

The Broadside



The voice of The Mathews Maritime Foundation

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What's Happening at MMF...

This abbreviated newsletter will give you a look into what we are up to. We've been quite busy as you will see. Read on...

Museum Now Open for the Season...

The Mathews Maritime Museum hours of operation are Friday and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Tours at other times can be arranged by calling Museum Curator Dennis Crawford at 804-366-5337.

The current main exhibit is based on the William Geroux best seller "The Mathews Men: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler's U-Boats". The exhibit, organized by Museum member Nancy Lindgren, will remain up through November. Many local folks with ties to the merchant marines mentioned in the book have toured the exhibit, as well as out of state readers who wanted to know more about Mathews County.

New items continue to be added to our displays as generous patrons donated, or loaned, to our collections. A Lyle Cannon (used to shoot a line from ship to ship, or ashore) came from the Navy tug U.S.S. Zuni which greatly aided in the WW II landing at Iwo Jima. Later turned over to the Coast Guard and renamed the USCG Tamaroa, it rescued people in the event that was later turned into the book and movie "The Perfect Storm."

Sea Scout Ship 1791 Now a Reality...

Skipper John Bonner reports that the Mathews Maritime Foundation sponsored Sea Scout Ship 1791 is now officially chartered with the Boy Scouts of America. We currently have 10 scouts and 15 adult leaders and a nice group of supporting organizations including the Luna Project, Chesapeake Bay Paddle Boats, Coast Guard Station Milford Haven, and Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 66.

We will be using the "Intrigue", a 32ft Endeavor sailboat donated to the Ship by Bob Warren and the "Bayslady", a 30ft Catalina sailboat owned by John Bonner, for our adventures on the Bay and have access to a variety of smaller power and sail boats. The Foundation's Chesapeake Bay Deck Boat "Peggy" will also take part in the Scout activities.

An upcoming event for the Scouts is the Sea Scout Academy on May 4th through 6th at Ft. Monroe. On May 12 for all scouts, adult leaders, and MMF members, a Boat Virginia class on safe boating will be held at the Mathews Rescue Squad facility. Successful completion of this course will earn you your State required operators license. If you would like to attend contact John Bonner at 757.373.5693.

Many of the adventures we will be doing will include camping as well as sailing and at this time we have no camping gear, tents, grills, sleeping bags, etc. We will always need adult