

# 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

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

**Next Quarterly Meeting: Sunday, October 6th at 1:30 pm at UCONN  
Avery Point Community Boat Building #36  
1084 Shennecossett Road Groton, CT 06340**

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](https://www.facebook.com/JGTSCA) and <http://www.jgtsca.org>



**Mark your Calendar for 10 am Saturday, September 21st for our annual Oar, Paddle & Sail Outing on the lower reaches of the Poquonnock River in behind Bushy Point Beach. Come enjoy the river's protected flat (but shallow) water and steady breezes.**

We will depart Peruzzotti Boat Launch at Burrows Ball Field, 140 South Road, Groton, Ct 06340 at 10 am with a plan to return by 2 pm for a nice mid-day row/sail in a breezy, flat water part of the Poquonock River in behind Bushy Point. We will row under the Amtrak bridge, and between the two old rail line abutments alongside the airport. If sailing, there is a nice beach on the east side of the runway to stop and rig, then continue on to the beach on the inner (north) side of Bushy Point Beach to gather, admire boats, explore the “secret” channel through the coastal reserve marsh or perhaps venture out around the point to explore some islands. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy at our stop at the beach or join us back at the ramp.

To get there, plug “Burrows Field, 140 South Road, Groton, CT” into your navigation app. The Peruzzotti launch ramp is on the water side (east) of the Burrows Little League baseball field. South Road is off Rt 1 (Fort Hill Road) between Poquonock (one “n”) Bridge and the Long Hill areas of Groton, and provides access to Groton Airport. For a map of the Poquonock River as it winds alongside Bluff Point State Park on its way to Bushy Point Beach visit <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/stateparks/maps/bluffpointpdf.pdf>

Email [Bill Rutherford](mailto:Bill.Rutherford@ct.gov) for further information and to let him know you are coming. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **UCONN Avery Point Messin’ About in Boats**

**Friday, September 13th 9:30am to 3:00 pm**

This event is jointly sponsored by the CT Estuarine Research Reserve, UCONN, CT Seagrant, Avery Point Water Recreation and our John Gardner Traditional Small Craft Association. Last year we provided our dories for students and others to use to get action oriented experience on the water. We expect to provide them again this year. Please consider stopping by our Boathouse and help John Unverzagt spiff them up and do minor repairs so we may present them proudly. Seminars will be given on topics ranging from catch and release sport fishing to a scavenger hunt for the kids, a walking tour of campus and a beach cleanup on Pine Island. We plan an open house at our Community Boathouse. Please reach out if you would like to assist. Our leads on this are Phil Behney, Ian Bradley and Ellie Czarnowski.

## **Mystic Seaport Museum Upcoming Events:**



- August 31st, September 1st, and September 2nd - Deep Sea Quest Family Event
- September 5th - Volunteer FIRST THURSDAY
- September 10th - Cape Verdean Women and Music Presentation
- September 13th - Annual Celebration of Volunteers Dinner and Awards Ceremony

## Mystic Seaport Boat Livery



### Get out on the water before summer is over!

Get out on the water on your own aboard a traditional small craft. Borrow a rowboat, sailboat, or pedal boat and spend an hour exploring the Mystic River. Choose one of more than a dozen boats that vary in capacity from 2 to 5 people (plus a dog!).

- Open daily and included with general admission.
- First boat out at 11:00 a.m.; last boat out at 4:00 p.m.
- Boathouse staff will provide life jackets, oars, and other gear. You just need to step aboard and enjoy!

### New this year! *Sabino* Downriver Evening Cruise with Dinner Option

Enjoy a two-hour tour of the Mystic River aboard the National Historic Landmark vessel *Sabino*. This cruise departs daily at 5:30 p.m. from the docks behind S&P Oyster in downtown Mystic. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) up to two weeks in advance or purchased day of at Mystic Seaport Museum: At the Drawbridge located at 4 East Main St.,

across the street from the dock. An exciting new addition to the cruise, passengers may order dinner from a [limited menu](#) for pickup from Haring's in Noank! The menu will be provided onboard. *Sabino* will stop at the Haring's dock to pick up orders and then continue on the cruise. Passengers may also bring their own food and beverage aboard.

**Purchase tickets for a *Sabino* Downriver Evening Cruise [here](#).**

Looking to get on the water during the day? Take a river cruise on *Sabino* departing from the Museum. Enjoy a narrated tour of the Mystic River on *Mystic Seaport Express* departing from the downtown dock with stops at the Musuem. Or be your own captain on a rowboat, sailboat, or pedal boat from the Museum's Boathouse.

- **Learn more about waterfront options [here](#).**

## Avery Point Boathouse

John Unverzagt has been soldering on (sorry, not a nautical term) by himself Friday evenings and making progress. His Report:

Good evening Bill,

As I type this, I am at the boathouse taking a break from working on Dory 2. I wanted to send a couple of pictures documenting what I have done so far. I have finished removing the rot on the transom and port quarter. I have been patching that up using strips of oak held in place using epoxy. Last week, Phil B and I were here and he provided some guidance for moving forward. This is about as far as I can progress tonight on patching the Dory up. I do plan to sand in preparation for future painting, and to do some shop cleanup. In any case, I wanted to send some pics for the next newsletter .

As far as Prof Jones is concerned, I think she just needs a little paint, and then she will be seaworthy. I'd like to take her out for a row in September, after I get back from vacation. (I think that would be a great club activity, if we can get some interest. Pardon the text wall, but I wanted to send an update. Very respectfully, John Unverzagt



## Partially Completed Herreshoff Looking for a Home...

Here is an opportunity to complete the build on a beautiful piece of maritime history, a Herreshoff Dinghy, and honor the fellow sailor that started the process several years ago.



Materials are available.

"I send this to you with hope that you might have an acquaintance who could be interested in a unique undertaking; ***an opportunity to complete the build on a Herreshoff Dinghy*** and honor the fellow sailor, my dear friend Richard, that started the process several years ago. NO PURCHASE NEEDED, JUST TALENT, TOOLS, TIME AND PASSION! The details and photos of its current state in

Glastonbury, CT are available. I would be ever grateful if you would please circulate this amongst all you know: friends, family, employees, associates.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestion on how to find a happy home for Richard's project, do let me know. Wayne Burdick [wbsails@msn.com](mailto:wbsails@msn.com) cell: 843-810-2021



### View from the Side Deck:

Hope this finds you out on the Water. Plenty to think about and plan in this issue. We'll leave you with a photo of Dan Nelson with his very practical method of keeping his wallet, cell phone and lunch dry...

Keep us posted on your Summer Activities.

Fair Winds, Bill & Karen  
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