

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

Current Project: Rehab Swampscott Rowing/Sailing Dory
at UCONN Avery Point Boat house Building 36

Next Meeting: In Person and/or Zoom Meetings will resume in Fall
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.jgtsc.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:

Wednesday, September 15th, 11 am to 2 pm. Matt McKenzie plans to again visit our Community Boathouse with his "Sailor's Skills" class. This is an opportunity for our members to directly share with UCONN AP students our interests, motivations and knowledge. Contact us if you would like to participate with a short Show & Tell or be available for direct conversations with students, which they particularly enjoy. Here is a synopsis from Matt:

"I'm teaching my sailors' skill course on Wednesdays from 11:15 to 1:45 this fall, beginning September first. Would it be possible to bring my students to the boathouse on one those meetings to meet your crew, learn about the association, learn about boat building, and perhaps arrange a follow-on weekend row? As before, I'm happy to let our TSCA colleagues drive the bus as for what gets covered in the day—I am sure all of it will be relevant. 9/15 for the student meet up will be a good date; then the iron is still hot for them to join us for the Bluff Point Oar & Sail outing 9/18. I will also let them know about that event when I reach out to them next week so they can plan ahead." Prof. Matt McKenzie

Tuesday, September 14th at 9 am we will meet to spruce the place up a bit. You are welcome to join us. If not available Tuesday, feel free to stop by anytime, pick up any left over projects and dive into a dusty corner. Put collected trash into trash bags; we will take care of them. If anyone would like to be there to meet Matt's class on the 15th, let us know. We do not plan a formal class presentation, just a bit of talk about whatever boats are in the shop or boat one may bring. Conversation is encouraged. We will mask up when inside. Feel free to join us.

Sail & Oar Outing September 18th, 10 am to 2 pm. This is becoming an annual opportunity to show the versatility of our type of boats. We launch at the ramp beside the ball field on the east side of Airfield Road just south of Route 1. We then duck under the Amtrak bridge, row our way between the old trolley line abutments then nose in on the airfield side to raise sail (for those of us who plan to sail as well as row). We then sail to our heart's content in the smooth water behind Bushy Point Beach, the back side of which provides a handy place to pull in and take a break. We usually make it back to the ramp by about 2 pm. Bring a lunch or a snack. The location favors our shallow draft boats and the tide should be in for the morning, falling in the afternoon. Let Brian Cooper or myself, Bill Rutherford, know if you plan to attend and please let Phil Behney know if you would like to row one of the Chapter's dories.

Boat Names by Russell Jinishian



NEAL HUGHES, BURNHAM'S BOATYARD, ESSEX, MA

People give their boats the names they do for all sorts of reasons - Famed newsman Walter Cronkite (1916-2009) named his boat "On Assignment," so he could tell people he was "Working," when he was actually Sailing (You might remember the two East Coast cruising books he wrote while aboard her with artist Ray Ellis (1921-2013), titled "North by Northeast" and "South By Southeast.") Other names reflect a stage of life like "Second Chance," or an

attitude: "Intrepid," a pastime: "Fishin' Fool," or a state of mind, like "Serenity," or a play on words like "Reel Nauti."

But for centuries, boats have often been given women's names. It may be because "Navis," the original Latin word for "Ship" was considered a feminine word, so that ships have been referred to as "she" (although in non-Latin based languages such as those spoken in Russia and the Middle East, ships are referred to as "he"). Or it may be that early ships were dedicated to Goddesses - probably in hope for protection. Commercial fishermen have often named their boats after their wives or girlfriends. Traditional sailing vessels often carried distinctive carved female figureheads that it was thought helped guide the vessel, and also made it easy to identify, particularly to many the sailors who could not read.

Thanks to Mr. Jinishian. Visit his website <https://jrusselljinishiagallery.com> or his gallery at 152 Water Street in Stonington Village to view the beautiful artwork. If interested, sign up for his periodic emails about interesting topics like this at rjinishian@gmail.com. Lots of historical insight. And see the latest virtual tour of his shop, complete with backgrounds of the artists shown.

The Latest from Mystic Seaport Museum

Visit <https://www.mysticseaport.org/calendar/>

Report from the Boat Livery:

BOATHOUSE: WEEKENDS ONLY plus Labor Day & Columbus Day FREE rentals

First boat out 11:00 a.m., Last boat out 4:00 p.m.

BRECK MARSHALL Cruises \$8 (6 person capacity)

Weekends Only & Labor Day, Columbus Day: 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15 (no 2:45) 3:15, 3:45

\$8 per person (3 and under free), tickets sold at Sabino Ticket Booth

Member Appreciation Night

Saturday, September 25, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

We are keeping the Museum open late just for Members! The Museum grounds and select exhibits will be open so bring a friend, pack a picnic, and come enjoy the sunset by the river after the Museum closes to the public.

