



A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE *Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum*

MISSION

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is dedicated to preserving and exploring the history, environment and people of the Chesapeake Bay.

VALUES

Relevance—we provide meaningful and accessible experiences to everyone who cares about our Mission—all of our communities and constituencies.

Authenticity—we seek genuinely to represent the people and cultures whose stories we preserve and tell.

Stewardship—we value the priceless assets entrusted to us and accept their preservation and enhancement as our paramount responsibility—our collections, our campus and facilities, our financial resources, and the volunteers and staff who perform our Mission and make our Museum the rich enterprise it is.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded in 1965, the Museum is located on 18 waterfront acres and occupies 35 buildings, 12 of which house exhibitions open to the public. Its daily operation is managed by a full-time staff of 35 with the help of more than 250 volunteers. Attendance is nearly 70,000 per year and includes guests from all over the world

Museum membership numbers around 5,400, most of whom are from the mid-Atlantic states. The Museum is a private, nonprofit educational institution and does not receive regular operating funds from the government. The Museum is a fully accredited member of the American Association of Museums.

PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

More than 20,000 children and adults participate annually in numerous educational and boatbuilding programs offered at the Museum. Major seasonal events include annual festivals celebrating Chesapeake Bay culture, boats, seafood, and history, as well as concerts, photography and art exhibitions, and speaker series featuring nationally known authors and historians.

EXHIBITS

Twelve exhibition buildings trace the geological, social, and economic history of the Chesapeake Bay through the age of sail and the steamboat era to the advent of gasoline and diesel-powered engines. The Museum's Howard Chappelle Research Library is open by appointment.

VESSELS

The Museum's collection of authentic Chesapeake Bay watercraft is the largest in existence, with 12 vessels on floating display at the Museum's docks, and two log canoes actively racing in the summer. The fleet is maintained in the public's eye by our master shipwrights and their apprentices.

ANNUAL FESTIVALS

May	Elf Classic Yacht Race Community Block Party
June	Antique & Classic Boat Festival
July	Big Band Night
August	Watermen's Appreciation Day
September	Charity Boat Auction Boating Party Gala Fundraiser
October	Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival Maritime Model Expo OysterFest

Visit cbmm.org for dates and other event and program listings.

HOURS OF OPERATION

9am-5pm	May through October
10am-4pm	November through April

Closed: *Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.*

DIRECTIONS & ACCESSIBILITY

BY LAND: Take Rt. 50 to Easton. Exit onto Rt. 322. From Rt. 322, take Rt. 33 to St. Michaels. Go through St. Michaels and turn right at Museum entrance. Free parking. Buses and vans welcome. Handicapped accessible.

The Museum is handicapped accessible with the exception of the observation deck in the Boatyard, and the Hooper Strait Lighthouse.

BY WATER: On the Miles River off Eastern Bay, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. Coordinates: 38.7873° N, 76.2202° W.

DOCKING

Open every day, CBMM's Members-only marina offers 30 plus slips with electric, pump-out, showers and other amenities. Free day docking is available to Household level members and above from 9am-2pm, and overnight dockage is available to Mariner level members and above. Call the Dockmaster on VHS channel 16, at 410-745-4946 or email dockmaster@cbmm.org for more information.