

Centerline

The newsletter of the
North Carolina Maritime Museum's Chapter
of the
Traditional Small Craft Association



Spring 2009

2009 TSCA EVENTS

WOODEN BOAT SHOW

This year, in addition to the Sprints'1 and All Comers Race on Saturday and the 'round the Island Race on Sunday, we plan to try and have a Sunday afternoon picnic on Carrot Island (across the creek from the NCMM). It is easy access from the Watercraft Center for all types of craft. Transportation can be arranged for those not having access to a boat.

THE GREAT FOURTH RACE

The Great Fourth Race will maintain the rally format again this year. Given the varying speeds of the boats sailing shorter legs and regrouping the fleet keeps us all together. This makes the event safer and more fun. We still go relatively long distances but in short legs with refreshment breaks in between. Sign up sheets for the Friends owned skiffs will be posted in the Watercraft Center 30 days prior to the event. All traditionally rigged sailing craft are welcome!

2009 FALL IN THE WATER MEET

The 2009 Fall get together at the Gallants Channel Annex is scheduled for October 17. The waterfront provides a great venue and there is loads of room for boats.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SAILING

With Beaufort celebrating its 300th Anniversary in 2009 it will be a great year to have Sprints'ls in the creek drawing attention to the museum and entertaining visitors. The Maritime Museum's fleet of traditional boats will be available for use on Sunday afternoons starting at 1300 hours. Try to make use of this opportunity when you can. There is also a Wherry available at the Watercraft Center for rowing.

BOAT RIDES

This is a very special year for Beaufort. The celebration of the town's 300th Anniversary brings with it opportunity to showcase the museum and maritime history. The museum would like to see traditional sailboat rides offered to the public during the tourist season. Dedicated volunteers are needed at the Watercraft Center! These \$5 rides, available only if volunteers will act as skippers, show off the museum and raise funds for the Watercraft Center. The TSCA can help facilitate this with member participation. A few hours a week is all it takes!

Contact the Paul Fontenoy, 252-728-7317, if you would like to volunteer.

PRIDE OF TAYLORS CREEK

The museum's new 25'6" sailing skiff that was construction in the Watercraft Center a year ago proved to be a great boat ride boat! This boat was designed and built especially for "boat rides" with bench seats, wide decks, and level floorboards. Volunteer skippers are needed to provide boat rides this summer – this, the 300th anniversary of the founding of North Carolina's 3rd oldest town! Talk to William or Paul if you would like to help out. Funded by The Friends of the Museum this boat will be an integral part of the traditional fleet. Cash donations may be made to The Friends in support of this project.

FEAR-LESS LEADERSHIP

Les Sadler agreed to serve as TSCA Chapter President, again (Thanks Les!). Les continues as a very strong volunteer at the Watercraft Center Model Shop and is the unofficial official skipper of the Friends new 25' Sprints'1 *Pride of Taylors Creek*. Les is looking for input on how to make our 2009 TSCA events even better than those of 2008!

NEWS AND ARTICLES

Please send us, for publication, articles about your current boatbuilding projects or boating activities. Your article may inspire someone else to tackle a similar project.

ELECTRONIC AGE

If you have received this mailing and would prefer to get this newsletter via email (and save us the stamp, and a tree!) please contact The Friends of the Museum office at 252-728-1638 or info@ncmm-friends.org

EVENT SCHEDULE

April 18	Nautical Tag and Tool Sale
April 26-May 2	Boat Rides - Annual Wooden Boat Show
May 2-3	Annual Wooden Boat Show - Races and Boat Rides
May 17	Membership Day - Boat Rides
July 11	Great Forth Race
October 4	NC Seafood Festival Rally
October 17	Fall-In-The-Water Meet

MARITIME MUSEUM WEBSITE

www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/maritime

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM WEBSITE

www.ncmm-friends.org

Did you know that we are one of 30 chapters of the TSCA national organization out of Mystic, CT? Visit the web site @ TSCA.net.

There is nothing— absolutely nothing—
half so much worth doing as
simply messing about in boats.

