

JGTSCA

John Gardner Traditional Small Craft Association



Welcome to John Gardner
Traditional Small Craft Association

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

Good Little Skiff & Dory Maintenance
from 5:00 pm Fridays, at UCONN Avery Point Boat house Building 36
Next Meeting: Friday, October 4th at 5:30 pm
Potluck with Meeting to follow at UCONN Avery Point Boathouse Bldg. 36

Local: www.JGTSCA.org www.facebook.com/JGTSCA
National: www.TSCA.net

Traditional Kayak Takes Shape in Old Lyme



This just in from Mike Magee down Old Lyme way. You may remember his beautiful fresh-out-of-the shop Jersey Beach Skiff at June's John Gardner Small Craft Workshop. Well, he has not been idle since. He is deep into building a pair of traditional Greenland style Kayaks. He comments, "I am building two skin on frame Cape Falcon F-1 kayaks for Sarah and I. They

have been a tremendous amount of fun to build. Watch videos, cut some stuff to important measurements and then build by eye. Lash it all together and add some pegs. Then comes the intimidating part, sewing the on ballistic nylon. Are you familiar with Cape Falcon? I like Brian Shultch methods which I think he derives from the original natives who developed the methods. It seems there is not much to fear, the system is self correcting....” Mike Magee



Visit CapeFalconKayaks.com and took a quick look at the F 1. A lot of performance for a 14 foot boat! Keep us posted, Mike. We look forward to dipping a paddle or two at next year's Workshop.

Meanwhile, A Traditional Skiff Takes Shape At Avery Point



Brian Cooper and crew (lately Larry Magee, Henk Hoets, John Unverzagt) have been busy this summer lofting, building molds and now laying out the planks. Brian found a source for white oak in Manchester, CT (Parkerville Wood Products) and laminated a stem. He has been making patterns for stem and transom before putting saw or chisel to valuable wood.

Bottom type (3/8" Ply) has been decided ("will most probably trailer sail..."). Email is a wonderful thing; when questions arise many voices chime in. Full Keelson, Yea or Nay? Carl Kaufman, Ben Fuller and Peter Vermilya all weighed in. Answer: Nay! The deciding factor? Ease of bailing. Floorboards? Yet to be decided. "Only Wish I had put them in my skiff."

Details from the Good Little Skiff:



Laminating the Stem



Permanent transom in place

From our Correspondents in the Field:

Jim Friedlander sent his regrets not being able to attend our monthly meeting: “We are still in Scotland.” And to the query, “Are you on a Raid or just Raiding?”, and “How’s the Haggis?” came the reply, “ We are only raiding the Single Malt and eating Veggie Haggis.”

Dan Nelson sent his regrets from Wisconsin on not being able to attend Saturday’s Oar & Sail Outing at Bluff Point. In reply to “We’ll be thinking of you as we cruise the still waters of Bluff Point Bay. Hope you are getting some sailing in on your fresh water sea.” Came the chilling reply, “Not enough sailing as we have had storm after storm and cool temps - too late in the season already but the Fall Foliage looks great.” That could be us, folks, in just a few weeks.

From a **Lobsterman in Maine** on how to navigate in Fog: “You’re lucky. You’re on the East Coast. Just like Columbus, if lost head West. You’ll come to land. When close, put a bushel of Maine potatoes on your foredeck and every once in a while, grab one and heave it as hard as you can and listen for the splash. If no splash, you’re there. Drop anchor.”

JGTSCA Monthly Activities 2019-2020

January

- **Meeting Saturday, Jan. 5th:** Activity: Seaport Chantey Blast and Pub Sing
- **Jan 12th:** Tour Mystic Seaport's Watercraft Hall w/ Mystic Seaport Ship Modelers
- **Avery Point Boat House (APBH) Project:** Complete John G's Dory

February

- **Meeting Friday, Feb. 1st:** Topic: Activity Ideas
- **APBH Project:** Bill Armitage's Melonseed
- **Other:** Start leathering new club dory oars

March

- **Oar Leathering:** Friday, starting at 5:00 pm March 1st, Avery Point Boathouse (APBH).
- **Potluck & Meeting Sunday, 12:30 pm March 3rd** at APBH followed by Visit to UCONN's Research Vessel "Connecticut"
- **Full Moon Row:** 4 pm March 22nd at Mystic Shipyard East; Bill Armitage Leads.
- **APBH Project:** Bill Armitage's Melonseed

April

- **Meeting Friday, April 5th:** Topic: Visit to Frank Lavigueur's Ketch Rebuild
- **APBH Projects:** Loft Good Little Skiff and Bill Armitage's Melonseed
- **UCONN Avery Point Earth Day Celebration** 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on the Campus Green; in Student Center in case of rain. Ellie Czarnowski, Lead;
- **Visit to Herreshoff Museum Opening Day:** Sunday April 28th - Dane Rochelle
- **Other:** - Turk's Heads on new Club Dory oar leathers - Fridays

May

- **Meeting Friday, May 3rd:** Topic: Good Little Skiff Lofting
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and JGTSCA Dory Maintenance
- **May Full Moon Row Friday, May 17th:** to Sandy Point to observe Horseshoe Crabs

