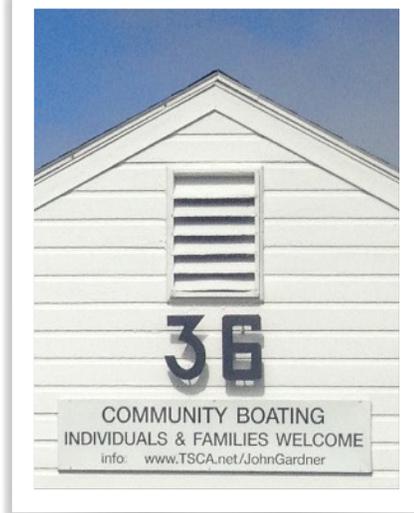


JGTSCA



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

Spring Maintenance on Rowing Craft
at UCONN Avery Point Boat House Building 36

Next Meeting: In Person Meetings will resume as Feasible
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:

See the new "Activities at the Boatshop" section at our website: <http://www.jgtsc.org/activities-at-the-boathouse.html> An invitation from Matt McKenzie to both Students and Members:



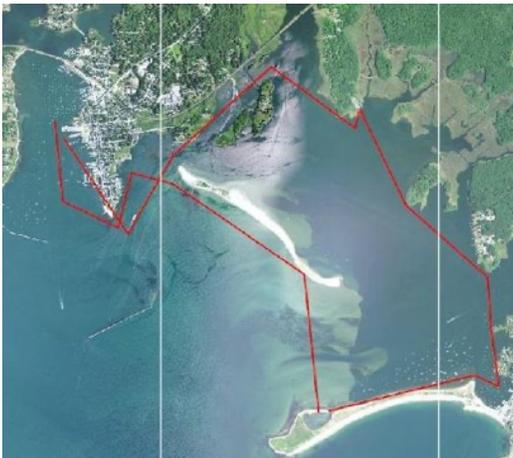
Need a Break? Want to Rest Your Brain? Need the Satisfaction of Working with Your Hands?

Come to the Avery Point **BOAT SHOP** and see beautiful wooden boats get a new life—and join in if you want!

No experience needed, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1-3pm, 29 March until 4 May

Community Boating Building – look for the flag by the door. For more information, contact Prof. McKenzie: matthew.mckenzie@uconn.edu, or just come by.

We kick off our Season of Rows May 1st with a **Shakedown Row from Barn Island Boat Launch to Napatree Point with a stop for lunch**. Return will be via Sandy Point and Stonington Harbor (approx. 10 miles). Complete info on our [JGTSCA.org/Events](https://www.jgt sca.org/Events) page. Contact Matt McKenzie if interested.



Sun May 1st 8:30am - 4:00pm at Barn Island Boat Launch, 249 Palmer Neck Rd, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, USA [map](#). Launch from the Barn Island Boat Launch site. Arrive early enough to be on the water at 8:30 am (High tide at Stonington is 0943)

Barn Island to Napatree Point with a stop for lunch.

Return will be via Sandy Point and Stonington Harbor. (Approx. 10 miles)

For more information contact Matt McKenzie matthew.mckenzie@uconn.edu

On Memorial Day Weekend, the Seaport will be celebrating the beginning of Summer with a Grand Opening of their new exhibit, “Story Boats and the Tales They Tell”. More info on their website at <https://www.mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits/story-boats/> And we at John Gardner TSCA will celebrate the weekend with an **inaugural John Gardner Classic Row** from our Community Boathouse at UCONN Avery Point to the Seaport, and return. Info at our website [JGTSCA.org/Events](https://www.jgt sca.org/Events).



Shop-to-Shop John Gardner [ersatz] “Classic”

Sat May 28th 8:00am - 5:00pm at the Peruzzotti Boat Launch, (near the Ball Field) at 140 South Rd, Groton, CT 06340, USA [map](#)

Arrive early enough to be on the water at 8:00 am (High tide at Noank is 0825)

Catch the east-running tide to Noank then ride the back eddies up the Mystic River to the John Gardner Boat Shop at Mystic Seaport's Australia Beach. Lunch break and folks can take part in the Seaport's "Story Boats" events until slack tide. Then we will run back down

the Mystic River to catch the fair tide back to the Peruzzotti launch. (Approx. 20 miles)

SAFETY NOTE This trip will bring us into Fishers Island Sound for a good stretch. Participants should be comfortable with wind, chop, boat wakes and channel crossings. For more information contact Matt McKenzie matthew.mckenzie@uconn.edu

Last year we held our **John Gardner Small Craft Workshop** on Memorial Day Weekend. This year **it will be WoodenBoat Show weekend, June 24-26th** . The link is not up yet, but when it is (forecast for 4/1/22) it will be easily found on the MSM website by going to the Calendar and clicking on the date, June 24th. There will be a short description and a link to Register, which has a longer description and a Google form to fill out. A letter to Participants will then be sent to your mailbox. Cost: \$20 if a Member of the Seaport; \$40 if not. **This year’s theme is “It’s All About the Boats”**, so if you bring a boat there will be an opportunity to share its story.



