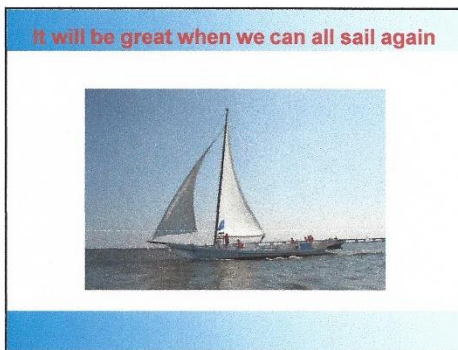


2021 Volunteer Opportunities on the Nathan of Dorchester Getting ready for a post pandemic environment

- ### Volunteering
- We are a small group who do everything associated with sailing and maintaining a Coast Guard licensed and inspected commercial sailing vessel. Lots of opportunities on and off the boat
 - Our mission is to introduce passengers to the rich maritime and ecological history of our area and to preserve the traditions of oystering and skipjacks
 - The safety of our passengers, volunteers and the boat are most important
 - There's nothing more enjoyable than sailing with us and keeping the Nathan in top condition



- ### About the Nathan
- Nathan is the last Skipjack built to dredge for oysters and is owned and operated by volunteers from the Dorchester Skipjack Committee
 - In a world without Covid-19
 - Nathan usually leaves the dock over 80 times a year
 - We usually sail around 1,000 miles each year
 - Spend 1,900 hours underway
 - Have an outstanding crew training program
 - Operate Coast Guard Inspected Boat
 - "The Best and Safest Skipjack in the Fleet"
 - We all work to maintain the Nathan and preserve our maritime heritage
 - During the pandemic we operate under strict safety protocols, sail with a limited number of crew and trainees and carry no passengers

- ### Ongoing Administration and Passenger Service
- Nathan sails because of behind the scene volunteers
 - Administration
 - Key to keeping Nathan in operation
 - Marketing, bookings, web site, scheduling
 - Passenger Service
 - Making it easy and exciting for passengers to sail with us

- ### Maintenance and Preservation
- Opportunity to work on a classic wooden boat during and after the pandemic
 - Hands on learning and work opportunities
 - Hull
 - Rigging
 - Propulsion
 - Inspections
 - Currently repairs being made to starboard log rail, port knighthead, new mast and boom to be carved. New sails will be installed this season

Nathan is at Gen III for Maintenance



Everyone helps during summer maintenance



Knightshead ready for repair



Our new mast and boom logs have been seasoned and are ready to be shaped



Sail Crew and Docents

- Excellent Training Opportunities
- Sail Crew Training
 - involves some classroom and lots of hands-on sailing in various weather conditions
 - Working with experienced crew members
 - Becoming a team member capable of handling all tasks
- Docents
 - Interact with passengers
 - Learn and tell stories about skipjacks, oysters, ecology, local maritime history

Cold Weather Classroom Training Now it's virtual



Man Overboard Training, CPR, passenger, and crew safety are all part of crew and docent training



Lots of knots, lots of practice



Everyone learns "the Nathan way"



Sometimes sailing is just looking for the wind



Docents share stories with passengers



Everyone trains for every crew position, here is jib training at the bow



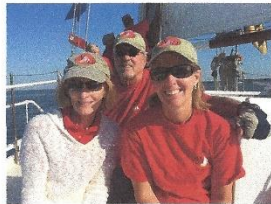
Some of you helped us to down rig even though it was still early in the season, in April we'll up rig again



The big sail helps us in light wind



We enjoy working together as crewmembers



We demonstrate Oyster Dredging, under sail if possible and talk about Bay ecology



As we Cull Oysters, we Tell Stories



We operate under all weather conditions. Here we are coming in after a breezy sail



We have been the hospitality Boat at Oxford and travel throughout the Bay



Sometimes we operate with the push boat.
We did a lot until the diesel/hydraulic problem was fixed



Here we are enjoying a Sunset sail



Sometimes we sail with student groups



We Host Our Annual Cambridge Race



Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race

- We keep a tradition alive
- Provide a unique tourism experience
- Meet and sail with other skipjack crews
- Race to keep traditions and rivalries alive
- Help preserve the Skipjack fleet. Every boat gets "show up money" for boat maintenance

Sailing with Capt Kermit
The last black skipjack captain



Safe and Snug at Long Wharf