Mystic Seaport Ship Modelers

Leader Bob Andrie advises: "The New London ship model conference that is usually held at Ocean Beach in New London in April, will be held on October 2nd. It will be in the Port-and-Starboard. as it usually is. Register at www.Usscsmg.org/nsmc (USS Constitution Ship Modelers Guild/NE Ship Model Conference)"

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.

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum



On Friday–Saturday, Oct. 1–3, 2021, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum will host one of the nation’s largest gatherings of small boat enthusiasts and unique watercraft at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival XXXVII. Hundreds of amateur and professional boatbuilders and enthusiasts come from all over the region to display their one-of-a-kind kayaks, canoes, and other traditional small craft. Sailing skiffs, rowing shells, kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, prams, and one-of-a-kind boats will be on display and in the water throughout this family-oriented event. Small craft owners hailing

from all over the country will also be available to share their knowledge and boating experiences with guests.

Museum shipyard staff and Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School instructors will be on hand Saturday to offer boatbuilding workshops and maritime demonstrations. Beginning at 1pm on Saturday, a lively Miles River race of small craft can be watched from the museum’s waterfront and docks. Festival-goers can also vote for their favorite boat, with the People’s Choice award and others announced among participants on Saturday evening. For complete info go to <https://cbmm.org/event/mid-atlantic-small-craft-festival-xxxviii/> Bill & Karen Rutherford plan on attending and camping on the grounds. A Pre-Festival Camp-Cruise to Wye Island State Park is planned. Contact Bill R. for details.

Remember your Dues for 2021:

\$15 to Ellie for all of JGTSCA’s activities and \$25 to National to keep up our insurance and receive the “Ash Breeze”. Currently we have 33 up-to-date local members. Join and Renew Online Locally at www.JGTSCA.org and Nationally at www.tsca.net

Or Mail the following to: JGTSCA Treasurer
Community Boat Building
UConn Avery Point Campus
1084 Shennecossett Road
Groton, CT 06340

NAME _____

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TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

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

From the Mailbag:

The WoodenBoat Show (Mystic, CT) was truncated a day due to weather and the WoodenBoat Festival (Port Townsend, WA) was cancelled due to COVID but the **Wooden Boat Festival lives on in virtual form on their website** <https://woodenboat.org/vwbf2020/> All the content from last year's virtual gathering is being made available for free from 9/3-9/10. It is a wonderful collection of programs from over the years. I immersed myself in them for a month last year and think i saw them all. Recommended highly! No charge; donations accepted. Let us know your favorite.

From Matt McKenzie: "I wonder if MSM and TSCA might be interested in teaming up for: sail the length of Lake Champlain (and if trailers available) portage past Fort Ti, then down Lake George (or the other way around). In my mind, this would be a camp cruise trip/raid style thing, but I'm flexible (perhaps BnB to BnB trip instead?)."

This sounds like fun. I've got my trailer wheels all greased and ready to go. Reply directly to Matt at matthew.mckenzie@uconn.edu

From Member Bill Platt:

"What's the news from TSCA. How is it going? On the topic of traditional small craft, I got my Nethercott International 10 sq metre canoe back in action 2 weeks ago. Raced the East Coast regatta in RI. I got 2nd to last but it is always a blast.

US International Canoe East Coast Championship at Mount Hope Bay
(yachtsandyachting.com) <https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/239530/US-International-Canoe-East-Coast-Championship>

Best regards, Bill Platt"

Bill: we hope to see your 10 Meter at one of our gatherings.

From Bill Stirling and Walter Baron:

Announcing the 8th Almost Annual Wellfleet Rowing Rendezvous, September 25, 2021

"We are proud to announce the Almost Annual Wellfleet Rowing Rendezvous # 8P, to be held Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Mayo Beach, Wellfleet, 11 AM to 3PM. The purpose of this free event is to promote rowing, and to be able to try and compare different boats . We will have boats to row, and you are invited to bring your boat for others to row. In 2019 we had 20 different boats.

Boats can be launched for free from trailers at the boat ramp at the Wellfleet Marina, next to the beach, or hand launched at the Town landing right next to the commercial pier. Please be mindful at the ramp, as dredging is scheduled to start soon and there may be commercial activity. Please bring PFD's and an anchor for your boat. This event is FREE, but please register via email or phone if you are planning to attend. More details will be available as we get closer to the event." Register at : walter@oldwharf.com Phone- 508-349-2383



This just in from Dick Sleeper who joined us for this year's John Gardner Small Craft Workshop:

"Trying out Cat-Ketch rig on Dory during our Rockland vacation this past week. Worked well. Regards, Dick Sleeper"

A reply to Frank Day, whom we met at Small Reach Regatta, in answer to what did we know about boom tents for Camp Cruising:

"As for a boom tent, we have sheets of measurements we do every summer for Karen to make boom tents in winter. An interim solution I have found involves "Vermont Shingles" (blue tarps from Big Blue), bungee cords and a few hooks & eyes. We have multiple examples for multiple boats.

