



TOUR OF CAMBRIDGE MARITIME MUSUEMS  
LUNCH AT BOBBY'S  
MARCH 14. 2009

CSSM HAS ARRANGED A TOUR OF THE RICHARDSON MARITIME MUSEUM IN CAMBRIDGE. THE MUSEUM TOUR WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT BOBBY'S WHICH IS LOCATED AT CLEARVIEW COUNTRY CLUB, FORMERLY CAMBRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB. THE OWNER WAS THE CHEF AT THE NARROWS RESTURANT ON KENT NARROWS AND THE FOOD IS EXCEPTIONAL AND THERE ARE GREAT VIEWS OF THE CHOPTANK.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1100 MEET AT RICHARDSON MUSEUM FOR DOCENT TOUR

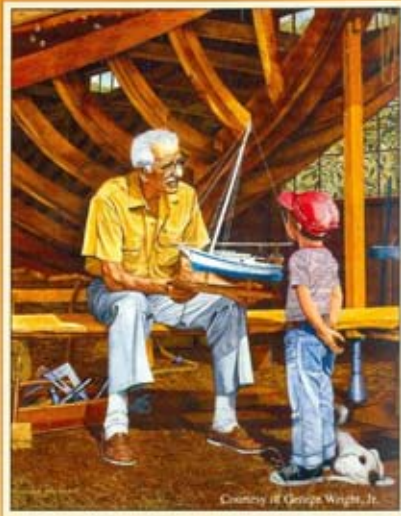
1200 LUNCH AT BOBBY'S

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE EMAIL STEPHANIE SOKSO AT [sokso@verizon.net](mailto:sokso@verizon.net)



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*The*  
**RICHARDSON  
MARITIME  
MUSEUM**



A Waterman's Museum  
Dedicated to Jim Richardson  
and the Craftsmen and Culture  
of Traditional Eastern Shore  
Boatbuilding.



*Jim Richardson (1906- 1991) stands out from other late 20th century Chesapeake Boatbuilders for his view to the past, which sought to rediscover, preserve, and pass on methods used by craftsmen of previous generations. Not only did he have the ability to learn a variety of skills and techniques, but he was able to teach them to others. His legacy lies in the skills of those he taught, who continue to practice the craft today. After his death in 1991, immediate steps were taken to commemorate the boatbuilding industry, document its art, and praise its craftsmen.*

**The Museum**

is located in the heart of Cambridge in an early 1900's bank building which is on the National Historic



Register. Many of the models displayed were actual boats harvesting oysters, crabs, and other seafood. While most of these boats are long gone, the models provide an excellent living record of our maritime heritage. Its a must visit for boaters, historians and tourists. Here you will find both the romance and the hard work of life on the water. Discover the creativity and ingenuity of the Eastern Shore boat builders as they developed vessels to meet the needs of those who worked and traded on the Chesapeake Bay.

There is a unique collection of models of Chesapeake Bay skipjacks, bugeyes and pungys, log canoes, rams and other merchant vessels. See the original hand tools that were used to build the boats that are legends of a great maritime industry. Learn about the native woods and special skills that were used in the early days of the boatbuilding expansion. Visit the model building shop in action and see the photo gallery of famous vessels.



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## *Educational Programs*

A major thrust of the Museum is to provide educational programs which interpret our maritime history. We invite and encourage groups of all ages to visit and participate in our programs. Please contact the Museum for more information.



## *The Boatworks*

The Harold Ruark Boatworks is located on Cambridge Creek on the grounds of the future Richardson Maritime Museum. Here you will find authentic restoration of local Chesapeake Bay wooden boats built by Jim Richardson and other craftsmen of this area. Visitors are welcome to view and assist in this continuing endeavour to preserve and protect our heritage.



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## In The Main Room

From the stairs, the artifacts and photographs directly to your left, document the life and work of the Museum's namesake,

James B. (Mr. Jim) Richardson.

The trail boards (name) from his last personal boat, the Bugeye, *Jenny Norman* are on the hanging bowsprit.

Mr. Jim also built the state-owned ship, the *Maryland Dove*, a full-size replica of the *Dove* of 1634, which accompanied Lord Baltimore's original expedition to Maryland. The *Maryland Dove* is now berthed at Historic St. Mary's City and makes occasional visits back to Cambridge.