June

- **Meeting Friday, June 7th:** Topic: Planning the John Gardner Small Craft Workshop
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance
- **Viking Days:** June 1st-2nd
- **John Gardner Small Craft Workshop:** June 28th - 30th

July

- **No Meeting in July**
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance
- **Small Reach Regatta:** July 24th - 28th, Brooklin, Maine

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August

- **No Meeting in August**
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance

September

- **Meeting: Sunday, September 8th:** 12:30 pm Topic: Pittaway’s Old Tool Cellar Tour
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance
- **Oar & Sail Outing Sep. 14th:** 10am to 2pm at Bluff Point S.P. Bill R. Lead
- **Wellfleet Rowing Rendezvous Saturday, September 21st:** Cape Cod TSCA

October

- **Meeting: Friday, October 4th:** 5:30 pm at APBH, Topic: Planking the Good Little Skiff
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance
- **Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival Oct. 4th - 6th,** CBMM, St. Michaels, MD
- **Pine Island Cleanup Tuesday, Oct 29th:** Lunch for UCONN Eco-Huskies 10 am to 2 pm
Ellie Czarnowski Lead.

November

- **Meeting: Friday, November 1st:** 5:30 pm at APBH, Topic:
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance
- **Mystic River Lighted Boat Parade Saturday, Nov. 30th.** Bridge Opening at 6:20 pm

December

- **Annual Meeting and Holiday Party Sunday, Dec. 1st:** 12:30 pm at NL Custom House
- **APBH Projects:** Good Little Skiff Build and Dory Maintenance

Upcoming at Mystic Seaport: (information at MysticSeaport.org)

Workshops and Classes:

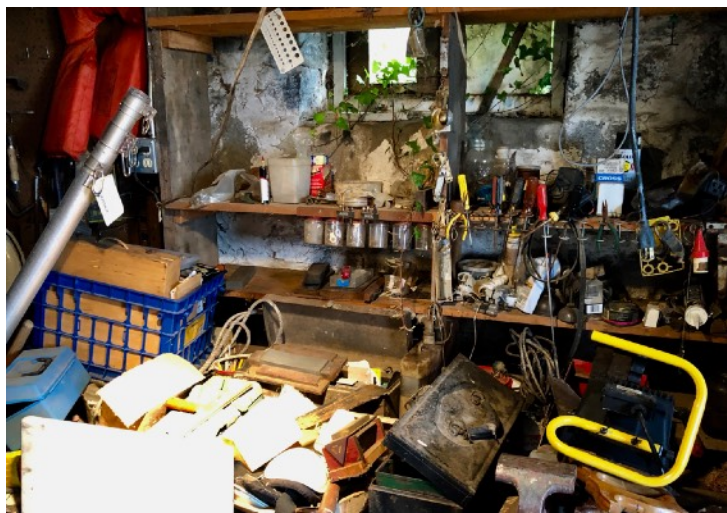
- **Celestial Navigation in the Age of Sail October 5th-6th:** 10am - 4 pm
- **Intro to Chanteys & Songs of the Sailor: Nov 2nd-Nov 23rd:** 10:30 am - 1 pm
- **In Winter** - Check Website Calendar for Boatbuilding and Design Classes: Half Model Construction, Traditional Boatbuilding and Varnishing Techniques

Community Sailing:

- **Adult Beginner Sailing Sundays, Sept 15th - Oct. 27th:** 9:30 am - 12 pm
- **Fall Racing Series Saturdays, Sept. 14th - Oct 26th:** 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

View From the Side Deck

If you missed the after-meeting activity last Sunday, you missed a good one; Rob Pittaway invited us over to the house he just sold to paw through the basement workshop. A lifetime of old tools lying on the bench, a bit rusty perhaps, but with memories of boats built and half models carved. Henk Hoets and Peter Vermilya found a few gems that could, after some polishing and sharpening, re-enter service. A convex drawshave. A couple of drafting ducks Rob himself cast. A ball peen hammer given him by John Gardner. Thank you Rob, for sharing. And for those who missed it, the following photograph is enclosed.



Meanwhile, looking forward, remember our Oar & Sail Outing at Bluff Point this Saturday, September 14th. We'll launch at Calvin Burrows Field just off South Road beside the railroad track, row under the RR bridge and raise a sail, if you brought one, to explore the calm waters behind Bushy Point Beach. We row, sail and paddle until we get tired, usually about 2 pm.

Looking ahead even further, consider helping Ellie Czarnowski serve lunch to hungry Eco-Huskies October 29th upon their return from their annual cleanup of Pine Island. And for our more hearty souls, November 25th is the deadline to enter your boat in Mystic's Lighted Boat Parade. Then, to cap off the year, bring your significant other to our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party December 1st at noon at New London's Custom House. We have an interesting and fun program lined up to start your holiday season. To wrap up the season, remember our traditional Winter Solstice Row that ends at downtown Mystic's Harp and Hound.

Lots going on; thanks for participating.

Wishing you Fair Winds to Fill Your Sails, Your Editors, Bill & Karen Rutherford