The Seaport will be featuring its recently donated 21 ft. rowing and sailing Beachcomber-Alpha Dory (Chapter 18 in John Gardner’s “Dory Book”). In addition, we plan the usual morning rows, afternoon sails and participant presentations. Workshop registration provides access to the WoodenBoat Show all three days including access to their Skills Demonstrations by Shipwrights from Mystic Seaport Museum and others in the nearby Claggett Boat Shed. Hope to see you there. Watch our [JGTSCA.org/Events](https://www.mysticseaport.org/calendar/) page and the Seaport’s <https://www.mysticseaport.org/calendar/> for details as they develop.

Sea Terms that Came Ashore

Here are a few terms from the age of sail that came ashore, as collected by Capt. Steve Telsey, Sloop Clearwater:

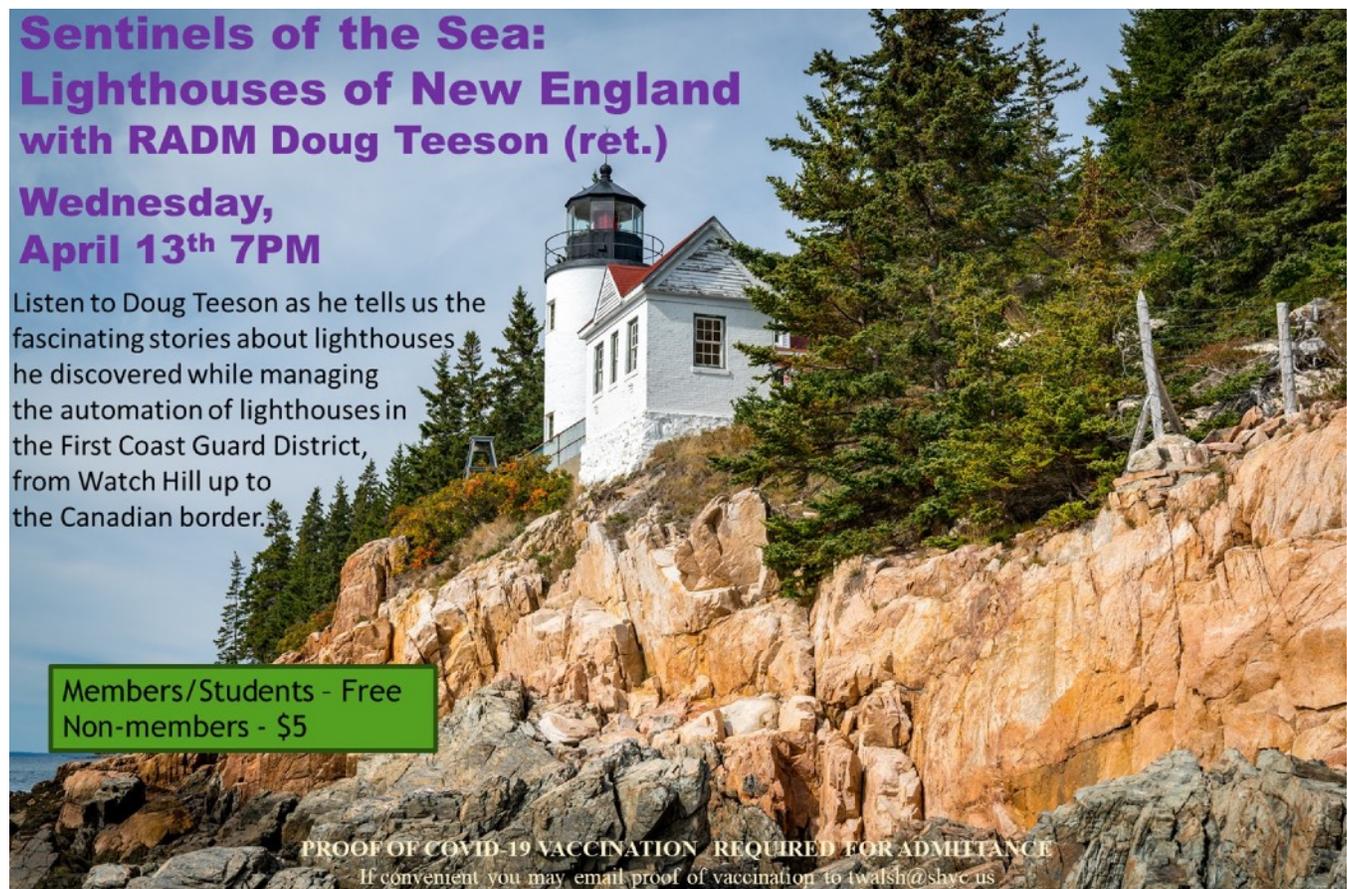
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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| 1.A1 | 7.Armed to the teeth | 12.Awash | 17.Between the devil and the deep blue sea | 21.Blow a gasket |
| 2.Above board | 8.As the crow flies | 13.Batten down the hatches | 18.Bite the bullet | 22.Blues |
| 3.Adrift | 9.At loggerheads | 14.Bear down | 19.Bitter end | 23.Bombed |
| 4.All sewn up | 10.At sea | 15.Bear up | 20.Blazer | 24.Booby hatch |
| 5.Aloof | 11.At the helm | 16.Beat (flog) a dead horse | | 25.Bootleg |
| 6.Are we square | | | | 26.Bronze Monkey |

