

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

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EFFORTS TO SAVE FESTIVAL HALLE CONTINUE

The Reedville Community rallies once again around a beloved landmark building. For some months now, Festival Halle's doors on Main Street Reedville have been closed for public rental, due to widespread decomposition of the wood structures that support the floor. It must be brought up to ADA and local code requirements. Aquapalooza, hosted by two local sponsors, helped start the campaign to grow the first funds to support RFM's efforts to repair Festival Halle. Held off the shore banks at Omega Protein by the Stack, this event has successfully launched fundraising efforts, raising over \$5,000.00 with money still coming into the Venmo account. The "Save Festival Halle Community Committee" is made up of very talented individuals who have expertise in architecture, renovation, contracting, engineering, economic development, and marketing. We have already received approximately \$4,000.00 in in-kind donations from our community committee. They have been working for about four months to come up with a viable plan of execution, we will soon be shovel ready but need to find the funding. The committee has an estimated cost of \$500,000.00 to raise, through local and personal donations and grants. We are pursuing grants to assist our fundraising efforts, but many of these are matching grants so there is much work to be done. This will require community support. If you are willing to donate to this worthy cause, please send your Venmo contributions to @rfmuseum or email director@rfmuseum.org for more ways to help.

The next Aquapalooza event is set for Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 3, 2023, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. featuring Faron Hamblin and the Honky Tonk Heroes; this will be one of their final appearances, so you won't want to miss it! There are 2 VIP spots remaining - 1 additional vessel may "raft up" for an additional fee with advance notice. Mark your calendar and help us save Festival Halle! We will be showcasing Festival Halle in a new exhibit at RFM and would like your photos and memories from years past. Please email us your Festival Halle memories with captions to office@rfmuseum.org. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

BOAT SHOW INFORMATION



YARD SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Boat Shop is looking for donations of nautical themed items for the upcoming Classic/Antique Boat Show. Here's your chance to get rid of that old fishing equipment, life vests, kayaks and canoes, boating accessories, dock items, tools, etc. RFM will be accepting donations the week of September 4th.

We appreciate your contributions in advance!

CAPTAIN'S RECEPTION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - 5:30-7
INVITE ONLY - AT WOODY BOATER

CLASSIC/ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW

SEPT. 9 - 10AM-4PM

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

- Vendors
- Music
- Beer Garden
- Po' Boys and Hot Dogs
- Elva C and Claud W. Somers cruises
- 50/50 raffle
- Nautical Flea Market
- And more!

Boat registration forms and vendor forms can be found on our website at rfmuseum.org/classic-boat-show. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please send us an email to office@rfmuseum.org. General admission tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. See you there!

REEDVILLE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

Antique & Classic Boats / Land & Water
 Nautical Flea Market - Reedville Marine Railway Tours
 Cruises On "Elva C"

Info - RFMuseum.org or call 804-453-6529

Saturday, Sept 9, 2023, 10-4 - Reedville Fishermen's Museum

2023 OYSTER ROAST PRE-SALE

Mark your calendars! RFM's 34th Annual Oyster Roast is taking place on Saturday, November 11th. Member tickets will go on sale September 11-15 from 4-7pm. Guest tickets will go on sale September 18-22 from 4-7pm. Is your guest not a member? Have them go online and sign up for their membership at www.rfmuseum.org/membership so they too can take advantage of the early bird purchase option. Tickets will be sold on the front porch of the Butler House on campus. General admission tickets are \$60/person and VIP tickets \$120/person. We are still in need of volunteers for our Oyster Roast. Please send us an email at reedvilleevents@gmail.com to sign up to help!

DID YOU KNOW? RFM NOW HAS A
WALKING TOUR OF REEDVILLE!



BOAT DONATIONS NEEDED

The majority of the museum's operating budget comes from the sale of donated boats and other items. **OUR INVENTORY IS LOW!** Please consider the museum when deciding how to dispose of a boat that you no longer need. We can pick up the vessel and provide the necessary paperwork for tax purposes. If you're looking for a boat, you can check our [Facebook](#) page for current inventory!

Please call us at 804-453-6529 with questions or email rfmboats@gmail.com.

TOYS FOR TOTS KICKOFF:
OCTOBER 1ST
5:00-7:00PM AT RFM



CLAUD SOMERS SAILS AGAIN!