The display to the right features short term exhibits of interest to the area and changes as these become available.

Please stop at the Docent's desk and sign our Visitors Log. We are always interested in our visitor's home ports.

Also, take a moment now, or before leaving, to look in our Gift Shop for nautical and local items of interest.

On the upper wall over the docent's desk, a stylized mural painted by Beebe Winterbottom, portrays Cambridge Harbor in the late 1800's, complete with vessels from all eras that were locally built and plied their trade throughout Chesapeake Bay.

To your right there is a detailed model and information on the last Skipjack ever built. Cambridge's own *Nathan of Dorchester* launched in 1994.

Continuing on to your right there is a collection of names, photos and artifacts showing the history of other local boat builders and their work.

The original bank's vault houses our latest exhibit of models. Do step in. The door is permanently locked open!

The display area on the end wall and the 'Builders Shed' gives an idea of the men, methods and the tools involved in the wooden boat building of the Lower Eastern Shore. It was said that "anyone whose land went down to a creek or river, it was likely a shed like this was there, and boats were being built".

Directly across from the tool display, the left wall of the narrow room features Cambridge and Dorchester County. The large aerial photograph of Cambridge was taken in 1932 before any bridge crossed the Choptank River. You can see more than 30 of these wooden vessels, including Skipjacks, Bugeyes, Pungys and Buyboats anchored or docked throughout the harbor. The case along the opposite side displays instruments used before modern electronics.



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## The Ruark Boatworks

The Ruark Boatworks is in a century-old brick boat building facility located along Cambridge Creek. Visitors are welcome to watch and participate as volunteers work on restoring and building traditional wooden vessels. A just completed project was the restoration of a Dovetail workboat built in Dorchester County by Reese Todd in 1952. A Towboat built by Mr. Jim sits outside the Boatworks awaiting restoration. Our volunteers work on other boats as new projects arise, both as educational programs and as contracted work for individuals who have found the Boatworks to be one of the few remaining facilities to build or repair wooden boats.

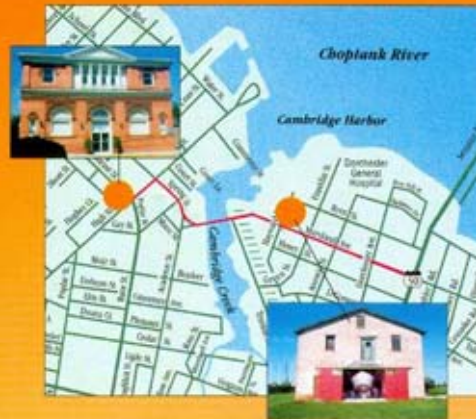
Restoration at the Ruark Boatworks is in progress Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.  
Come and join us.  
410 221-8844

The Modeler's Guild meets on Tuesday Eve. 6:30pm in the Ruark Boatworks building.

The Boatworks is located at the intersection of Maryland Avenue & Hayward Street. This waterfront property will become the future home of all three operations comprising the Heritage Center of the James B. Richardson Foundation, Inc.

*The Richardson Maritime Museum  
The Ruark Boatworks  
The Brannock Education and Research Center*

## THE RICHARDSON MARITIME MUSEUM & BOATWORKS



**Directions:** From US 50 (Sunburst Highway) turn onto Maryland Ave. (west), at the first traffic light south of the Choptank River Bridge. Continue west on Maryland Ave. to the first traffic light. Hayward St. Turn right on Hayward St. for the Boatworks or continue on Maryland Ave. for the Museum. Cross the Cambridge Creek Bridge curving right onto Spring St. to the traffic light at High St. Turn left onto High St. to the Museum on the right at the corner of High St. and Locust St.

### Hours of Operation

March through October: Saturday 10 AM-4 PM; Sunday & Wednesday 1-4 PM  
November through February: Saturday & Sunday 1-4 PM or by appointment year round  
Restoration at the boatworks is in progress most Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings October through April

The Richardson Museum is one of your entry points to enjoy and learn about the places and stories of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. Explore this and other places in the Gateways Network. Visit [www.baygateways.net](http://www.baygateways.net) for more information.

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