Welcome to Gloucester County

■ Size: 287 square miles ■ Shoreline: 269 miles
■ Population: 34,500

History

Exploration of what would become Gloucester County began soon after 1607 when Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the new world, was started 25 miles to its south.

Just as the Indians had their villages along Gloucester's creeks, rivers and bays, many settlers built their homes along these same transportation routes.

From the Indians colonists learned to grow tobacco, the mainstay and cash crop of colonial Virginia. But it was another Indian staple, corn, that sustained early settlers.

Gloucester County was formed in 1651 from York County. It contained Kingston Parish, which became Mathews County in 1791.

Gloucester was home to several well-known persons. One of the better known was Pocahontas, daughter of Indian Chief Powhatan. According to legend, she petitioned her father to spare the life of English explorer Captain John Smith, who was one of the first white men to see the area in the early 1600s.

In 1676 Nathaniel Bacon, irked at the governor's slow action, led a force of planters against the Indians. Bacon's Rebellion defeated the Indians and then attempted to make the governor reform colonial policies. His army burned Jamestown and he briefly controlled the colony before his death ended the revolt.

Dr. Walter Reed, who, in 1900 proved yellow fever is transmitted by mosquitoes and could be controlled by eliminating them, was born at Belroi in 1851.

Lesser known is John Buckner, who brought the first printing press to Virginia.

World-renowned botanist John Clayton was a clerk of the court.

Attorney Thomas Calhoun Walker, the state's first black collector of customs, was the only black to hold statewide office in the federal Works Project Administration.

Gloucester Point's location at the York River and the Chesapeake Bay has held a strategic place in history. Fortified during Bacon's Rebellion, Gloucester Point is just across the York River from Yorktown, site of the British surrender to end the American Revolution.

A colonial encampment in the courthouse circle at Gloucester will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 27. The 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line will be featured in authentic attire. Call 693-0014 for more information.

Originally called Tyndall's Point, named for an early mapmaker, it was renamed Gloucester Towne and was once the county seat until it was moved 13 miles north during the 1700s.

When Jamestown was burned by Bacon in 1676, the Virginia Executive Council considered moving the state capital to Tyndall's Point, but the motion was rejected by a 21 to 18 vote. Jamestown remained the state capital until it was shifted to Williamsburg.

In 1769, the new county seat, Botetourt Towne (old town Gloucester), was laid out. It was named for Baron de Botetourt, then governor of Virginia.

Today, visitors can find a classic example of an early Virginia county seat at the Gloucester Courthouse Historic District on Main Street (Route 17 Business) in the business district.

Government

Many county offices are in the Gloucester County Courts and Office Building on Main Street (Route 17 business), Gloucester. Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 693-4042.

Other frequently called numbers are: animal warden, 693-5290; clerk of the circuit court, 693-2502; general district court, 693-4860; solid waste transfer station, 693-5109; parks and recreation, 693-2355; water and sewer service emergencies, 693-3890; mosquito control, 693-5250; zoning administrator, 693-4041. <gloucesterva.info>.

2005 tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.95; personal property, including cars and trucks, $2.20; and boats, $1.00.

Chamber of Commerce

Gloucester Chamber of Commerce, Coca-Cola Building, Main St. Gloucester, Va. 23601. Hours: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 693-2425.

The Gloucester Visitor Center is in the Roane Building (1896) on the Historic Court Circle on Business Route 17. The visitor's center and gift shop are open Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday, 1–4 p.m., and by appointment for groups. Also open during operating hours is the Colonial Courthouse and the Clayton Building, which was a clerk's office in the early 1800s. 693-3215 or <visitgloucesterva.info>.

Services

ABC Stores Main Street near the courthouse in Gloucester, open 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Mon.–Sat., 693-3973. Hayes in the York River Crossing Shopping Center just north of Gloucester Point on Route 17. 642-9084.

Churches Call 693-3821 for information on Gloucester churches.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Gloucester Learning Center, for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years. Gloucester Courthouse, 693-4000; Hayes, 642-2000.

Recycling The convenience centers accept the following for recycling: newspapers, household papers, corrugated cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles (#1 and #2), metal food and beverage cans, aluminum foil products, paint cans and metal aerosol cans, and used motor oil. Call Gloucester Clean Community at 693-5370 or the landfill at 693-5109.

Towing Auto Towing Specialists, Hayes. 642-6623.

Trash Disposal Gloucester has five convenience centers to accept solid waste and recyclables from residents. Hours: Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–7 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.–7 p.m. The landfill is on Route 17 north of Adner and is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–7 p.m., and Saturday 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Call 693-5480 or the landfill at 693-5109.

Veterinary Services Abingdon Animal Clinic, Route 17 and 1311, Hayes. 642-2181. Animal Care of Gloucester, 7102 Hayes Shopping Court, in Farm Fresh Shopping Center, Hayes, Route 17, Gloucester Point. 642-5740. Gloucester Veterinary Hospital Ltd., Route 17, a mile south of the courthouse. 693-3030. Sandy Creek Kennels (boarding, grooming and in-home pet care), call 888-266-3084 for pickup and delivery. Tails of Gloucester Pet Sitting, 694-0804. Emergency Veterinary Clinic (nights, weekends and holidays only), Route 17 at Oyster Point Road, Tabb. (757) 874-8115.

Recreation

The Gloucester Department of Parks and Recreation has 25 public parks or water access areas. A brochure is available by calling the office at 693-2355.

Water Access

Two of Gloucester's public boat landings have picnic areas. They are Cappahosic, on Route 618 at the York River, and Deep Point on Route 606 at the Piankatank River. Cappahosic, in addition, has seasonal restrooms.

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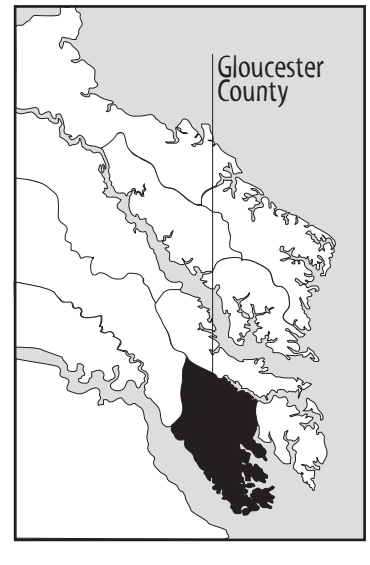

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The following locations have boat landings and fishing areas. They include: Cedar Bush/Olivers on Route 633 at the York River, Cherry Point on Route 641 at the Severn River, Glass Point, on Route 656 at the Severn River, John's Point on Route 629 at the Severn River, Millers on Route 612 at the Poropotank River, Paynes on Route 630 at Wilson Creek, Severn on Route 649 at Mobjack Bay, Warehouse on Route 621 at the Ware River, and Gloucester Point Beach on Route 1208 at the York River, which has fishing, a boat landing and restrooms.

