

Centerline

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



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2008 TSCA EVENTS

34th ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT SHOW

This year's show is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever! There will be more happening at Gallants Channel, the Marine Band will play, and then there is the National BoatBuilding Challenge! Plan to join in. The Sprints'1 and All Comers Race are always fun, and this year a rowing race with the Challenge boats will cap off the afternoon. The 'round the Island Race on Sunday will finish off the show after our Annual TSCA Membership Meeting Sunday morning. Details on the Wooden Boat Show may be found at: ncmaritimemuseum.org

BEAUFORT NATIONAL BOATBUILDING CHALLENGE

The Atlantic Veneer National BoatBuilding Challenge will take place during the museum's 34th Annual Wooden Boat Show. Teams of two will race the clock as they build a 12' skiff in 4 hours or less! Time, quality of construction, and then a rowing relay race, determine the overall winner. Check it out at: beaufortboatbuildingchallenge.com

MARITIME DAY

This year we will start calling the Friends' "Membership Day" *Maritime Day*. This is a nationally recognized day that commemorates the first crossing of the Atlantic (in 1819) using steam for propulsion. This event is free and open to the public. Free sailboat rides are a key feature of this event. TSCA members are needed to help with boat rides, etc.

THE GREAT FOURTH RACE

The Great Fourth Race will once again be more of a rally this year. The rally concept was favorably received in 2007 with multiple breaks to refresh, regroup, swim, and restart. Any one wishing to help plan and organize this event please contact Les Sadler or Brent at the Friends' office.

2008 FALL IN THE WATER MEET

Once again we will gather at Gallants Channel for great sailing, rowing and pig pickin'! This year's event is scheduled for October 18.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SAILING

As usual, the Maritime Museum traditional boats will be available this summer for use on Sunday afternoons starting at 1300 hours. We would be glad to have all of you make use of this opportunity when you can. The boats that are available are the Sprintsail skiffs and, for rowing, the Cosine Wherries. The Wherries are available at the Watercraft Center any day of the week. Let's try to organize a picnic on the beach opposite the Watercraft Center on some Sundays!

NEW 25' SPRITS'L SKIFF UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The museum has a 25'6" sailing skiff under construction in the Watercraft Center. Funded in part with donations made to the Friends, this boat is designed especially for "boat rides" with bench seats, wide decks, level floorboards, etc. Hopefully she will be online in time for the Wooden Boat Show! Donations may be made to the Friends in support of this project.

BOAT RIDES

Dedicated volunteers are needed to offer traditional sailboat rides at the Museum this summer! These \$5 rides, available only if volunteers will act as skippers, show off the museum and raise funds for the Watercraft Center. Contact Paul Fontenoy, 252-728-7317, if you would like to volunteer.

2008 TSCA FALL "IN THE WATER" MEET

The Fall get together at the Gallants Channel has worked well the last two years. This years event is scheduled for October 18 and we hope to see increased participation. The venue at Gallants Channel is great for sailing, rowing and paddling. The parking is good and there is plenty of space for boats. There is a ramp close by for launching boats of all types and we have floating docks.

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!) please contact The Friends of the Museum office at 252-728-1638 or info@ncmm-friends.org

EVENT SCHEDULE

April 12	Nautical Tag and Tool Sale
April 27-May 4	34 th Annual Wooden Boat Show - Races and Boat Rides
May 18	Maritime (Membership) Day - Boat Rides
July 5	Great Forth Race
September 18	Show off for the Chamber- After Hours Chamber of Commerce Party
October 18	Fall-In-The-Water Meet

MARITIME MUSEUM WEBSITE

www.ncmaritimemuseum.org

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM WEBSITE

www.ncmm-friends.org

Did you know that the TSCA was first created as a response to a plan by the Federal government to adopt a set of "safety" standards that would, in effect, have declared traditional types such as peapods and dories "unseaworthy"?