Another solution favored by the more hard core small boat cruisers who seem to want some mosquito protection is to simply repurpose a small tent by cutting out its bottom.

A third alternative is go cheap: buy a tube tent, crawl in and drape a swath of mosquito netting over your face. Or forget the tube and just go with a bedroll and a mosquito net hat. That works but makes the bedroll a soggy mess (from the dew) in the morning. Don't ask me how I know.....

So, give one a try or all three in order of complexity and expense. Let us know how it turns out....

Hope this finds you out cruising, just pulling into a secluded inlet for the evening...."

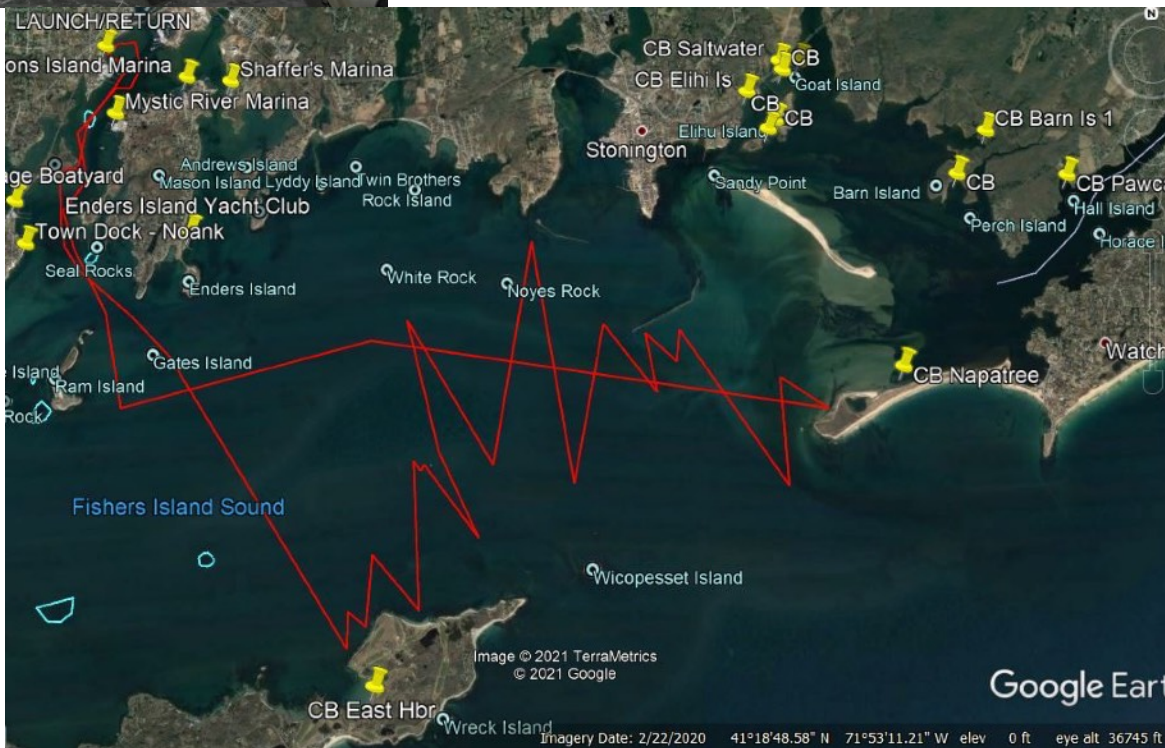
And this **from Member Dane Rochelle** after a windy day in late August:



“Hi All: A cloudy stormy sort of day, with a stiff breeze. Great sailing day, Mystic to Napatree Point and back. 22nm sailing distance in 5.25 hours sailing time. Winds steady at 10-15 gusting to 25kts. Drizzle and rough water. Great workout and seriously fun!

See pics attached.”

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**From the Side Deck:**

Well, that’s about it for this issue. We hope everyone got out on the Water this summer and had a fine time under oar and sail. Our family sure did, rowing and sailing funky old boats in water both salt and fresh. Send us your stories and we’ll share them with the group.

The last Small Reach Regatta was the second week in July; the future may be many smaller, similar gatherings throughout the country. Our September 18th Oar & Sail Outing is a good example of a gathering of like minded folks to share techniques, compare boats and have fun rowing and sailing. Please consider taking a few hours from your busy Saturday and participate.

Fair Winds and may your Fall be Glorious,

Bill & Karen Rutherford