Athletic Fields All of Gloucester's public schools have open play areas. Abingdon Elementary on Route 1308 at Wicomico has play equipment. Achilles Elementary on Route 216 at Achilles and Botetourt Elementary on Main Street near the old courthouse have softball fields and play equipment. Gloucester High on Route 615 has baseball, soccer, softball, tennis and outdoor basketball facilities. Page Middle School on Route 17 at White Marsh has baseball, soccer, softball and tennis facilities. T. C. Walker Elementary on Route 629 at Roanes has soccer and softball fields. Petsworth Elementary on Route 17 at Ark has soccer and softball fields and outdoor basketball. Ark Park on Route 17 two miles south of Ark has athletic fields.

To change or update Gloucester information, contact <tchillemi@ssentinel.com>.

Plant sale is April 29 in Saluda

The Middlesex Master Gardeners (MMG) will hold its annual plant sale and clinic on Saturday, April 29, at the Middlesex Farmers' Market on Route 33 in Saluda from 8 a.m. to noon. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and share horticulture information. Soil sampling kits will be available.

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Garrett's Marina 339 Catch Penny Lane at Bowler's Wharf, at Buoy 19 on Rappahannock River. 443-2573. Gas, ship's store, engine repair service, boat sales, launching ramp, restrooms, showers and boat storage.

Harborside Storage at Garrett's Marina 443-0190. Fully enclosed dry stack storage, and open dry stack.

June Parker Marina 531 Church Lane, off Rt. 17, Tappahannock. 443-2131. High/dry storage, ship's store, boat ramp, and slips. The marina is also the home of Rivah Marine.

Gloucester

Glenns

Friday's Marine Routes 17 and 33, Glenns. 758-4131. Suzuki outboard engines sales and repair. Most outboards serviced, marine store.

Perrin River

B. R. Marine Service and Railway 9417 Boatyard Lane, Bena. 642-2282. On the Perrin River; ship's store, hull and engine repair, full service yard, railway. Restrooms. No transient slips.

Crown Pointe Marina 9737 Cook's Landing Lane, Hayes, 642-6177. On Perrin River off of the York River at end of Route 1102. Gas, diesel, ice, bait, pumpout, ship's store, 20-ton travel lift, restrooms, showers, ramp, fish cleaning station. Fishing charters, two pools, 235 slips plus transient slips.

Piankatank River

Freeport Marina Off Route 198 at Route 673. 693-4217. Gas, paddleboat and rowboat rentals, bait, tackle and handicrafts. Store is a historic landmark. Open 9 a.m.–6 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sundays starting Memorial Day.

Rowes Creek

Holiday Marina Severn Wharf Road, on Rowes Creek off the Severn River. 642-2528. Gas, diesel, ice, showers, restrooms, transient slips, marine parts, full service marina, hull and engine repair, 60-ton lift, ramp, sewage pumpout.

Sarah's Creek

Gloucester Point Marina Gloucester Point. (24 hours). On Route 1228, Marina Way, at Sarah's Creek off the York River. Store, food, bait, ice, restrooms, showers, wet and dry storage, lift. Power wash and paint, minor repairs.

Jordan Marine Service Jordan Road, Gloucester Point, on Sarah's Creek off the York River, 642-4360. Sewage pumpout, 12-ton and 60-ton travel lifts, 100-ton railway, paint and hull repairs, wet and dry storage, showers and restrooms.

York River Yacht Haven Gloucester Point. 642-2156, Fax, 642-4766. At mouth of Sarah's Creek after green marker #9. Gas, diesel, 10 foot depth at fuel dock, sewage pumpout, ship's store, ice, hull and engine repair, full service yard or do-it-yourself. 35 and 60 ton lifts, car rental nearby, showers, restrooms, pool and picnic area, transient slips. Home of River's Inn Restaurant and Crab Deck.

Severn River

Severn River Marina On Willet's Creek near marker #4, 3398 Stonewall Road, Hayes. 642-6969. A new marina off Mobjack Bay. Full service repairs with 75-ton travel, wet and dry storage, ship's store, transient facilities and other amenities.

Lancaster

Carter's Creek

Carter's Cove Marina A new marina at Carter's Creek on the Rapphannock River. Slips, electric service to all slips, sewage pumpout, laundry facilities, wireless internet. 436-1001.

Irvington Marina At the end of Carter's Creek Road in Irvington. Gas/diesel, some repairs, masts and rigging, slips, restrooms, sewage pumpout, haul-out. 438-5113.

Marina at The Tides Inn 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Gas/diesel, sewage pumpout, mini ship's store, showers, laundry, dining, lodging, slips, restrooms, access to golf, tennis and swimming pools. 438-6400. tidesinn.com.

Rappahannock Yachts/Sanders Yacht Yard At 70 Rappahannock Road in Irvington. Ship's store, slips, repairs, restrooms. 438-5353.

Greenvale Creek

Greenvale Creek Marina On Fairweather Lane near the end of Rt. 624. Sewage pumpout, ship's store, repairs, slips, launching ramp. 462-0646. greenvalecreekmarina.com.

Indian Creek

Chesapeake Boat Basin 1686 Waverly Avenue, Kilmarnock. Gas/diesel, complete ship's store, inboard/outboard engine repairs, Suzuki dealer, Triton boats dealer, brokerage sales, slips, restrooms, launching ramp, ice. 435-3110. chesapeakeboatbasin.com.

Meyer Creek

Yankee Point Marina At the end of Route 610 in Ottoman near the Merry Point Ferry. Gas/diesel, free sewage pumpout, ship's store, repairs, slips, boat sales, restrooms, launching ramp. 462-7018. yankeepointmarina.com.

Mathews

Cobbs Creek

Ginney Point Marina End of Rt. 628, Cobbs Creek. 725-7407. At Piankatank River and Cobbs Creek; depth at fuel dock, 5.5'; gas, diesel and oil; ramp, ice, toilets and showers, electric boat for charter. Nearby: groceries, bait, meals and lodging. Engine, hull, electrical and sail repairs; slip rental, wet, dry, open and covered boat storage; limited marine supplies, one rental apartment.