Reedville Fishermen's Museum is pleased to announce the return of our public sails on our beloved skipjack, the Claud W. Somers. Our sailing schedule is as seen below:

September 9th and 16th
October 7th and 21st

Individual rates are \$35 per adult, \$25 per child. Passengers must be at least 70lbs. Private charters for up to 20 people are \$600. Sails are approximately 2.5 hours in duration. Outside food and beverages are permitted. Email us at office@rfmuseum.org to book your charter today!



ORAL HISTORY

Katy Clune, Virginia Folklife Program Director, along with two other Virginia Humanities staff members and three paid interns from University of Virginia's Public History Institute, presented Executive Director, Shauna McCranie with oral histories that they transcribed this summer for the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

The Virginia Folklife Program was established in 1989 at Virginia Humanities, with funding support from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The folklife program is the state center for the documentation, presentation, support, and celebration of Virginia's cultural heritage and it is part of Virginia Humanities, the state humanities council. Whether sung or told, handcrafted, or performed, Virginia's folklife refers to those "arts of everyday life" that reflect a sense of traditional knowledge and connection to community. Virginia's folkways include traditions that have been rooted in the Commonwealth for centuries, as well as those more recently have been carried here and nourished by Virginia's diverse immigrant communities.

Virginia Humanities staff converted the oral history DVDs, originally recorded in the early 2000s, into digital video files before folklife interns transcribed a total of forty-three interviews—representing hours and hours of conversation. Interviewees include Henry E. Dixon, Raymond L. Curry, Jr, Captain Charles R. Winstead, Jr., Wendell Haynie, Captain Carroll Curry, Francis Haynie and many others. With the videos digitized and transcribed, the museum will be able to share these personal histories more easily—whether in the museum itself or on YouTube.

The Virginia Folklife Program has a long-running relationship with RFM. It supported and documented the museum's founding and opening days. Since then, Virginia Folklife recorded the Northern Neck Chantey Singers, who were part of the Folklife Apprenticeship program. George Butler was also part of the Apprenticeship Program, which provides funding and a public platform to support the continuation of cultural traditions between a person who is a master of a craft with someone interested in learning.

"When the Reedville Fishermen's Museum approached us to see if we could support this project, I knew I wanted to say 'yes'! Making oral histories like these accessible, returning them to the community, is so important. I wasn't sure how exactly we would transcribe forty-three interviews when I accepted the project in November of 2022. Our three public history interns, Anderson Moss, Kaity Wasinger, and Kate Wietor, plus our staff member Jennie Taylor, spent hours of their summer carefully listening to these voices from Reedville. A huge thanks to them for making this possible!" said Katy Clune.

For more information on our oral history collection please email us at office@rfmuseum.org. To learn more about the wonderful people who made this work possible please visit, [Meet Virginia Folklife's 2023 Summer Interns - Virginia Folklife Program %](#)

Pictured left to right:
Jennie Taylor,
Katy Clune,
Shauna McCranie,
Kaity Wasinger,
Kate Wietor,
Anderson Moss



OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

TEEN BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCED



Anne Shackleford, Northumberland High School 11th grader has been selected to serve a two-year term on the Reedville Fishermen's Museum Board of Directors. Anne is a Junior at Chesapeake Bay Governor's School and is the Northumberland High School BETA club President; she serves as Vice President of the Student Council at NHS. She plays on the Field Hockey and Tennis teams at Northumberland. Anne says she loves to fish and especially participate in fishing tournaments. She feels like she grew up on Cockrell Creek and her family is associated with Tiffany Yachts, so she knows boats. Having this knowledge allows her to bring an educated perspective to the RFM board, which in turn helps grow the mission and vision of RFM. Reedville Fishermen's Museum is dedicated to preserving the maritime history of the lower Chesapeake bay, its watermen, and the local menhaden industry, oyster, and crab fisheries. Our mission is to protect and share the maritime history of Reedville and the lower Chesapeake Bay through educational programs, exhibits and community activities while enhancing the lives of the area's residents and visitors. Anne will serve on the board of directors, the education committee, the teen volunteer committee, as well as serve as the liaison between RFM and the schools. The board is very excited about the energy and enthusiasm Anne will bring to this position. Anne is the daughter of Laura and Ronnie Shackleford



COCKTAILS ON THE CREEK

Join us from 5:30-7pm in the Watermen's Gallery on campus, for our favorite member appreciation event full of cocktails and conversation. Cocktails on the Creek is BYOB. Per ABC regulations, all alcohol must be labeled with your name.