They are hard to work into conversation, but **“If you find yourself at the bitter end and caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, avoid the temptation to cut and run, deliver a broadside, or become a loose cannon lest you be brought up short.”**

Steve has many more as well as graphics describing them. Perhaps we could prevail upon him to share them with us when we again gather.

The attached a flyer came to us from the good folks at Stonington Small Boat Association for an educational event presented by Stonington Harbor YC. All boaters welcome.

Sentinels of the Sea: Lighthouses of New England. Presenter is RADM Doug Teeson(ret.)



**Sentinels of the Sea:
Lighthouses of New England
with RADM Doug Teeson (ret.)**

**Wednesday,
April 13th 7PM**

Listen to Doug Teeson as he tells us the fascinating stories about lighthouses he discovered while managing the automation of lighthouses in the First Coast Guard District, from Watch Hill up to the Canadian border.

Members/Students - Free
Non-members - \$5

PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE
If convenient you may email proof of vaccination to twalsh@shyc.us

Date & Time: Wednesday April 13th @ 7pm

Location: 9 Stonington Commons (on Water Street, second level of the old Monsanto Plant)

Cost: \$5 cash pay at SHYC or call 860-535-0112 to pay by credit card

Pre- Registration requested: [click here](#)

Proof of vaccination required at the door or email to office@shyc.us

A couple of Quotes:

Two views of Tradition:

“May I add that the old order changeth and not always for the worth.” John Gardner, introducing his plywood sailing flattie design.

“Tradition, That’s just peer pressure from dead people.” Tom Gallant

In The Shops

Mystic Seaport Boat Livery Shop:

As the Season approaches, completed boats are rapidly moving out to the Claggett Boat Shed. Ten are complete, five underway and two standing by. New docks are on order, oars being varnished and leathered and big cleanup scheduled for Monday.



Opportunity Knocks: We need a half dozen Adult Summer Volunteers. If interested in volunteering, contact Carrie Moore, Assist. Director of Volunteer Services at carrie.moore@mysticseaport.org She can fill you in. Hours are flexible. There are many other opportunities to volunteer at the Seaport as well. Summer will be here soon....

At our Avery Point Boathouse:



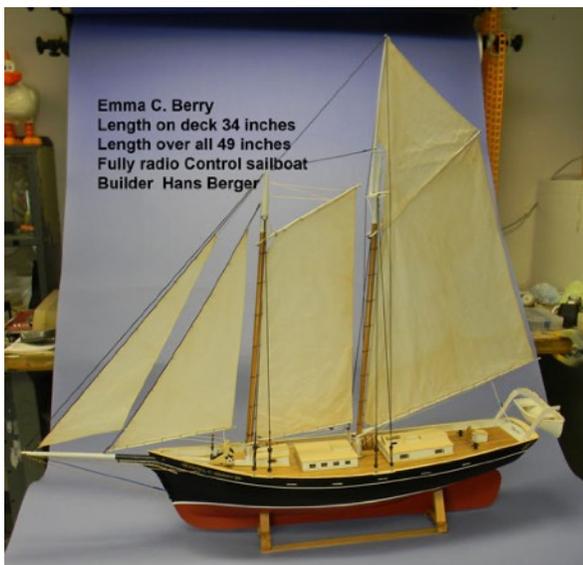
Russ Smith is leading an effort to put some lipstick on the Gales Ferry Chapter's 19 ft. Cheticamp rowing boat, a sister to our Susan B. Holland. The goal is to take both boats on the Inaugural John Gardner Classic Row to the Seaport, Memorial Day Weekend, May 28th. While there, they could meet their smaller sister, the Seaport's 17 ft. "Green Machine.", John Gardner's Modified L. Francis Herreshoff Rowing Boat. I'm not saying there will be a race, but one may be faster than the other....