Davis Creek

Davis Creek Marina One mile from New Point Comfort Lighthouse, off of Route 689 in Bavon. Gas, diesel, 10 ft. depth at fuel dock, ice, beer, bait, ship's store with snack foods, boat ramp, dry storage and wet slips for commercial and pleasure boats, restrooms and showers. No repairs. Chesapeake Bay

Horn Harbor Marina On Route 710, Port Haywood. 725-3223. Located north of New Point Comfort on Horn Harbor, gas, diesel, ice, six-foot depth. Pool, showers, restrooms, pumpout; 15-ton travel lift, 80-ton railway. Hull repairs for fiberglass and wood. Covered and open slips.

East River

Zimmerman Marine Rt. 650, Cardinal. 725-3440. On the west side of the East River, about two miles from the Mobjack Bay at navigation marker 13: depth at dock 6.5 feet at high tide; engine, hull, electrical and radio repairs; can haul power boats up to 55' and sailboats up to 60' and 35 tons. No dockage or marina services.

Milford Haven

Gwynn's Island Boatel Route 669, Hudgins, next to the Milford Haven Coast Guard Station. Gas and oil, depth at fueling dock, 4 feet. Minor repairs and bottom painting. Small ship's store, ice, bait and fishing supplies. Dry storage only. Sewage pumpout, showers and restrooms. 725-9343.

Pulley's Marine Rt. 633, Grimstead, Gwynn's Island. 725-3814. On Milford Haven (near marker #6) north of the U. S. Coast Guard Station. Repairs and service. Sales of three boat engine brands. 6' water depth. Ships store, fishing licenses, official weigh station for the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, ramp nearby, no sewage pumpout.

Narrows Marina Route 223, Grimstead. Gas, diesel, oil, ice, depth at fueling dock, 10'; 27-ton lift and repairs. Motel, pool, showers and toilets. 725-2151.

North River

Mobjack Bay Marina Route 617, North. On Green Mansion Cove on eastern side of North River near marker 2. Gas, diesel and oil, depth at fuel dock, 4' at low tide. Primarily a sailboat marina. Repairs to hulls, electrical systems, minor engine repairs and bottom painting. 20-ton travel lift. Dockage, boat ramp, dry storage, sewage pumpout, showers and restrooms, ice, ship's store. 725-7245.

Middlesex

Broad Creek

Chesapeake Cove Marina Rt. 1110, Deltaville. 776-6855. Gas and diesel fuel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, hull and engine repair, restrooms, Finatic fishing charters, travel lift. and Prop service. Powerboat sales.

Coastal Marine Inc. Route 33, Deltaville, 776-6585. Full service boatyard for power and sail, 50-ton travel-lift, complete engine and mechanical shop, specializes in repair of Mercury outboards.

Deltaville Yachting Center Rt. 33, Deltaville. 776-9898. Gas, ship's store, clubhouse, pool, hull and engine repair, rigging service, forklift, travel lift, boatel, yard storage, yacht service. Chesapeake Yacht Sales, dealer for Catalina sailboats and Albin and Carolina Classic power boats.

J&M Marina Route 1112, Deltaville. 776-9860. Launching ramps, travel lift, railway, boat repair, open and covered slips, new and used boat sales, restrooms.

Norton's Yacht Sales Inc. Deltaville. 776-9211. Boat slips, gas and diesel fuel, sewage pumpouts, restrooms, 35-ton travel lift, new and used boat sales, dealer for Hunter sailboats and Jeanneau yachts, ASA sailing school and sailing charters, full service.

Norview Marina Route 33, Deltaville. 776-6463. Gas and diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, boatel, hull and engine repair, modern restrooms, boat ramp, swimming pool, laundromat, convenience market, travel lift, forklift, Delta boat sales and brokerage.

Regatta Point Yacht Club Neptune Lane, Deltaville. 776-8400, open and covered slips to 70', clubhouse, meeting/conference room, pool, wireless internet access, concrete floating docks.

Stingray Harbor Marina End of Route 33 near Stingray Point, Deltaville. 776-7272. Sail and

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powerboat slips.

Walden's Marina Deltaville. 776-9440. 60 covered and open boat slips, ship's store, gas and diesel fuel, restrooms, pumpout facility, full-service boatyard, hull and engine repair, bait, transient space, railway, travel lift.

Fishing Bay

Deagle's Boatyard Inc. 548 Deagles Rd, Deltaville. 776-9741. Ship's store, hull and engine repair, restrooms, travel lift, railway, dinghy sales, shedding tank sales.

Fishing Bay Harbor Marina 519 Deagles Rd., Deltaville. 776-6800. Gas and diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, modern restrooms, swimming pool, laundromat, bicycles.

Jackson Creek

Deltaville Boat Yard Route 683, Deltaville, 776-8900. Hull and engine repair, dry storage, fiberglass repair, carpentry work, travel lift, full service yard.

Deltaville Marina Route 683, Deltaville, 776-9812. Gas and diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, restrooms, swimming pool, Laundromat.

LaGrange Creek

Remlik Marina Resort and Mike's Marine Services 485 Burch Rd, near Urbanna. 758-5450. Full-service boatyard, hull and engine repairs, ship's store, pumpout, 30-ton travel lift, swimming pool, restrooms, onshore winter storage, gas, 99 covered slips.

Locklies Creek

Locklies Marina Route 621, Topping. 758-2871 or 1-888-860-1014. Gas and diesel fuel, ship's store, dry storage, 18 charter boats moor at the facility, restrooms, two launching ramps, boat rentals, picnic tables.

Regent Point Marina Inc. Topping. 758-4457. Sailboats only. Sewage pumpout, clean restrooms and showers, boat ramp for leaseholders, playground for children, covered picnic area, storage lockers, and boatyard service including hauling and ground storage available.

Urbanna Creek

Dozier's Port Urbanna Yachting Center 1 Waterfront Street, Urbanna. 758-0000. Hull and engine repair, restrooms, outside boat storage facilities, covered slips to 70', clubhouse and 40-ton lift.

Urbanna Bridge Marina At foot of Watling Street adjacent to Urbanna Creek Bridge. 758-8503. 44 slips, transient dock, bath and shower facilities, pumpout station, recreational area, restaurant access, apartment complex for yearly rental, mobile mechanics, convenient to gas and diesel pumps.

