for your service!

**For more information contact:
Gayle Sterrett: gsterrett57@gmail.com**

or

LeeAnn Scanlon ladscanlon@comcast.com

Paint a Basket

Help us decorate our community tree!

1

Pick up a bushel basket from the museum for \$15.00

2

Take it home and paint your own design use acrylic

3

Bring it back to be added on the tree by Dec 1





JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS IN REEDVILLE

RFM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BETHANY
CHURCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
EVENTS BEGIN AT 3PM ON THE
LOWER DECK OF THE MUSEUM

3 PM- SANTA ARRIVES ON THE ELVA-C
3:15 PM- VISIT THE MODEL TRAINS WITH THE
CONDUCTOR AND BUDDY THE ELF
3:30 PM- COOKIES AND MILK WITH SANTA AT
BETHANY CHURCH-PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH
SANTA, BUDDY, AND CONDUCTOR

5 PM- BASKET TREE LIGHTING AT WATERMEN'S
PARK

5:30PM- COCKTAILS ON THE CREEK IN THE
WATERMEN'S GALLERY

TOYS FOR TOTS

DROP OFF A NEW AND
UNWRAPPED TOY TO THE MUSEUM
LOBBY DURING MUSEUM HOURS
THURSDAY-SATURDAY 11-4



MARINE CORPS RESERVE
TOYS FOR TOTS

2026 Lecture Series

1

The Sinking of the Fenwick Island

Movie Showing

January 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Fenwick Island was a fishing trawler that sank in the Atlantic Ocean off Cape Lookout, North Carolina, on December 7, 1968, after capsizing in heavy seas. The vessel was returning to port with a cargo of menhaden when it encountered unexpected bad weather and took on water in its main fish hold, leading to the deaths of seven of the fourteen crew members.

2

War on the Inland Sea-Tom Briggs & The ABC's of Oystering-Susan Swift and Heather Cockrell

Book Talk and Signing

February 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.

The Museum's own Tom Briggs has written a novel of historical fiction set during the French and Indian War. This book is a tale of naval adventure, loss and deprivation and is written from three perspectives.

From the creators of *ABC's of Crabbing* comes a new, children's book that explores the world of oystering on the Chesapeake Bay. Join author Susan Swift and illustrator Heather Cockrell as they share their upcoming release.

3

Menhaden-Joseph W. Smith

Book Talk and Signing

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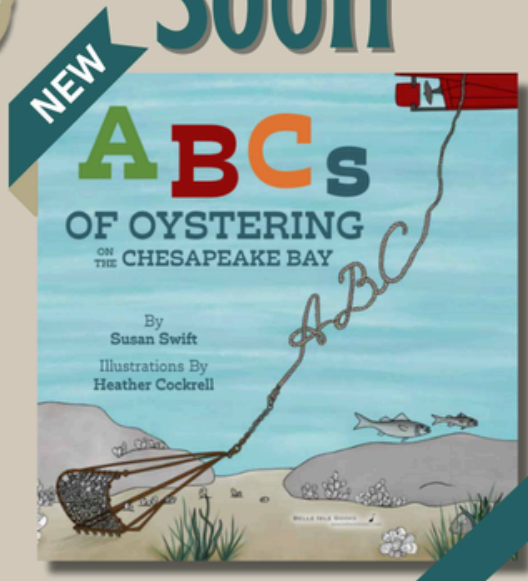
Menhaden: A Biologist's Thirty-Two Year Journey with the Fish and Fishery blend science, history, and personal experience to chronicle the menhaden industry and its ecological importance. Drawing on his 32-year career as a federal biologist, Smith explores the balance between conservation and commerce while offering an insider's view of this vital fish and the people who study it.

By the author and illustrator of the ABCs of Crabbing, the second book in their ABC series will be released in early fall.

Coming
Soon

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all
About it*

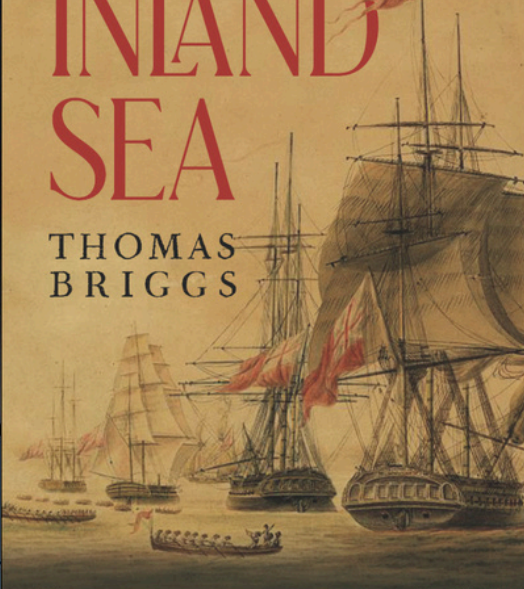
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Just in time for oyster roast season!

