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## Mathews Maritime Foundation



### General Information

#### Contact Information

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#### At A Glance

**Year of Incorporation**

1999

**Organization's type of tax exempt status**

Public Supported Charity

# Statements & Search Criteria

## **Mission**

The Mathews Maritime Foundation is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to preserving and protecting Mathews County's rich maritime and cultural heritage through research, conservation, documentation and education.

## **Background**

The Mathews Maritime Museum is owned and operated by the Mathews Maritime Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and displaying examples of the rich and extensive maritime heritage of Mathews County through research, conservation, documentation and education.

Our vision is to provide a means to research, preserve and educate the community and others in the past, current, and future maritime activities associated with and inherent to Mathews County, Virginia. Mathews County was once home to over 19 shipyards and was one of the nation's leading builders of ships. This heritage is disappearing and the knowledge thereof is also fading from the minds and consciousness of the community. Residents and tourists alike are often unaware of the rich maritime background woven into the threads of families and the nation's history. Young people even within the county, often have not heard of Pungies, Bugeyes, tonging, and jimmies. Our history and the fabric of who we are in unraveling.

It was on this premise that the Foundation was incorporated in 1999. Since that time we have established a maritime museum with over 2600 artifacts related to the County's maritime history, documented sites of sunken vessels, offered family boat building days, instituted a monthly lecture series, created a maritime calendar featuring photographs of workboats, established a Mathews Maritime Heritage Trail, initiated a boat donor program to provide income for our activities and projects, and given the youth of our community service learning and volunteer opportunities.

## **Impact**

Mathews Maritime Foundation educates the public about Mathews County's rich maritime heritage. A heritage that pre dates the Revolutionary War.

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The Mathews Maritime Foundation provides education to youth through Maritime Heritage Day, Chesapeake Bay Days, and Family Boatbuilding. Adults and youth are exposed to Mathews County history through tours of the museum, Mathews Maritime Heritage Day, monthly lectures, and special programs. The addition of the deck boat "Peggy of New Point" has given volunteers the opportunity to be engaged in the restoration of an historic vessel. The "Peggy", built in Mathews County in 1925, is the last of the deck boats built in the County that remains in the County.

In all, 376 youth and adults have been participants in these educational activities. A cadre of 9 adult volunteers contributed over 1,500 hours to the restoration of the "Peggy". And \$500 was raised through education grants benefitting 92 students who participated in the Chesapeake Bay Day activity.

We will continue to support and participate in these programs (Chesapeake Bay Days, Heritage Day, and boat building/restoration) as they are the mainstay of our outreach and mission to preserve and protect Mathews County's rich maritime, shipbuilding, and cultural heritage through research, conservation, documentation, and education.

**Needs**

Still a relatively young organization, in our seventeenth year, we have pressing needs on several fronts. Not necessarily in priority order they are: 1. Need to fill vacancies on our Board with individuals who have specialized talents in grant writing, business management, and fund raising. 2. Need volunteers at all levels. Individuals to chair and/or work on any one of our seven standing committees. 3. Need to increase the value of the Peggy of New Point Endowment Fund. Currently at \$36,000 our minimum goal is \$150,000. 4. Need to find a replacement for our current volunteer Treasurer who has served in this capacity for the past ten years.

**Areas Of Service****Areas Served****Areas**

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Mathews County

Mathews County

Our primary focus is on Mathews County maritime history but we do spill over into Gloucester and Middlesex counties.

**Service Categories**

History Museums

Historical Organizations

# Programs

## Programs

### Mathews Maritime Museum

**Description**

Our museum houses artifacts, documents, and photographs depicting the history and legacy of Mathews County, the Middle Peninsula, and the Chesapeake Bay. We currently provide numerous products and services to the Community. All offerings are designed to preserve and educate the public on the maritime history and heritage of Mathews County. Many of these programs and services are designed specifically to cater to a wide range of age groups and interests. It is our intent to broaden these offerings to attract additional interest segments and new prospective donors.

**Budget**

\$0.00

### Monthly Lecture Series

**Description**

Our monthly lectures are held on the third Thursday in the months of September thru May. The lectures are maritime related covering such topics as boat design, Bay ecology, menhaden fisheries, transatlantic sailing, multihull boat design and construction, and lighthouse keepers to name a few. The lectures are offered to the community free of charge, though we do ask for donations to help support the program.

**Budget**

\$500.00

### Heritage Day

**Description**

Mathews Maritime Heritage Day is a weekend celebration of the maritime heritage of Mathews County designed to educate and allow visitors to experience the diverse culture inherent to the County. Through exhibits, attendees learn about the watermen and the means by which they earn a living, including: constructing nets, crab pots, engine mechanics, navigation, boat building, fishing, clamming, and seamanship.

**Budget**

\$1,000.00

### Kids Programs

**Description**

We provide/participate in two programs for school aged children, Sea Scout Crew and Chesapeake Bay Day.

Sea Scout Crew is a newly initiated program by the Foundation. We are in the initial stages of setting up this program which will get underway in January of 2017.

Chesapeake Bay Day is an annual event held at Thomas Hunter Middle School in Mathews County. The day long program features demonstrations in knot tying, Mathews maritime history, shipbuilding, crabbing, oystering, and boating safety.

**Budget**

\$3,000.00

## Maritime Heritage Trail

### **Description**

The Mathews Maritime Heritage Trail (MHHT) is a partnership project established in 2009 to preserve the coastal landscape and tell the history of Mathews County's maritime heritage. It follows the existing Mathews Blueways Water Trail, a 100 mile recreational water trail which is a component of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network. The MMHT differs from the Blueways Trail in that it includes educational historical information about the County's historic wharves, fish and crab packing houses, shipyards, plantations, and environmental sites. To date, it has completed the maritime history of the East River section. The next section to be completed will be Milford Haven.