Urbanna Town Marina At foot of Virginia Street. 32 slips, 16 transient. Bath and shower facilities, laundry, pumpout station, handicapped accessible. 758-2613.

Urbanna Yachting Center At foot of Watling Street, Urbanna. 758-2342. Full-service yard, sail loft, gas and diesel fuel, ship's store, transient space, pumpout facilities, 25 ton travel lift.

Northumberland

Coan River

Coan River Marina 3170 Lake Road near Lottsburg. Deep water slips with easy access to Bay and river. Gas/diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, laundry, restrooms, full repairs, 25 ton travelift. 529-6767.

Lewisetta Marina At the end of Route 624. Gas/diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, ABC off, ice, hull and engine repair, boat rentals, fishing and cruise charters, restrooms, launching ramp. 529-7299.

Cockrell's Creek

Buzzards Point Marina At the end of Route 656 near Lilian. Gas/diesel, ship's store (limited), hull and engine repairs, boat launching (by forklift). 453-3545.

Fairport Marina At the end of Polly Cove Road near Reedville, Gas/diesel, ship's store and restaurant, restrooms. 453-5002.

Little Wicomico River

Chesapeake Bay/Smith Island KOA Near Lillian. 20 covered slips, store, hot showers, swimming pool, mini-golf, pavilion, 11 air-conditioned cabins for rent, breakfast served Sundays. Overnight and annual slip rentals. 453-3430.

Cockrell's Marine Railway Near Heathsville. Hull and engine repair, sewage pumpout, launching ramp. 453-3560.

Smith Point Marina Off Route 654 near Sunnybank. Gas/diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, party charters, launching ramp, restrooms. 453-4077.

Lodge Creek

Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina Inc. At the end of Route 623 (Melrose Road) near Lewisetta. Gas/diesel, sewage pumpout, launching ramp, sand beach, heated pool, laundry room, restrooms/showers, boat with trailer storage, 200 covered and open slips, transients welcome. 529-6868.

Great Wicomico River

Great Wicomico Marine Off Route 200 at Burgess, gas, launching ramp, restrooms, showers. 453-3351.

Towles Creek

Ingram Bay Marina At the end of Route 609 near Wicomico Church. Gas/diesel, sewage pumpout, ship's store, tackle/bait shop, fishing and cruise charters, private or party boat charters, boat/canoe rentals, restrooms/showers, launching ramp. 580-7292.

Yeocomico River

Krentz Marine Railway On Route 622, Harryhogan Road. Sewage pumpout, ship's store (hardware and marine supplies only), hull and engine repair, restrooms, slip rentals. 529-6851.

The Fishing Center At the end of Route 622 at Harryhogan Point. Sewage pumpout, fishing charters, restrooms/showers, deep water slips, adjacent to major repair yard. 529-7370.

Richmond

Morattico Creek

Whelan's Marina At the end of Route 647 in Farnham on the Rappahannock River and Morattico Creek. Gas, ship's store and snacks, boat repairs, launching ramp, ABC off, restrooms/showers, sales of boat and engines, travel lift. 394-9500. whelansmarina.com.

Westmoreland

Lower Machodoc Creek

Branson's Cove Marina 284 Bransons Cove Road, Coles Point, Boat ramp, slip rentals, fuel, store, snack bar and sewage pump-out. 472-3866.

Mattox Creek

Harbor View Marina Route 664 in Oak Grove, Slip rentals, showers, pool, snack bar, boat sales and repairs, fuel, sewage pump-out. 224-9265.

Monroe Bay

Nightingale's Motel and Marina 101 Monroe Bay Ave. Transient

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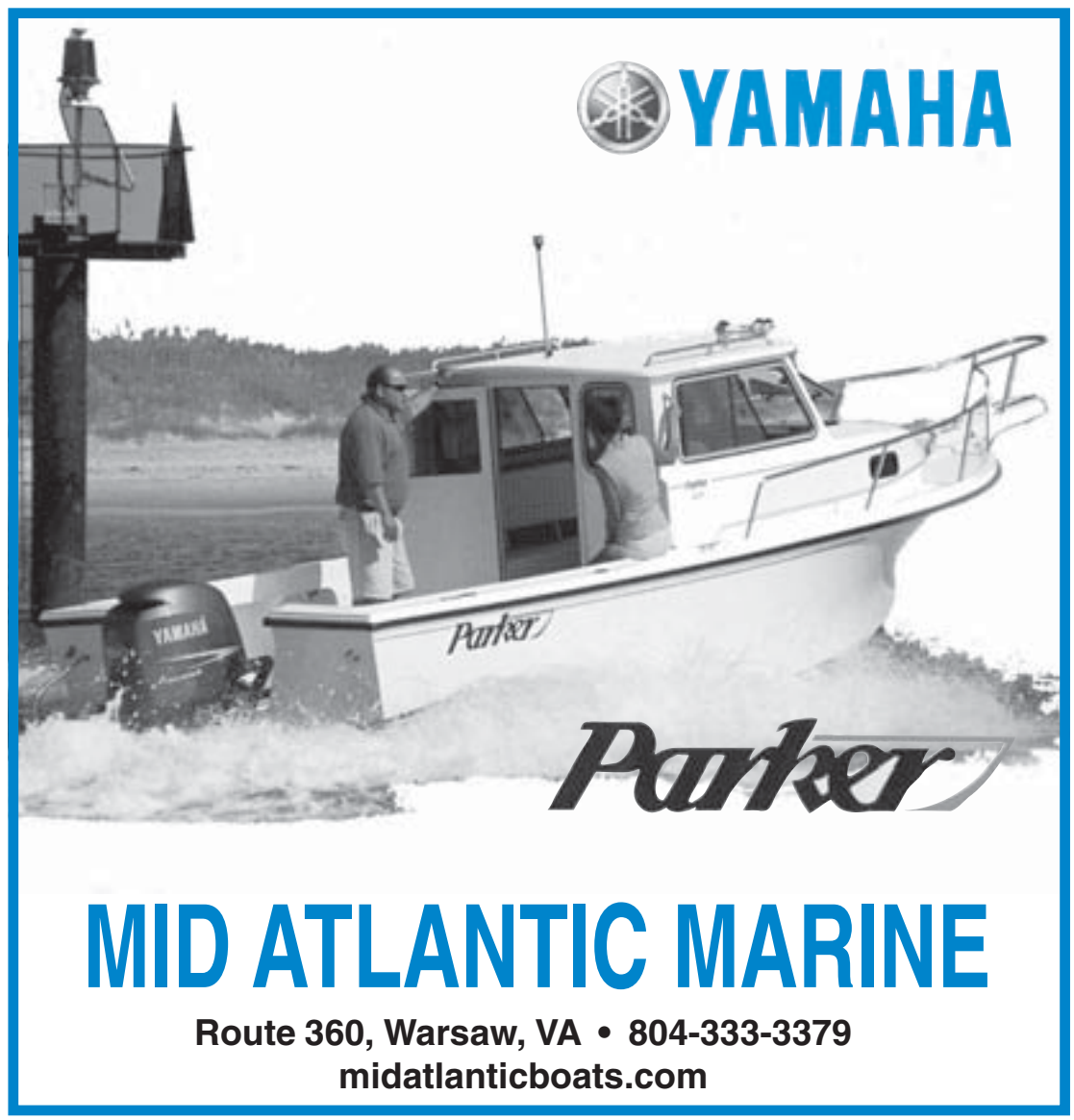

