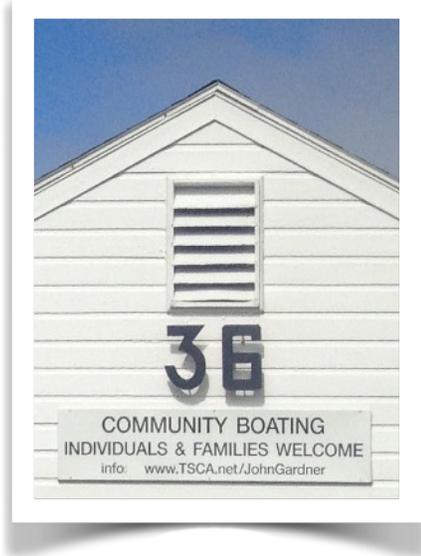


JGTSCA



John Gardner Traditional Small Craft Association

Welcome to the John Gardner Chapter of the
Traditional Small Craft Association

Visit us at the Community Boat House: Building #36 UCONN Avery Point
1084 Shennecossett Rd, Groton, CT 06340

Fall Maintenance on Rowing Craft
at UCONN Avery Point Boat house Building 36

Next Meeting: December 3rd at 5:30 pm at APBH
Rowing and Sailing gatherings occur during the three seasons with special programs and visits planned throughout the year. All are welcome.

Local: www.facebook.com/JGTSCA and <http://www.jgtzca.org>
National: www.TSCA.net

News from around the Chapter

Welcome to the John Gardner Chapter of the Traditional Small Craft Association! Visit us at the Community Boathouse, Building #36, on the University of Connecticut's Avery Point campus in Groton, CT. We invite you to attend one of our gatherings, go for a row, a sail or get involved in our next boatbuilding project.

Upcoming Events:

We are pleased to announce that the resumption of our monthly gatherings went off without a hitch. We met at the Avery Point Community Boathouse Friday evening, at 5:30 pm, November 5th, roasted some hot dogs (thanks, Dan), ate some piping hot pizza (thanks, Phil), after which members Matt McKenzie, Cookie Wierski and Ian Bradley shared stories of the rehabilitation of the White Dory. It had been 19 months since our last in-person meeting, March 6th at the Noank Firehouse when Fred Fischer shared his Director's Cut of his Noank History video. Remember that? Little did we know....

Based on November's success we plan a second gathering at the Community Boathouse starting at 5:30 PM Friday, December 3rd. After a quick agreement on officers for next year (let us know which roles interest you), the topic for the evening will be a round robin sharing of the role small boats played in your life over the last year and a half. Please plan to come, burn some hot dogs, eat some pizza, or if ambitious, bring a dish to share. Definitely will be interesting. Full vaccination expected. Hope to see you there.

Lead Stories:

This month we have two activities on which to report: Launching of the White Dory and the Fall Colors Row & Paddle on the upper reaches of the Pawcatuck River. Both were well attended, fun and, as Dan Nelson put it, are best explained in pictures because "a picture is worth a thousand words". So we'll cut the verbiage and tell the stories with photographs...

Launching the White Dory



FROM L TO R: COOKIE WIERSKI, IAN BRADLEY AND MATT MCKENZIE RELAXING ON FRIDAY EVENING AFTER SHARING WITH US THEIR CHALLENGES REHAB'G THE WHITE DORY



SATURDAY MORNING, LAUNCH DAY: OUT OF THE SHOP AND ONTO THE TRAILER, READY TO GO



AT THE BEACH, CHRISTENING TIME: MATT POURS SOME “SCOTTISH BREAKFAST TEA”, OR SO HE SAID, AS HE SAMPLED A BIT HIMSELF



THE LAUNCH: IAN, COOKIE AND MATT SLIDE THE DORY INTO THE WATER



AFTER CHECKING FOR LEAKS (NONE), MATT TAKES THE DORY FOR HIS FIRST ROW



MATT'S SON SAM ALSO TAKES HER OUT FOR A ROW.

We had many color photographers, but here is an excellent, sharp, clear B&W by new member Tim Gordish who not only takes his photos but develops them as well.

We have many more photos; come to our next meeting and we will run a continuous slide show. It was a fun day. Thanks Matt and crew for all your efforts.

The Fall Colors Row and Paddle on the Upper Pawcatuck River

We met at the Bradford Boat Launch, went upstream 3.5 miles to a broken dam just above the Burdickville Road Bridge and returned through undeveloped, wooded Burlingame State Park, RI. Dan was right: along the coast, we have to wait until the end of October to see the peak of fall colors. It was Halloween but we saw no trick-or-treaters.