This Month's Artwork

by Kate Wells



Mystic Seaport Ship Modelers



This just in from Leader Bob Andrie as they prepare to move into the first floor of the Seaport's John Gardner Boat Shop to install a public display: "I've got a method of scheduling the display room for this season. I'll keep a text schedule myself and send it by email to everyone each time I update it. This will be the easiest way for me to keep track and keep you all informed.

So email me smallyachtsailor@gmail.com your name and the dates and hours you wish to volunteer--the Seaport hours will be 10-5 every day during the Summer. Let's try to cover as many hours per week as we can. If we impress the Seaport we're more likely to get this or some other room again. Keep in mind that you can volunteer for any hours you wish. It doesn't have to be all day, or every week of the summer. Any

arrangement you want is welcome and you should do what pleases you. You also do not have to sign up now for later in the summer. Bob"

Visit their website at <http://www.mssm.wildlifeofct.com/>

Mystic Seaport Museum

The Next Great Exhibit: One of the Museum's greatest assets is its small watercraft collection, which is arguably the largest of its type and the best in the country. **Mystic Seaport Museum has more than 450 small watercraft** as well as a fleet of larger historic vessels tethered to our docks along the Mystic River, four of which are designated National



Historic Landmarks. As a whole, these vessels represent an extraordinary array of design, purpose, and materials beginning in the early 19th century to the present, from dugout canoes to duck boats to Boston Whalers and everything in between and beyond. What ties these boats together thematically, and **is the inspiration for the exhibition Story Boats: The Tales They Tell**, is the remarkable richness of human interest stories behind them, which include themes of hope, exploration, survival, joy, adventure, sport, immigration, and many others.

Meanwhile, take advantage of these pre-summer activities at the Seaport:

GUIDED TOURS OF THE HENRY B. DUPONT PRESERVATION SHIPYARD & WATERCRAFT HALL, most FRIDAYS and one Saturday thru April; 12:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Join us this winter and spring 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*, *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 at least 24 hours before tours. To register please call 860-572-5331 or email reservations@mysticseaport.org.

Take the grandkids to Pirate Days April 20-21, the Final Adventure Series is April 21st, Captain Nancy Erley "One World, Twice Around", Adult Beginner Sailing Class Thursdays April 14 to May 19 and Women Sailing Wednesdays start April 20th to May 18th to get ready for the Adult Summer Racing Series which starts Monday, June 27th. Register at <https://webstore1.centaman.net/MYSTICSEAPORTMUSEUM/AdultPrograms/tabid/66/ctl/SearchResult/mid/407/TourTypeId/0/ViewAllDate/0/Default.aspx?StartDate=12/22/2021%2012:00:00%20AM&EndDate=12/22/2022%2012:00:00%20AM>

From the Mailbag:

From WoodenBoat SKILLS: See their list of Episodes: currently, they are on Lesson two of planking. website: <https://woodenboatschool.org/products/mastering-skills-membership>

From Jim Friedlander from Pine Island, Florida: “Hi Bill: “Bluebird” is a 23 ft. Norwalk Islands Sharpie design by Bruce Kirby. She is quite fast for her waterline and I can sail her off the wind in about 18" of water. I have often had her going over six knots. It sails just fine wing and wing. I looked at a 26' NIS on Long Island before buying this one, but it was way too big. Amazing the difference 3' can make. Bluebird is just the right size for day sailing and occasional overnight.



Here is a photo a friend took the other day of me and Kathy sailing “Bluebird” in Pine Island sound. This is the 23’ version but the plans are available for an 18’ and a 26’ version as well. I looked at a 26 on Long Island before we bought Bluebird but it was bigger than what I wanted. They are described on the website as a cruising version of the laser which Bruce Kirby also designed. Bruce was Canadian but spent most of his life in Connecticut. He was an Olympic sailor and designed everything from twelve meters to our boat. He died last year so we will never get to meet him, but I understand he was very highly regarded amongst naval architects and very helpful to anyone building one of his boats. If you want to know more about this type of boat, I recommend The Sharpie Book by Reuel Parker, who was at the Wooden Boat Show last year, and “The Commodore's Story about Commodore Munroe.