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Boating Access & Sites of Interest

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Potomac Gateway Visitor Center

James Monrow Birthplace

Colonial Beach

Colonial Beach Museum

George Washington Birthplace

Westmoreland State Park

Stratford Hall

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Coles Point

Montross

Westmoreland County Museum and Visitor's Center

Hague

Kinsale Museum

Potomac River

ESSEX COUNTY

Smith Island

Callao

Warsaw

Richmond County Museum

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Tappahannock

Essex County Museum

Virmar Public Beach

Cruise to Smith Island

Smith Point Light

Ball Memorial Library & Museum

Heathsville

Burgess

Sunnybank Ferry

RICHMOND COUNTY

Rappahannock River

Bushmill Stream Natural Area Preserve

Reedville

Reedville Fisherman's Museum

Tangier Island

LANCASTER COUNTY

Belle Isle State Park

Lively

Lancaster

Mary Ball Washington Museum

Cruise to Tangier Island

KING & QUEEN COUNTY

Canoe House Public Beach

Merry Point Free Ferry

Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve

Kilmarnock

Lancaster Visitors Center

Mattaponi River

King William Courthouse

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Urbanna

Urbanna Visitor's Center

Irvington

Historic Christ Church

White Stone

Windmill Point Light

Mattaponi Indian Reservation

Windmill Point

Public Beach

Pamunkey Indian Reservation

Middlesex County Museum

Saluda

West Point

Deltaville

Stingray Point Light

Stingray Point

Chesapeake Bay

Gwynn's Island Museum

Gwynn's Island

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

MATHEWS COUNTY

Historic Gloucester Courthouse Square & Beaverdam Park

Tompkins Cottage

Wolf Trap Lighthouse

William Wharf Rowing Center

Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve

York River

Mobjack Bay

Rosewell Ruins

New Point Comfort Lighthouse

New Point Comfort Observation Walkway

New Point Comfort Island

Williamsburg

Gloucester Point

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Yorktown

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slips, restrooms, restaurant next door, motel accommodations. 224-7956.

Stanford's Marina and Railway 829 Robin Grove Lane. Working boatyard, slip rentals, haul and lift, wooden boat repairs, marine store. 224-7644.

Potomac River

Colonial Beach Yacht Center 1787 Castlewood Drive. Slip rentals, fuel, ship's store, boat lift, bathhouse, pub, restaurant. 224-7230.

Coles Point Plantation Rt. 728 in Coles Point, Slip rentals, boat ramp, fuel, store, boat yard, sewage pumpout, campground, pool, restaurant, fishing pier, biking/hiking trails, cabin rentals. 472-3955. colespoint.com.

Westmoreland State Park Route 3, West of Montross, A public boat ramp is located at the park. Gas, ice, bait and fishing supplies are available for sale. Paddleboats and rowboats can be rented Memorial Day–Labor Day. Kayaking classes and tours are also held periodically. 493-8821.

Yeocomico River

Kinsale Harbour Yacht Club and Restaurant Highway 203 in Kinsale. Deep water slips, showers, swimming pool, tennis court, and restaurant. Transients welcome. 472-2514.

Port Kinsale Marina and Resort Route 608 in Kinsale, 96 deep water slips in protected harbor, transients welcome. Ship's store, fuel, electric, laundry and modern bath houses, slip rentals, boat ramp, sewage pumpout, pool, laundry, picnic area, restaurant, campground, lodging. Full service marina and boat yard. Home of The Mooring Restaurant. 472-2044. portkinsale.com.

White Point Marina 175 Marina Drive in Kinsale. Slip rentals, fuel, sewage pumpout, showers, haul-out/railway facilities, full service repairs. 472-2977. whitepointmarina.com.

Bluegrass festival to feature Ralph Stanley

Organizers of the Menokin Bluegrass Festival May 6 with legends Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys have announced that the $20 tickets are available at local businesses.

Tickets may be purchased in Lancaster County at White Stone Wine and Cheese in White Stone and Cuttin' Up Hair Salon in Kilmarnock.

Advance tickets can be bought up to the day of the show. Then they will be available at the gates only. Gates will open at 11 a.m. The music will start at noon and continue to 6 p.m. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

The festival will be held on the grounds of Menokin in Warsaw.

Tickets can also be purchased at www.menokin-bluegrass.com.

Other performers will include The Seldom Scene, Old School Freight Train and Bill Kelso and Gas Money Band.

Gold sponsors include EVB, Roma Ristorante Italiano in Tappahannock, Dillard and Katona and Allied Waste Services.

The festival is an all-day, family-friendly event that benefits The Menokin Foundation, a conservation group that seeks to interpret and restore the ruins of Menokin, the one-time home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Tickets also may be purchased by calling 333-0512, and by sending a cashiers check or money order to Box 102, Warsaw, VA 22572.

'Paint Out' reception scheduled

The "Faces and Places of Deltaville" exhibit featuring the works of all painters who have participated in the Paint Outs, is on display at Yates House Gallery. in Deltaville.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 19, and the public is invited.

For more information call Blanche Scharf at 694-9130.

Ragtime concert is April 29

The Peabody Ragtime Ensemble will be featured Saturday, April 29, in the Rappahannock Concert Association's final concert of the 2005-06 season.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond County Elementary School, The concert is sponsored by Southside Bank.

Individual tickets can be purchased at the door, or call Betsey Fountain at 493-9522, or visit www.rappahannock-concerts.org.

Auto Cruise-In set for May 14

A custom auto Cruise-In will be held the second Sunday of each month, beginning at 4 p.m. at Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center in Kilmarnock.