WAR *on the* INLAND SEA

THOMAS
BRIGGS



The Museum's own skipjack captain, Tom Briggs, has written a novel of historical fiction set during the French and Indian War.

War on the Inland Sea is a tale of naval adventure, loss and deprivation. The narrative follows a young merchant sea-captain who works with the Royal Navy to build a fleet on Lake Ontario. Told from three perspectives – the British, French and Native American – the novel is a story of war on the edge of civilization.

Available at the Museum shop (*or online retailer*) !!!

THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Preserving Reedville's History for Generations

- ★ The Heritage Society honors those who include the Reedville Fishermen's Museum in their **planned giving**.
- ★ A **planned gift** is a meaningful way to make a lasting financial impact-ensuring that we can fulfill our mission for generations to come.
- ★ Over the past several years, RFM has relied on investment funds to maintain our boats, buildings and campus to ensure that they all remained safe, functional and ready to serve the community.
- ★ By joining The Heritage Society, you can help safeguard the museum's future and ensure that we continue sharing Reedville's story by leaving **YOUR** legacy to RFM.

Ways to make an Impact:

- **Bequest**-Leave a portion of your assets to the RFM in your will or trust
- **Beneficiary Designation**-Name RFM as a full or partial beneficiary of a retirement fund, investment, or life insurance policy.

We'll soon host an informational event featuring professionals who can explain the benefits and tax advantages of these and additional types of planned giving.

To learn more or join The Heritage Society, contact: Shauna McCranie

Phone: 804-453-6529

Email: director@rfmuseum.org



**Have you visited our
Volunteer River Counties
webpage?**

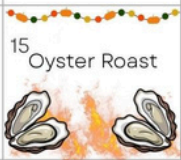
**Volunteer River Counties is a shared hub for connecting
volunteers with organizations across our region-including
the Reedville Fishermen's Museum!**



**SCAN TO FIND OPPORTUNITIES,
SIGN UP, LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER
HOURS ONLINE AND BECOME A FAN!**

We appreciate our volunteers!

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	5 PER NEW PET POLICY OFFICE CLOSED TO MEMBERS AND PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	6 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	7	8
9	10	11 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	12 PER NEW PET POLICY OFFICE CLOSED TO MEMBERS AND PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	13 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	14	15 Oyster Roast 
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23 / 30	24	25 Gentle Flow Yoga 9:30a - 10:30a	26 PER NEW PET POLICY OFFICE CLOSED TO MEMBERS AND PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	27 Holiday Office Closed	28 Holiday Office Closed	29

DECEMBER 2025

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	1	2	3	4	5	6 3p - Santa arrives 5p - Tree Lighting 5p - Cocktails 
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Lecture Series

Activities 2026

**FREE
TAKE ONE!**

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****All lectures will be held at Fairfield's Fire Department****

January 9th, 2026	Cocktails on the Creek	5:30-7
February 13th, 2026	Cocktails on the Creek	5:30-7
February 22nd, 2026	Annual Meeting	3:00
March 21st, 2026	Campus Spruce up Day	9:00-11:00
March 28th, 2026	Member Preview Brunch	9:00-11:00
April 4th, 2026	Opening Day	11:00
April 4th, 2026	Easter in Reedville	10:00
April 24th, 2026	Cocktails on the Creek	5:30-7
May 2nd, 2026	Volunteer Cruise	5-7:30
May 3rd, 2026	Blessing of the Fleet	3:00
May 22nd, 2026	Cocktails Outdoor	5:30-7
May 25th, 2026	Office Closed/Memorial Day	
May 29th, 2026	Cocktails on the Creek	5:30-7

*Watch website for latest updates & musical guest changes to activities calendar www.rfmuseum.org

**If you'd like to volunteer for our events email events@rfmuseum.org

Website: www.rfmuseum.org

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Shauna McCranie-Executive Director:

director@rfmuseum.org

● Teresa Coyne-Office Manager:
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● Mary-Ellen Samuelsen-Volunteer
Coordinator: events@rfmuseum.org