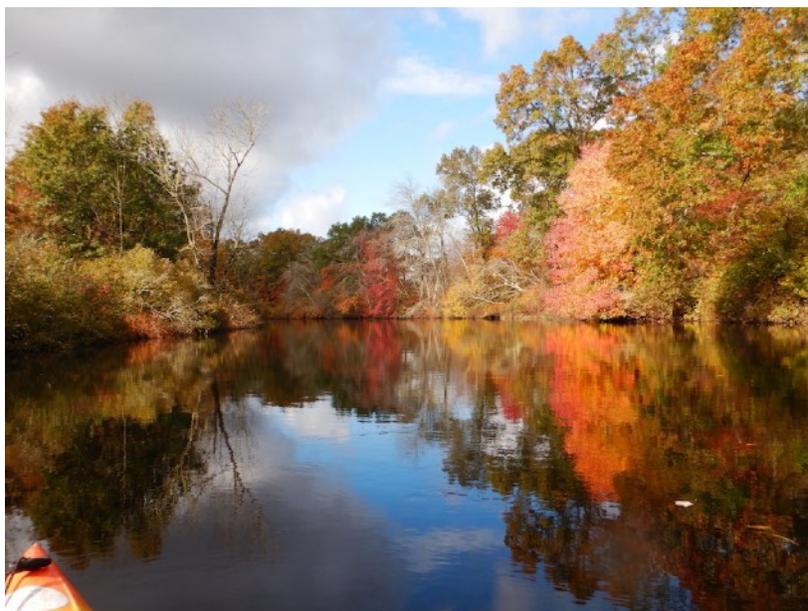
**LEADER DAN NELSON AT THE LAUNCH CONFERRING WITH KAREN RUTHERFORD.
PHIL BEHNEY LAUNCHES A CLUB DORY BEHIND THEM**



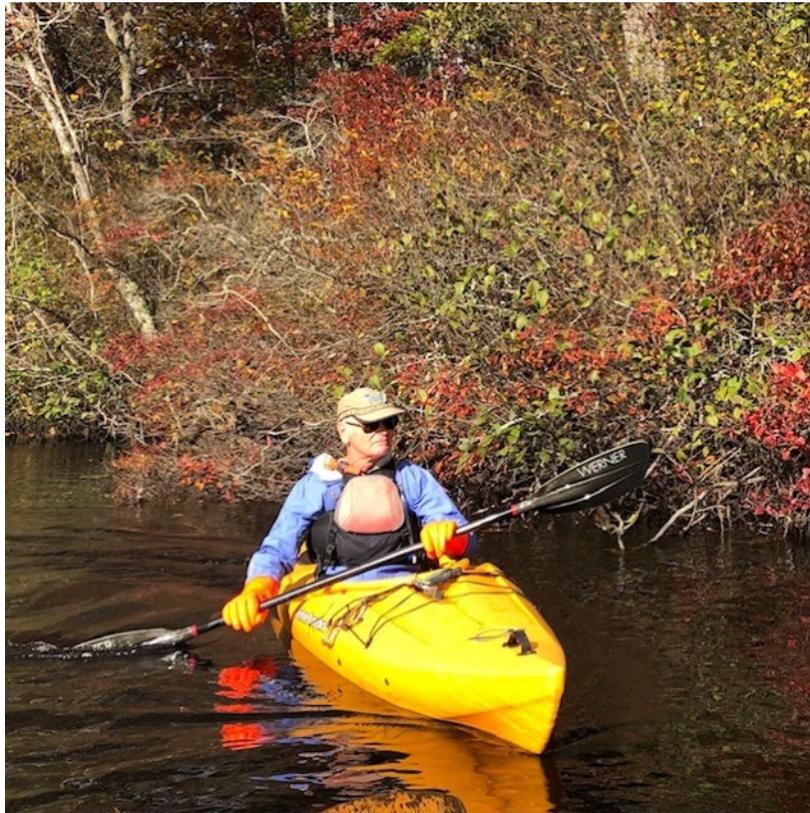
**THE PADDLERS, L TO R: LEIGH REINHART, DAN NELSON, RON REINHART, KRIS MEIER, BILL MEIER,
BRIAN COOPER AND JUDY COOPER (PHOTO-IDENTIFYING THE TREES ALONG THE WAY)**



THE ROWERS: PHIL BEHNEY, BILL RUTHERFORD AND KAREN RUTHERFORD



THE RIVER, RESPLENDENT IN FALL FOLIAGE



BRIAN COOPER IN HIS RIVER KAYAK CORRECTLY OUTFITTED IN DRY SUIT AND GLOVES



THE DORY HEADS HOME

Thanks again to Dan Nelson for sharing one of his special spots. See you next year.