All special interest, custom, classic and antique vehicles are welcome. A 50-50 drawing will be held at 6 p.m. There also will be door prizes.

The Cruise-In will be held every second Sunday through October, weather permitting.

This is a free non-judged family fun event. For more information, call Jack Ashburn at 435-6171, or Jim Francis at 436-1154.

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Sailing at its best!

Rappahannock River Yacht Club racing season is under spinnaker

The hiss of the bow wave sliding along the hull. The chir-r-r-r of a winch tightening up a sail line. The sigh of the wind pulling a sail. The squint of the helmsman measuring the angle to the next mark. The riffle of a stray puff on the surface of the course. Closing the gap to the boat ahead. The race is on!

Racing sailors live for these moments—another chance to better their most recent record, add another trophy to the shelf, lead their crew to a winning season, prove their skill to themselves and their sailing community.

For these sailboat racing enthusiasts, the Rappahannock River Yacht Club offers a 2006 schedule for two classes of boats with distinctly different challenges for skippers and crew seeking keen competition on the water this season.

The PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) class pits boats of many varying designs against one another. To equalize performance differences, the PHRF organization establishes time handicaps for each design based on observations of the design's optimal sailing performance. By doing so, each boat in any given race is theoretically equal to all the others in performance despite differences in design, length, weight, sail area, and many other variables. Upcoming PHRF events include the RRYC Spring Regatta May 20 and the RRYC/ Fishing Bay Yacht Club River Races May 28.

The one-design Flying Scot class offers owners of these boats a chance to test their sailing skills against skippers and crew of like boats. The 20 foot Flying Scot design, launched nearly 50 years ago in western Maryland, has endured as a fast, easy-handling design that is family-friendly as well. (flyingscot.com). Two series of races are scheduled at either end of the 2006 season, testing skill performance in differing seasonal weather conditions. Sailors accumulate points in each of four races to determine the series winner. A separate Flying Scot Regatta determines the top area Flying Scott skipper and crew. This year's competitions are viewed by participants as a "tune-up" for the 2007 50th anniversary of the Flying Scot design to be commemorated by the North American Championship at Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

Upcoming Flying Scot events include the the the RRYC Spring Series 2 regatta April 30, RRYC Spring Series 3 regatta May 7, RRYC Spring Series 4 regatta May 21.

Details about qualifying for and participating in the upcoming Spring PHRF regatta on May 20 and the Flying Scot Regatta on June 10 and 11 are posted on the Rappahannock River Yacht Club website (rryc.org), or call 438-6650.

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Rockfish with skin lesions are safe to eat

by Larry S. Chowning

Just when striped bass (rockfish) stocks appear to be on the rise in the Chesapeake Bay, a relatively new disease, mycobacteriosis, is causing concern throughout the bay region.

The bacterial disease was first discovered in 1997 and it creates skin ulcers and internal lesions on rockfish, disfiguring the skin and internal organs.

The disease is widespread in the bay. A fish survey from the summer of 2001 revealed that in some Virginia areas of the bay, 70 percent of striped bass might be infected with mycobacteria.

A recently released Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) fact sheet states that fish with the disease are safe to eat and pose no known health risk, provided the fish is properly cooked.

Striped bass appear to be the only type of fish impacted by this disease, states VIMS.

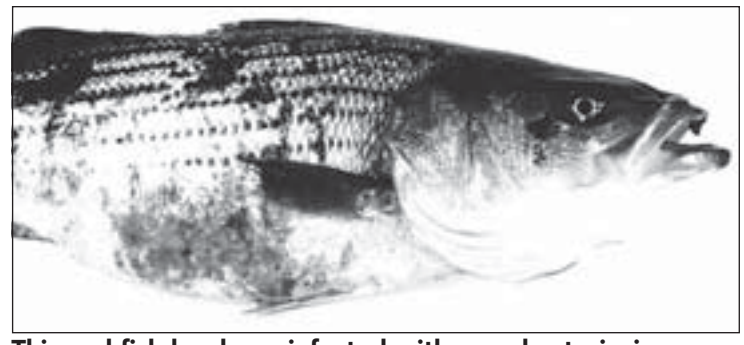
The VIMS report also states that fish exhibiting the skin ulcers are of greatest concern to commercial and recreational fishermen because the bacteria can enter the skin through cuts on hands and arms and cause a disorder called "fish handler's disease." However, it is also noted that this disease is very rare.

The report recommends wearing gloves and minimizing handling of striped bass with skin ulcers; returning fish with unsightly skin to the water; taking particular care if one has a cut or scrape on hands or arms; and washing with antibiotic soap and water after contacting fish with ulcers.

Chesapeake striped bass migrate from Maine to North Carolina and very tight quotas in the Atlantic states control their catch. Scientific analyses have not seen an increase in numbers of ocean stripers dying from natural causes. However, there is a 20 percent increase in natural mortality on the Chesapeake Bay and the disease is probably contributing, says Dr. Wolfgang Vogelbein, who is in charge of the study of fish diseases for VIMS.

"This is a Chesapeake Bay problem and does not appear to be affecting the larger, older migrating adult spawners that leave the bay and go out into the ocean," said Vogelbein. "It seems to mostly affect younger fish that stay in the bay year around."

There is great concern over what's causing it and not enough research has been done to determine that yet. Speculation is that poor water quality and decline of traditional food sources (menhaden) may be contributing," said Vogelbein.



This rockfish has been infected with mycobacteriosis.

Photo courtesy of VIMS

Get your fishing license before casting that line

The following agents of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries in this area sell both saltwater and freshwater fishing licenses:

- **Middlesex County:** Harrow's Home Center in Saluda (Cooks Corner); J&W Seafood in Deltaville; Big John's in Church View
- **Lancaster County:** Bunny's Service Center in Morratico; Eubank & Son and Chesapeake Boat Basin in Kilmarnock; Greenvale Creek Marina in Lancaster
- **Northumberland County:** Jett's Hardware in Reedville; Brown's Store Market in Heathsville; RW's Sport Shop in Callao
- **Gloucester County:** Keepers in Glenns; Wal-Mart and Beaverdam Park in Gloucester Court House; Holiday Marina in Achilles; N-Out Foodmart in Gloucester Point
- **Mathews County:** Pulley's Marine in Grimstead; New Point Campground in New Point; Queen's Creek Company in Cobbs Creek
- **Essex County:** White's Home & Auto Store, Hunter Sports and Wal-Mart, all in Tappahannock
- **Richmond County:** Southern States in Warsaw
- **Westmoreland County:** Winter Ken's Field & Stream in Oak Grove; Colonial Beach Yacht Center in Colonial Beach; Marie's Corner Store in Westmoreland

Individual saltwater licenses are $12.50 and freshwater licenses are $12.50; boat coverage licenses are $38. Other license options are also available. Individual licenses are required unless fishing from a licensed pier, licensed charter boat or licensed private boat. Persons under the age of 16 or age 65 and older are not required to have a license. For more information, call the licensing division at DGIF (804) 367-1000. The DGIF website is <www.dgif.state.va.us>. Buy a license online or by phone at (866) 693-9157.