Update from National TSCA:

This is the time of year when we address the election of three new National Council members. Please refer to Article V of the Bylaws of the TSCA (which you'll find on TSCA.net in the About menu) for more detailed information on the makeup of the Council.

Here is your chance to be involved in TSCA's National initiatives! Currently we are ramping up our involvement in supporting new as well as existing regional gatherings along with our continuing support of the John Gardner Grants and starting new Chapters. Come be a part of it all. It involves minimal amounts of time as we have learned to gather monthly via Zoom. What we value is your interest and experience. One goal is to be even more geographically diverse as we look to involve folks from different parts of the country as well as members-at-large. Don't be shy.

The Council member terms begin and end on June 30th. Three members will retire and three more are elected to replace them. Any member of the Association, in good standing, is eligible to be a Council member. You can volunteer or accept the nomination of another member.

For the election process to begin, nominations are sent to the Secretary of the TSCA. The Secretary will receive nominations via email: smallcrafter@gmail.com, and a compiled list of nominations will be published on TSCA.net and the TSCA Facebook page. Each nominee must submit a one paragraph biography to the Secretary detailing the nominee's background and interest in serving on the Council.

Nominations will close April 30th. After the nominations are closed, the slate of the nominees with their biographies will be presented to Association members as an online ballot. Voting will take place by digital ballot on TSCA.net during the month of May. To vote, click the VOTE tab and enter your name and member number as it appears on the label of your *Ash Breeze*. Your ballot will appear on screen. Select three candidates and press the VOTE button. The three candidates with the greatest number of votes each will be elected. New Council members will be notified in June.

Upcoming National Events: Visit <https://tscanet.org/events/> for more on these and other National TSCA Events:

CAMM Meeting: This year's Council of American Maritime Museums will be held at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum April 27th-29th.

Cedar Key, FL Meet by Florida Gulf Coast TSCA May 6th-8th.

Golden Gardens Meet by Puget Sound TSCA at waterfront park in Ballard, WA north of Seattle May 7th.

Rowing Rendezvous by Cape Cod TSCA at Kalmar Beach, Hyannis, MA, May 21st.

Gunkhole Trip by the Sacramento Chapter TSCA the first week in June.

John Gardner Small Craft Workshop, at Mystic Seaport Museum June 24-26th

Blue Hill Maritime Heritage Festival, Blue Hill Maine, Saturday, August 13th

Oregon Wooden Boat Show, Port Toledo, Oregon, August 19th & 20th

Advertisements



We were all ready to run this ad for Pete Peters' Ducker: "1995 built "York" Delaware Ducker, glued lap construction from Mystic Seaport plans. Bronze fittings, newer sprit sail, Shaw and Tenny oars. Solid boat with registered trailer." **But**, these days you have to be quick! Just as I was setting the type (read thumbing the keys) for this issue, Pete emailed me to advise it had been sold. To someone we all know: Peter Vermilya. Yes, he has been lusting after one of these svelte craft for years. He even borrowed Pete Peter's Ducker back in '19 (see photo). Congratulate the new owner when you see him.

And time for a quick Commercial:

Remember your Dues for 2022:

\$15 to Ellie Czarnowski for LOCAL CHAPTER JOHN GARDNER TSCA dues:

Join and Renew Online www.JGTSCA.org or Mail to the following address:

JGTSCA Treasurer
Community Boat Building #36
UConn Avery Point Campus
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT 06340

Plus: \$25 for NATIONAL TSCA MEMBERSHIP (remember, they pay our event Insurance and mail us the magazine "Ash Breeze"). Join and Renew Online at www.tsca.net and receive a TSCA sticker for your car.

From the Side Deck

The Crocuses are popping up and the thermometer registers above 50 degrees, at least until Monday. Soon we'll be splashing boats. Note our series of upcoming rows in May and plans for our John Gardner Small Craft Workshop in June. Come by the Avery Point Community Boathouse next Tuesday and Wednesday to prep our Chapter boats and meet some students in the process. If you are wandering around hungry Monday noon, remember the Lenten Lunches at Calvary Church in Stonington Village (Takeout) at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27-33 Church Street, Stonington, CT 06378 March 7th - April 4th. Different delicious hot meals every week. Just \$10 and all proceeds support charities. Men's Group Spiral Ham Dinner Monday. Poke your head in the kitchen window; I'll be stuffing dinner boxes. Say hello and I'll tuck in an extra sweet potato.

Hope you enjoy this issue and remember to keep those cards and letters coming, folks.

smallcrafter@gmail.com All contributions gratefully accepted. Bill & Karen