Upcoming Activities at Mystic Seaport Museum

GUIDED TOURS OF THE HENRY B. DUPONT PRESERVATION SHIPYARD & WATERCRAFT HALL, MOST FRIDAYS

Join us this fall and winter for small group guided tours of the Shipyard's machine shop, rigging loft, and interact with our skilled shipwrights as they describe the work they are doing on this winter's projects, including *Mayflower II*, *Pilot*, *Sherman Zwicker*, *Star*, and more. Following the shipyard tour join a guided tour of the Museum's Watercraft Collection. Housed in nearly an acre of the Rossi Mill building, the Watercraft collection is one of the largest and most diverse collections of its kind in the world. Including over 460 boats- mostly wood, and mostly American- going back to 1824, the collection includes vessels owned by a former president, prototypes of famous designs, and every outboard engine that you can imagine. Registration Required. Registration required at least 24 hours before tours. To register please call 860-572-5331 or email reservations@mysticseaport.org.

Field Days

November 26-28

Thanksgiving dinner is done and the whole family is together. Why not spend some time outdoors burning off those extra calories on our Museum grounds? We will have a variety of outdoor and socially distanced activities the whole family can enjoy. Try your hand at a 19th-century lawn game, make a seasonally-themed craft, explore the Museum grounds with a scavenger hunt activity, and learn about how Thanksgiving and the fall harvest were celebrated in earlier times. All activities included with museum admission.

Lantern Light Village

December 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22

5-8 p.m.

Lantern Light Village is an outdoor, free-roaming experience designed to exemplify the differences between the modern and 19th century holiday seasons. Take a journey through time as you seamlessly transition between the holidays you experience today and the holidays of the past. The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World is here in Mystic, just in time for the holiday season! Come see what all the hullabaloo in the 19th century village of Greenmanville is all about! Enjoy festive lighting displays, live music, horse and carriage rides, fire pits, a visitation from St. Nicholas, and more including holiday themed stories, crafts, and games!

74TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING

December 19th

Starts at 3 p.m.

The Carol Sing will commence at McGraw Quadrangle at 3:00 p.m. Mystic Seaport Museum visitors will be admitted free of charge on this day from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. As in the past, a donation of non-perishable food will be collected as well as monetary donations in lieu of admission. The donated food and contributions will be given to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

Report from the Mystic Seaport Museum Boat Livery:

We have a new Leader of the Boathouse Livery as well as the Yachts on Exhibit (YOE), Nick Parker, who introduced himself to current Boathouse volunteers this past Thursday and we, in turn, introduced him to our charges. If interested in volunteering as we enter the winter season of maintenance, contact Carrie Moore, Assist. Director of Volunteer Services, at carrie.moore@mysticseaport.org There are also many other opportunities to volunteer at the Seaport. Carrie can fill you in.

And the Latest from the Mystic Seaport Ship Modelers:

Here is the latest from Leader Bob Andrlle: "Saturday, Nov. 13th, we met at the Watercraft Hall at the Seaport at 10 am, and then toured the Watercraft Hall. After the meeting Bob shared some good news concerning a new Seaport ship model display that is planned for the Mallory Building, and what looks very likely to be a dedicated workshop space for MSSM, associated with this new ship model display."

A very active, interesting group. If you would like to get on Bob's mailing list, let me (Bill R.) know and I will share his email address with you.

From the Mailbag:

Congrats to Russ

Jinishian, whose artwork and stories have graced these pages! Later this month he will be named named 2021 recipient of the Eastman Johnson award at the Union League in NYC. If in the City, stop by the Union League Club on 38 E 37th Street. He has assembled an exhibit of over 35 paintings. Visit Russ' website to view a two minute video of the exhibit or if over in Stonington Village visit his gallery at 52 Water Street, by appointment, or regularly view new works at his website



www.jrusselljinishiangallery.com. A beautiful model of a Catboat is in the window and here is a photo of a scratch built Ian Oughtred Acorn Skiff.

This just in from JGTSCA Member Peggy Huckel: Dressed in period costume, she and crew brought a Mohawk River Bateau to this year's John Gardner Small Craft Workshop. Her latest:

"Our Schenectady bateaux did see weekly rowing and a couple of neat reenacting events this season (see attached photo). We did have an interesting situation where the tongue broke off our trailer on a dirt road in Vermont, after a 5 day voyage and reenactment at Fort Ticonderoga, and was stranded there with bateau on board for a couple of weeks until a local welder fixed it up better than new!