Good fishing in the forecast for 2006

by Capt. Billy Pipkin

We think of May as the end of spring and the preview of what summer will bring. Before we get too carried away in predicting the future, let's evaluate where we stood at the end of last season and how we fared through the winter months.

2005 Wrap-up

Overall the 2005 season was successful with many species having a much stronger showing than expected. Among the surprises were summer flounder, red drum and sheepshead.

Flounder accounted for the largest number of citations among the 34 eligible species in the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. The 937 citations ranged in size from the 7-pound minimum up to 17 pounds.

Red drum (redfish) citations have been on the rise over the past decade. Last year's 770 citations was the second highest on record. The large number of red drum caught is a direct result of the rediscovering of an old fishery.

The sheepshead fishery has continued to grow, producing 575 citations last season. The lion's share of these fish are located in the lower bay and Virginia's ocean waters. A new 20.75-pound state record was landed at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel last fall.

Striped bass (rockfish) populations are large. The 14-20 inch class of fish have swelled to levels not seen in decades. The jumbo 40-inch-plus class of fish have fallen off due to mismanagement. Despite the drop, a new state record was landed tipping the scales at over 68 pounds. It takes roughly 18 years for a striped bass to reach citation size of 40 pounds or 44 inches in length.

Croaker fishing was average last season. Citations fell shy of the previous year with 164 earning plaques. Quantities of 10-12 inch fish remain abundant.

Spot began slowly but by fall they had made a strong showing finishing with 288 citations over the 1lb 2oz. minimum.

Grey trout (weakfish) remained slow last season while speckled trout (sea trout) improved in numbers. There were 172 sea trout landed that weighed over five pounds.

Cobia catches dropped back to average levels with 164 citations earned. The immense fight that these fish provide attracts anglers.

Bluefish continued their evasive tendencies last year with just enough taylor blues to keep anglers' appetites wet. Sizes improved to an average 3-5 pounds but, with only three citations given last year, the once considered "marlin of the bay" has drifted into the shadows of rockfish.

Lookin' ahead in 2006

Rockfish fever will strike again. The warm winter that we experienced this year allowed the migratory stock to winter off of Cape Henry and the Virginia coastline. Therefore they had an early start on the spring spawning run. Cooler temperatures during the spring slowed migration down a bit but they nevertheless had a strong spawn. I look for these fish to be abundant again this year with individual sizes rising. The average sizes will run 20-24 inches in length. The spring fishery will be into full swing by early May and the fall season, if the weather remains moderate, and should find abundant numbers.

I foresee bluefish picking up in numbers this year. I feel that the sizes will continue the increase of last year yet the availability of food will play a major role. The menhaden population needs to improve in the bay in order to support both a flourishing striped bass and bluefish fishery. Striped bass adapt more readily and have a more diverse appetite than their

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Rivah Area Tide Tables for May 2006

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A true fish story

by Capt. Lloyd Carter

On November 11, 2005 at approximately 4:15 p.m. as the sun set on the beautiful and clean Rappahannock River, between Buoy 8 and Greenvale Creek, I was alone trolling for striper bass (rockfish) aboard the "Queen Bee," a 24-foot Wellcraft walk-around from Warner.

Suddenly, the oldest rod-and-reel in the four rod holders on the rear of the craft began to vibrate and bend double, downwards to the water. The rod is a 60-inch Ugly Stick, the reel is a 35-year-old Penn 735 spinner, which I refuse to part with because it is the first reel I ever owned. The line used is a spool of Spider line 40-pound test line purchased and well-used five years ago.

By the way, there were also three open-faced newly purchased Penn Reels equipped for "rock fishing" when this 26-pound, 37-inch striper decided to strike the old reel. Why the fish decided to hit on this line I will never know. This fight, 20 minutes later, confirmed my belief in the "Old Penn" and the "Old Spider Line." This is the living proof.

Captain Lloyd Carter and his 26-pound rockfish.

2006 Weigh Stations

Below are the official 2005 Virginia Saltwater Tournament weigh stations for the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula area. For more information, call (757) 491-5160.

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- **Callao:** R.W.'s Sport Shop (804) 529-5634
- **Coles Point:** Branson Cove Marina (804) 472-3866
- **Kilmarnock:** Chesapeake Boat Basin (804) 435-3110
- **Lancaster:** RTS Tackle (804) 462-0100
- **Lottsburg:** Lewisetta Marina (804) 529-7299
- **Oak Grove:** Winter Harbor Seafood (804) 224-7779
- **Reedville:** Buzzard Point Marina (804) 453-3545
- **Reedville:** Smith Point Marina (804) 453-4077

Middle Peninsula

- **Bowler's Wharf:** Garrett's Marina (804) 443-2573
- **Cobbs Creek:** Queen's Creek Outfitters (804) 725-3889
- **Deltaville:** J&W Seafood (804) 776-6400
- **Deltaville:** Norview Marina (804) 776-6463
- **Gloucester:** Freeport Marina (804) 693-6575
- **Glouester Point:** A&S Feed & Supplies (804) 642-4940
- **Gwynn's Island:** G.I. Campers Haven (804) 725-5700
- **Gwynn's Island:** Pulley's Marine (804) 725-3814
- **Hayes:** Crown Pointe Marina (804) 642-6177
- **New Point:** New Point Campground (804) 725-5120
- **Plainview:** Tucker Recreational Park (804) 785-4464
- **Saluda:** Keepers (804) 758-5720
- **Topping:** Grey's Point Campground (804) 758-2485
- **Topping:** Locklies Marina (804) 758-2871
- **Ware Neck:** Nuttrall & Company (804) 693-3067
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Fishing tourney makes changes

The 49th annual Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, which opened January 1, 2006 and runs throughout the year, will feature several changes in its popular citation program.

