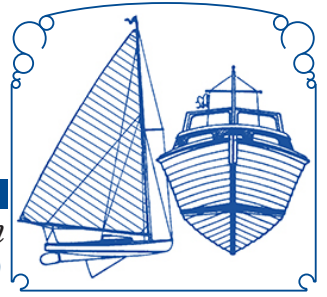


The Seafarer

Newsletter of the Toms River Seaport Society & Maritime Museum
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karen C. Porcello

After being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 21, the Seaport re-opened on July 9 with masks required along with social distancing. This is only a partial opening as the Carriage House and workshop are still closed to the public.

I would like to thank the office staff for their efforts while working from home during this closure. Erik Weber, administrative director, provided wonderful Wooden Boat Wednesday and Flashback Friday articles which I hope you are enjoying. Tara Lueddeke, bookkeeper, kept finances current. Ed Reilly, groundskeeper, kept watch over the buildings and grounds with only one mishap, the Atlantic City lifeboat was blown over during a windstorm.

The pandemic also resulted in the cancellation of this year's Wooden Boat Festival at Huddy Park and Beckett's Bucket A-Cat Race at Ocean Gate Yacht Club, but plans are already underway for 2021.

To date, the the Duck Boat Worlds is still happening in August at Mantoloking Yacht Club, so the TRSS work crew is busy getting our entries ready.

To keep the membership aware of TRSS happenings, a 'Membership Email Blast' has been created. The first email included re-opening information. If you didn't receive this email and would like to be included in future blasts, please email your name and email address to office@tomsriverseaport.org.

There is also a new addition to the Ship's Store, the Square Card Reader, which allows purchases using a credit card, including the brass items highlighted in this issue.

My heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of TRSS Vice President Greg Parmele who passed away on July 17.

GULF STREAM

Dan Crabbe



Thanksgiving Day 1947, Commodore Edward Crabbe's 49-foot cruiser, Gulf Stream and his 25-foot skiff, Seabiscuit, left his boathouse at the foot of Dock Street. The Gulf Stream was headed South for the winter and the Seabiscuit was to accompany her to Good Luck Point. Aboard Gulf Stream were Marvin Campbell, Doctor Al Mulford, Flint Larrabee and skipper Mac Crabbe. Seabiscuit carried Miss Mary Dugan, Mrs. Dory Snyder, Mrs. Mary Campbell with Bob Snyder skippering. The

Gulf Stream continued down the inland waterways for the next 16 days arriving at New Smyrna Beach, Florida at 4:50 pm December 9th. Along the way crew members came and went which was the custom of the Commodore and later followed by his sons. Everyday some 6 to 12 entrees were made in the log with time and usually saying where they were.

The above was taken from the Log of the Gulf Stream which Commodore Edward Crabbe owned until his death in 1953. The Crabbe Family, mostly my Grandfather, Uncle Edward L. Crabbe, and my aunt Georgiana Crabbe Trapnell always kept a ship log whenever cruising outside of their home port. These logs are fun to read and contain many funny anecdotes.

SHOP TALK

George Corbeels

The workshop has been idle since March due to the coronavirus. The first day back was July 16th and we resumed the projects begun before we had to close down. One ongoing project is the restoration of one of our two display duck boats. It had been damaged in a wind storm early in the year and was in need of repair work and some major restoration. Member Gary Moon and myself had completed cleaning, scrapping and painting the interior hull and giving the outer hull a fresh coat of paint. Most of the deck has been replaced and is in the process of being sealed and painted. The mast cracked when the boat tipped off its cradle and that has been reinforced and painted. However, final completion is going to be put on hold for now.

We are expecting Duck Boat Worlds 2020 will still be held this August. At last year's event TRSS entered three boats and we discovered during the race that Ocypode leaked significantly from some of the seams in the hull. When it was brought ashore it was determined that several seams would have to be resealed with cotton and caulk and the entire hull painted. Had we not had to close there was sufficient time to complete both projects by August. However, now we will turn our attention to repairing Ocypode in preparation for the races.

The workshop's schedule will continue to be Thursdays 10am to 2pm. Volunteer TRSS members are always welcomed to help with our projects. There is no experience necessary; just come in work clothes.

BRASS ITEMS FOR SALE



6" Brass Wall Mount Clock (top): \$145
Clock with Thermometer (right): \$30
Scallop Bookends: \$20

To purchase, please call the office at 732.349.9209 during open hours or email office@tomsriverseaport.org anytime. Mailed checks and credit cards accepted.

WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

Scott Johnkins

Some months back at a TRSS Trustees' meeting there was discussion to make a few changes, and thereby improvements, for this and future Wooden Boat Festivals.

At the WBF July 20th, 2019, as chairman for that event, everything went on as planned except for the heat. All wooden boat owners who registered had arrived as had most of the vendors. We were grateful to the Valhalla Pirates - who graciously performed for free - kept spirits up as the hottest day of 2019 bore down. However, it was clear that by 1 pm, the morning visitors began disappearing and only a handful of hardy souls remained. At the close of the festival my car's outside thermometer read 104 degrees.

For future WBFs, 2020 co-chair George Corbeels and I, along with fellow trustees, agreed all future WBFs would be held in August for hopefully slightly cooler weather and on a date when the BBRYA has no scheduled event. In past years visitors and boat owners have been split between attending the WBF or a BBRYA event on the same day.

WBF 2020 reflected the new date change from July to August 2nd until Covid-19 arrived, forcing its cancellation. The name of the WBF has also been changed to Toms River Seaport Society Festival, with the idea to be more inclusive and diverse for area visitors to attend this annual event rather than be solely focused on it being a wooden boat festival and judging event. This does not change that the event is still about traditional New Jersey-built boats, boat designs unique to Barnegat Bay, area yacht club sailing history and Toms River's contribution as a seaport. Interest in all things nautical are welcome. The name change was also done to emphasize that it is the Toms River Seaport Society who hosts this event.

LIBRARY LOG

Suggested late summer/autumn reading available both through our library and for purchase at various online retail points:

New Jersey Shipwrecks: 350 Years in the Graveyard of the Atlantic by Margaret Thomas Buchholz

Great Adventures in Small Boats by David Klein & Mary Louise King

APPEAL

George Corbeels



Please consider helping the Seaport. We, like so many other small enterprises, have struggled during the first half of 2020.

This restored 9-foot plywood rowboat is being offered to the society's membership for a donation. It was restored using marine oil-based primer on the hull and marine oil-based navy blue paint on the hull and inside. The seats were painted with marine oil-based "Oyster White" paint. Seams were caulked with 5200 caulk which is nearly indestructible.

It would be great to add a small motor and for a young person to experience boating. It can become a member's pride to enjoy for a donation of \$300 to TRSS. Please contact the office if you are interested. THANK YOU!

IN MEMORIAM TRSS VICE PRESIDENT GREG PARMELE



It is with sadness, we note the passing of Greg Parmele, TRSS Vice President and Past President, on Friday, July 17 at his home in Brick.

Always the enthusiastic volunteer, he especially enjoyed being grill master at TRSS's Annual Barbecue and selling raffle tickets to visitors at Toms River Seaport Society's

Wooden Boat Festival. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife, Joanne Platz and his family.

SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVE

Erik Weber

With the coronavirus outbreak threat pushing the world to socially distance and, when possible, remain home, the online world of 2020 became even more of a lifeline to small organizations and museums as the Toms River Seaport Society.

To meet this challenge of reaching those interested in the maritime history of the Toms River and Barnegat Bay now stuck behind smartphone and computer screens, we boosted our social media presence with Wooden Boat Wednesday, introduced a new feature, Flashback Friday, and opened an Instagram account.

By far the greatest success in these initiatives has been Flashback Friday, now part of a content sharing agreement with regional social media news service Jersey Shore Hurricane News. Their sharing of our weekly posts, which focus on life each week 100 years in Ocean County's past, "peppered with items of maritime interest," has increased awareness of our organization and its mission to numbers greater than we imagined: our eyes grew wide as we saw those figures explode to between 28,000 and 34,000 readers learning about boats built and raced, daily excursion cruises to the barrier island's then-nascent resort communities, fishing trip reports and more. Large thanks are due to Justin Auciello and his Jersey Shore Hurricane News for bringing our museum and the area's maritime history into the lives of many new enthusiastic online readers.

If you haven't yet, check us out on Facebook and Instagram and stay tuned for more new online initiatives to chase away the coronavirus blues and carry the Toms River Seaport Society & Maritime Museum forward into a better, healthier future.

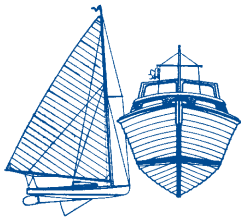
WELCOME ABOARD

The Toms River Seaport Society welcomes new members:

NED LLOYD
PETER SLACK

New members always appreciated.





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