I did an event where my friend's 30-year-old replica dory was a static display because the Lake Champlain water levels were too low for actual boating! I also got to attend the Gloucester Schooner Festival, which included a Dory race, and toured the Essex Shipbuilding Museum, which I highly recommend. Some very cool small boats there!

So it wasn't such a bad summer after all, and our Memorial Weekend adventure with the JGTSCA was a great kickoff!"

Peggy Huckel, Schenectady County Historical Society Bateau Volunteer



Ron Reinhart's Truck Bed Kayak Rack

At this fall's TSCA outing on the Pawcatuck River, Bill Rutherford asked if I would do a write up on the kayak rack that I built this spring.

Keep in mind as you view the pictures, that this is a prototype. I'll describe the changes that I'll be making after the kayakers are back on their rack for the winter.

So, my solution has evolved over a long time. Initially, I had built a tall cuboid rack of pressure treated lumber that sat inside the bed of our Sonoma/S10 upon which we placed a 15 foot fiberglass canoe. The Sonoma didn't have stake holes so the rack had blocks to prevent movement in the bed. The canoe was strapped down to eyes in the truck bed. It travelled pretty well but was rickety and hoisting the canoe up and over from the rear of the truck took some "oopfh".



When we got the B4000/Ranger which had stake holes built into the top of the truck bed, I shortened the legs and tapered to fit the holes and also widened the rack since it was not inside the bed as with the Sonoma set up. In the end, functionally, it was like the Sonoma set up but getting the rack out of the truck was difficult for two people, let alone one. When we got the kayakers, hoisting them up to the rack, shoving forward and flipping over was easier than the heavy canoe, but still took some effort.

So I began thinking of taking a different approach. The first thought was to get a "truck bed extender" since the truck has a "Hidden Hitch" but concluded our kayakers are too wide to sit side by side in the bed.

It then occurred to me that with the truck gate down, the length was about 8 feet so that the center of gravity would be in the bed for the 12 foot kayakers. I experimented with fore and aft positioning to keep the bow or stern of the kayakers below the cab window and in the bed, otherwise I would need to build a barrier. I then considered making a plywood structure to hold the kayakers vertically but then remembered that carriers were included when I bought the kayakers from a friend.



So, I bought two 2x6's and some 2x4's to prototype a solution.

To keep the two 2x6 pieces that the kayak carriers were fastened to from shifting in the truck, I notched the 2x4's to fit the 2x6's and shaped the ends to fit grooves in the plastic bed liner which prevents movement fore and aft. I was concerned that the rack wasn't attached to the truck bed in some way, but once the kayakers are tied down to eyebolts that I attached to existing holes, they are very secure traveling on the Interstate. One rope is threaded through the kayakers.



Once the kayaks are stowed for the winter, I need to replace one of the cross pieces that had a knot that created a weak spot when I needed to notch the top over the notched bottom to allow the kayaks to properly sit in the carriers. I may try to fit the 2x4's horizontally and fit a smaller piece on the underside to fit the notches in the bed liner.



Any questions or assistance,
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JGTSCA Website JGTSCA.org

Here is the latest from John Hacunda: "The website provides author permission for more than one person, so if other club members have an interest in directly adding content to the website we can arrange training." Feel free to discuss with John; contact me (Bill R) and I will share John's contact information.

Remember your Dues for 2022:

\$15 to Ellie for all of JGTSCA's activities and \$25 to National to keep up our insurance and receive the "Ash Breeze". Links & addresses below:

LOCAL CHAPTER JOHN GARDNER TSCA - Join and Renew Online www.JGTSCA.org

Or Mail the following to:

JGTSCA Treasurer
Community Boat Building
UCONN Avery Point Campus
1084 Shennecossett Road
Groton, CT 06340

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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Individual/Family Membership \$15 Annually; Make check payable to JGTSCA. Thanks

NATIONAL TSCA MEMBERSHIP - Join and Renew Online at www.tsca.net

Or Mail to: Secretary (Membership)
Traditional Small Craft Association
P.O. Box 183
Mystic, CT 06355

Individual/Family: \$25 annually for Individual/Family and receive a copy of the "Ash Breeze". Remember, National pays for insurance coverage for our events! Thanks

From the Side Deck:

It was good seeing members outside and active at our Fall Foliage Paddle and Launch of the White Dory as well as under shelter in our well ventilated building for a fine meeting/presentation in November. We look forward to seeing everyone again at 5:30 pm, December 3rd at the APBH. Bring dish to pass if you like. Hot dogs provided. Fair Winds, Bill & Karen