### **Budget**

\$4,500.00

# Board & Governance

## Board Chair

<b>Board Chair</b>	Mr. Jack Caldwell
<b>Company Affiliation</b>	Retired
<b>Term</b>	Jan 2017 to Dec 2017
<b>Email</b>	loujackc@hotmail.com

## Board Co-Chair

<b>Board CoChair</b>	Mrs Marcy Benouameur
<b>Company Affiliation</b>	Retired
<b>Term</b>	Jan 2017 to Dec 2017
<b>Email</b>	upthecrk2@gmail.com

## Board Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Mrs. Marcy Benouameur	Retired	Voting
Mr. John Bonner	Retired	Voting
Mr. Jack Caldwell	Retired	Voting
Mr. Dennis Crawford	Retired	Voting
Mr. Kerry Hall	Waterman - self employed	Voting
Mr. Page A. Herbert	retired	Voting
Mr. Dave Machen	Retired	Voting
Mr. Tom Robinson	Retired	Voting

## Board Demographics - Ethnicity

<b>African American/Black</b>	0
<b>Asian American/Pacific Islander</b>	0
<b>Caucasian</b>	8
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	0
<b>Native American/American Indian</b>	0

## Board Demographics - Gender

<b>Male</b>	7
<b>Female</b>	1
<b>Unspecified</b>	0

## Governance

<b>Board Term Lengths</b>	3
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<b>Board Term Limits</b>	0
<b>Board Meeting Attendance %</b>	0
<b>Written Board Selection Criteria?</b>	Yes
<b>Written Conflict of Interest Policy?</b>	No
<b>Percentage Making Monetary Contributions</b>	75
<b>Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions</b>	100
<b>Number of Full Board Meetings Annually</b>	12

## Standing Committees

Education

Operations

Endowment

Membership

Special Events (Golf Tournament, Walk / Run, Silent Auction, Dinner / Gala)

Marketing

# Management

## Executive Director/CEO

<b>Executive Director</b>	No All Volunteer
<b>Term Start</b>	Dec 1999
<b>Email</b>	info@mathewsmaritime.com

## Staff

<b>Full Time Staff</b>	0
<b>Part Time Staff</b>	0
<b>Volunteers</b>	15
<b>Contractors</b>	0
<b>Retention Rate</b>	0

## Plans

<b>Organization has a Fundraising Plan?</b>	Under Development
<b>Organization has a Strategic Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Years Strategic Plan Considers</b>	5
<b>Date Strategic Plan Adopted</b>	Mar 2013
<b>Organization Policy and Procedures</b>	Yes
<b>Nondiscrimination Policy</b>	No
<b>Whistleblower Policy</b>	No
<b>Document Destruction Policy</b>	No
<b>Directors and Officers Insurance Policy</b>	No

## Collaborations

We work closely with the Mathews County Extension Office on 4H educational projects. We are partnered with Rappahannock Community College to provide a venue for the conduct of marine trades courses offered through their work force development department.

## Awards

### Awards

<b>Award/Recognition</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Year</b>
The Albert B. Cory Award	American Association for State & Local History	2011



# Financials

## Fiscal Year

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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	2017
<b>Projected Revenue</b>	\$72,000.00
<b>Projected Expenses</b>	\$42,600.00
<b>Endowment Value</b>	32530
<b>Spending Policy</b>	Income Only
<b>Percentage (if selected)</b>	0%

## Form 990s

Form 990-EZ  
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## Detailed Financials

### Revenue and Expenses

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$48,242	\$71,428	\$72,907
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$29,453	\$42,665	\$85,063

### Revenue Sources

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Foundation and Corporation Contributions</b>	--	\$750	--
<b>Government Contributions</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Federal</b>	--	--	--
<b>State</b>	--	--	--
<b>Local</b>	--	--	--
<b>Unspecified</b>	--	--	--
<b>Individual Contributions</b>	\$40,526	\$58,654	\$53,640
<b>Indirect Public Support</b>	--	--	--
<b>Earned Revenue</b>	\$4,520	\$5,158	\$13,874
<b>Investment Income, Net of Losses</b>	--	\$5	\$1
<b>Membership Dues</b>	\$1,240	\$2,435	\$3,483
<b>Special Events</b>	--	--	--
<b>Revenue In-Kind</b>	--	--	--
<b>Other</b>	\$1,956	\$4,426	\$1,909

### Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Program Expense	\$22,068	\$21,330	\$44,076
Administration Expense	\$6,147	\$18,919	\$38,905
Fundraising Expense	\$1,238	\$2,416	\$2,082
Payments to Affiliates	--	--	--
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	1.64	1.67	0.86
Program Expense/Total Expenses	75%	50%	52%
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	3%	4%	4%

### Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Total Assets	\$172,138	\$153,362	\$125,051
Current Assets	\$79,138	\$62,280	\$32,872
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0	--	--
Current Liabilities	\$275	\$288	\$740
Total Net Assets	\$171,863	\$153,074	\$124,311

### Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	287.77	216.25	44.42

### Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	0%	0%	0%

### Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	--	--

## Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign?	Anticipated In 3 Years
Goal	0
Capital Campaign Anticipated in Next 5 Years?	Yes

## State Charitable Solicitations Permit

Permit?	Yes May 2017
Registration	No Dec 0

## Comments

### Foundation Comments

- Financial information provided from IRS 990-EZs, with information on assets and liabilities from year-end financial reports.
- IRS 990-EZs prepared by Peter Hall, Treasurer.
- Revenue from "Individuals" includes corporate and foundation support.
- Organization does not currently conduct an audit.



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