THERE IS ONLY 1 COCKTAILS EVENT THIS MONTH DUE TO OUR CLASSIC BOAT SHOW. Cocktails on the Creek will be held on September 22. This is an indoor cocktails event.

Our famous Elva-C Cocktail Cruise goes out the hour prior to the event. **THIS IS WEATHER PERMITTING** and seating is limited. If you would like to reserve your seat on our next cocktail cruise, please email us at office@rfmuseum.org.

ISO: TEEN VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Do you have a teenager looking to bulk up their resume with volunteer experience? Are they new to the area and looking to make friends? Or just bored and looking for a new experience to get them off the couch? Reedville Fishermen's Museum is looking for teenagers to serve on a "teen only" volunteer committee! This committee will assist with events, our education program, promotion, and keeping our campus looking spiffy! Serious inquiries only, please reach out to office@rfmuseum.org to sign up today.

PHOTOS HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH:



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Chase McCarthy

Chase McCarthy makes his contribution as a Board of Directors member in many ways. He has served on the buildings and grounds committee. His energy keeps the crowd and volunteers going during our Summer Concert Series. He actively lends a hand at our Cocktails on the Creek events. He's always there when we need him. Thanks for all you do Chase!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our Model Shop

As we gear up for holiday season, our Model Shop team is hard at work. They have added 2 new locomotives, including a "Big Boy", and are looking to add a Polar Express to the rails just in time for our Kids' Community Christmas! Over the years, they have provided support to the museum through assisting with exhibits, providing a source of income through appearances at various outside events/expos, and offering visitors a glimpse into what our town would have looked like had one of the 18 attempts to bring a railroad to the area for the transportation of fishing products been successful!

FISHERMEN'S FUN FACTS:

Did you know that the American industrial revolution was powered by menhaden? That's right! During the Civil War, Confederate raiders targeted whaling ships in efforts to diminish the supply of whale oil. This contributed to the fall of the whaling industry and menhaden took the lead spot as the principal source of industrial lubricant. Whale ships were quickly converted and the purse seine made its debut! By the late 1800s, half a billion menhaden were being processed. A menhaden boat can produce more oil in a week than a whaling vessel could in years of voyaging, all while staying close to shore and out of harms way!

RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Richard and Pam Mains
 Ben Swecker
 Robert Kovach
 Margaretta Scott
 Don Moore
 Tom Milton
 Catherine Johnson
 Kathy Gold
 Karen McCauley
 Martin Lane
 John and Carol Higbee
 Caroline Cabell
 Michael and Malinda Dillard
 Margellen Scherl
 Frank and Cathy Adams
 Catherine and Fausto Larko
 Martha Hager
 Lisa Baskin
 Bill and Aleta Larme
 George and Claire Ames
 Tom and Hattie Assenmacher
 Cliff and Liz Parker
 Vince Dalton
 Peter and Irene Carrato
 Winifred Delano
 Mildred Dews
 Jim and Chris Filer
 Morgann Rose
 Wayne and Ann Swann
 Sonny and Charlotte Hayman
 Melanie Dempsey
 Cass Cannon
 Adam Barkstrom
 Linda Jamison
 Tim and Gloria Kos
 Rich and Gail Kenny

Mo and Susan Shumate
 Charles and Rosa Monroe
 Chip and Marsha Phillips
 Warner and Alice Rice
 Stanley O'Bier
 Walt and Clair Westin
 Steve Thorne
 Eugene and Anne Wolski
 Bruce Belt
 Bruce McMillan
 Steve Adrian
 Leif and Marie Johnson
 Indre Bauza
 Tom and Priscilla Fink
 Branco and Martha Valcich
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 Tom and Lynn Osborne
 Joseph Crockett
 John and Bev Upshur
 Jeffrey and Robin Darr
 Dottie Longest
 Hal and Christina Dowdy
 Tommy and Ann Armstrong
 Tom and Deb Watkins
 Kendra Simpson
 Steve and Lucille Wilkinson
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