



Dorchester Skipjack Committee

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Cambridge Rescue Fire Company's Ladder Tower No. 1 lifts volunteers to string holiday lights on the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester*.



Firefighters Help Light Skipjack Nathan For The Holidays

Volunteers from Cambridge Rescue Fire Company brought Ladder Tower No. 1 to Long Wharf in Cambridge on Sunday after Thanksgiving to help about a dozen Dorchester Skipjack Committee volunteers decorate the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester* for the holidays.

Firefighters Rick Travers, Sr., and Rick Travers, Jr., served as ground crew while Rob Travers manned the bucket that lifted skipjack sail crew trainees Miriam Collins and Bob Marietti to string



Skipjack volunteer Bob Marietti, left, and firefighter Rob Travers pause to inspect the cedar tree decorating the top of the mast.

lights creating an outline of the sails. The crew also lashed a small cedar tree to the top of the mast. Other volunteers worked on the lights within reach of the deck and on other decorations, including a skipjack-sized Christmas stocking, specially made for the *Nathan*.

The lighting is an annual tradition for the Dorchester Skipjack Committee, the nonprofit organization whose volunteers sail and maintain the boat. Committee President Ed Nabb expressed his appreciation for the assistance that the

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Left to right, Rob Travers and Bob Marietti, in bucket, hand off the string of lights to skipjack volunteers John O'Reilly and Chris

firefighters give to the organization each year in lighting the skipjack at the beginning of the season, and again in removing the decorations after the first of the year. The lights are a focal point of the Cambridge waterfront throughout the holiday season.

For more information, to charter the boat or to volunteer, contact the Dorchester Skipjack Committee at 410-228-7141 or visit its website, www.skipjack-nathan.org.

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Firefighter Rob Travers, left, maneuvers the bucket to allow skipjack volunteer Miriam Collins to finish connecting the string of lights on the back stay.