● Mary Kathryn Hall-Curation:
curator@rfmuseum.org

June 6-7th,2026	Ships on Air	8-5/11-4
June 13th,2026	Concert #1 TBD	6:00-9:00
June 19th,2026	Office Closed	
June 19th-21st, 2026	Family Boat Build	9:00
July 3rd, 2026	Golf Cart Parade/Party Under the Pavilion	5:00
July 4th, 2026	Fireworks	9:00
July 4th, 2026	Reedville Independence Day	
July 4th, 2026	Model Trains	11:00
July 5th, 2026	Festival Choral Concert	
July 18th, 2026	Take a Kid Crabbing Day	10:00-12
July 25th, 2026	Concert #2 TBD	6:00-9
August 3rd-7th, 2026	Kids Summer Camp/Model Camp	10:00-12
August 15th, 2026	Concerts by the Creek/Porch Gliders	6:00-9
August 28th, 2026	Cocktails on the Creek	5:30-7
September 5th, 2026	Aquapalooza	3:00-7
September 12th, 2026	Model Trains Running	10:00-2
September 12th, 2026	Boat Show	10:00-2
September 21st, 2026	Member OR Ticket Sales	4:00-6
September 25th, 2026	Cocktails-Outdoor	5:30-7
October 3rd, 2026	Cornhole & Cook-Off	12:00-4
October 16th, 2026	Cocktails-Outdoor	5:30-7
October 31st, 2026	Halloween in Reedville	5:30
November 7th, 2026	Fall Spruce Up	9:00-11
November 14th, 2026	Oyster Roast	1:00-4
November 28th- 29th.2026	Model Shop Trains Running	11:00
December 5th,2026	Reedville Christmas/Cocktails	3:00
December 5th,2026	Model Shop Trains	11:00
December 12th, 2026	Model Shop Trains	11:00
December 19th, 2026	Model Shop Trains	11:00
December 26th, 2026	Model Shop Trains	11:00

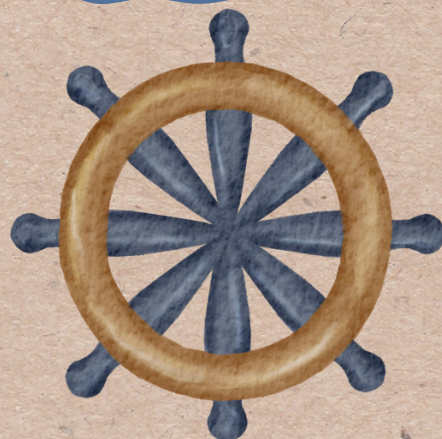
SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

Please visit our website for All Events!

WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG

- November 7th-Oyster Roast Volunteer Night 5:00pm
- November 15th -Oyster Roast 1-4pm (SOLD OUT)
- December 6th-Christmas in Reedville
 - 3pm - Santa arrives on Elva-C
 - 5pm - Tree Lighting
 - 5:30pm - Cocktails



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



donations@rfmuseum.org

CURRENT INVENTORY
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OCTOBER RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Sue and Ben Ames
Kathy and Glenn Anderson
Jan and George Beckett
Don Besom
Carol Bouchard
Brenda Burton
Laurie Bushnell
Joan and Paul Carlson
Ron and Ed Chiapusio
Jim Day
Jill and Rick Day
Judith and Michael DeGroot
Melanie Dempsey
Pushparaj Dhond
Beth and Arnold Gasper
Linda and Allan Goldstein
Tome and Debbie Grass
Alfred and Maureen Griffin
Carole and Jim Grove
Martha Hagar
Colin Harding
Ann Marie and Steve Heare
Rob Hodder
Jean and Jack Hogan
Maryalyce and Lance Johnsen

Amy Lamb
Richard and Rosann Marquardt
Susan and Charles Miller
Angelique Moore
Kate and P.D. O'Keefe
Richard and Lori Pettit
Doc Prosser
Charles Reed
Alice and Warner Rice
Gwendy and Tyler Richmond
Denise and Howard Robertson
Hellen and Mark Russell
Alan Scruggs
Kendra and Rich Simpson
Whitfield Smith
Debbie and Vernon Tate
Laura Tillman
Mary and Bill Turville
Steward and Carol Von Herbulis
Evan Votta
Travis and Caren Lee Walker
Michelle and William Ward
Reid Williams
Pat and Paul Williams
Denez and Bob Yancy

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