The most significant modification will be to the program's eligibility criteria. Commercial hook-and-line fishermen will be eligible to earn citation awards when they are participating in recreational fishing trips.

This changes a long-standing rule prohibiting holders of commercial hook-and-line licenses from participating in any tournament programs.

Qualifiying catches must be made on fishing trips that are totally recreational, and tournament rules now define commercial trips as any and all trips producing any fish for sale or barter. All persons participating in such trips in any capacity, even if they do not consider themselves as part of the crew, are not eligible to register fish caught aboard those vessels on those trips.

Several minor changes to the minimum qualifying standards for citations took effect in 2006. Reflecting the continuing expansion of the fishery and increasing number of citations, the minimum qualifying weight for sheepshead was increased from 9 pounds to 10 pounds and the length for a release was raised from 22 inches to 24 inches.

The minimum weight for a Spanish mackerel citation was lowered from 5 pounds to 4 pounds, and a citation for the capture of true albacore (longfin tuna) was added with a 40-pound minimum.

In addition, release awards will no longer be offered for wahoo, dolphin, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, black sea bass and spot.

The Tournament Committee considered changes to both the flounder and spot citation standards, but after vigorous discussions decided to leave the minimums unchanged.

Anglers should remember to purchase a 2006 saltwater license prior to fishing in the new year and should pay attention to all 2006 fishery regulations.

All applicable fisheries regulations must be adhered to and a saltwater fishing license is required for tournament participation.

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Good fishing . . .

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counterparts.

Red drum populations have been increasing and the interest in these fish has really taken off. Anglers are drawn to the lower bay during the early season where they find enjoyment in catching these large specimens during the months of May and June. Because it takes roughly 15 years for these fish to reach citation weight of 40 pounds (roughly 45 inches in length), red drum have predominantly become a catch and release fishery.

Grey trout have taken a downward turn over the past four years and will likely recover somewhat this season with most falling into the 12-15 inch class. We cannot expect the recovery to happen overnight.

Speckled trout may show in better numbers this season although they will not reach those of years past. Sea grasses are growing well on the sandy flats so you might say that their beds are made if they choose to come.

This should be a decent year for cobia. The overall population may be down slightly but since a large part of this fishery consists of catch and release, numbers should stabilize. Anglers can find these fish from the Maryland/Virginia line to the Bay's entrance.

Flounder are showing signs of a strong comeback. Return has been slow and steady. I don't want to be overconfident in light of last year's bumper catches, but I am optimistic that this will be another good year-particularly in the mid and lower bay waters.

Spadefish will likely go well in the lower bay and ocean waters again this season. The bay will find these fish spread out and they will offer us a shorter window of opportunity.

Croaker will once again grow in size and number.

By the sizes of the spring catches in commercial hauls we are in for a good year. Spot fishing will be better than last year but we may see a late run of the big Norfolk spot. Overall, I feel very confident that the season ahead will be a prosperous one. The Lord has blessed us with some of the best fishing in the world, right here in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia.

Until next time . . . fair winds.

Capt. Billy Pipkin, a charterboat operator and fishing columnist, owns and operates Capt. Billy's Charters and Ingram Bay Marina in Wicomico Church. (804) 580-7292. For the latest up-to-date fishing information and tips, read his column "The Fishing Line" weekly in the Rappahannock Record.

Citation

David Turner of Water View caught his citation striper (50 inches, 44 pounds) in early December near Towles Point. He used a Mojo lure and registered the citation at Queen's Creek Outfitters of Cobbs Creek.

First rockfish

Hayley Guess (above), 12, of Urbanna caught her first rockfish in the Rappahannock River last fall. It was 27.25 inches long.

Welcome to Lancaster County

■ Size: 136.5 square miles ■ Shoreline: 277 miles
■ Population: 11,300

History

Indians had occupied the Northern Neck for some 10,000 years when Capt. John Smith sailed up the Rappahannock River in 1608. The Powhatan Confederate was represented here by the Moraughtacunds and the Cuttatawomen tribes. A short 43 years later, Lancaster County was formed from neighboring Northumberland.

Families of notable influence in the social, political and economic climate of the colonies built magnificent "empires" here, and family names like Carter and Ball still are prevalent today.

Robert "King" Carter (1663–1732) of Corotoman was the son of the immigrant John Carter, who acquired property and lived at Corotoman from 1654 until his death in 1669.

At the time of his death, his holdings had increased to some 300,000 acres, and over 1,000 slaves were working his various plantations. There were 18 buildings on the estate then (not counting the Mansion House he built, which burned three years prior to his death).

Married twice, he had 15 children. Among King Carter's descendants were eight governors of Virginia, three signers of the Declaration of Independence, two presidents, Robert E. Lee, and Supreme Court Justice Edward D. White.

Carter and his two wives are buried at Christ Church, the church he paid to have built a few miles from Corotoman.

The Balls, meanwhile, established themselves at Millenbeck, and at Epping Forest. Mary Ball, later to become the mother of George Washington, was born in 1708–09.

A courthouse was established in 1698 at Queenstown, a newly formed port town on the Corrotoman River. In 1742, the court was moved to Lancaster.

Government

County Administrator William H. Pennell Jr., 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster. Phone 462-5129, FAX 462-0031. Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

County tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.44; personal property, $1.52.

Kilmarnock Town Manager Lee Capps, 514 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Phone 435-1552, FAX 435-1587. Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

Town tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.14; personal property, $.16.

White Stone Town Manager Garey Conrad, 572 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. Phone 435-3260. Hours: 9 a.m.–noon and 1–5 p.m. Monday–Wednesday.

Irvington Town Administrator Gil Unangst, 235 Steamboat Road, Irvington. Phone 438-6230; Fax: 438-6265. Hours: 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

Steve Baker enjoys some of the Chesapeake Bay's finest blue crabs during a Crab Festival in Kilmarnock. The Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce will host the event May 19-20. Activities include a children's riverfest parade, crab picking contest, crab soup contest, crab pot decorating contest and a carnival.

Chamber of Commerce

Irvington Chamber of Commerce. 438-6230.

Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, 435-2273 or 435-1302, meets at 8 a.m. every first Tuesday in the town hall. The Kilmarnock Information Center is in the Kilmarnock Antique Mall, 144 School Street.

Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce. Located next to the Kilmarnock Town Hall on north Main Street. 435-6092.

Services

Trash Services Residential collections: Doggett Disposal Service, Mollusk, 462-5296, and Northern Neck Refuse, Lottsburg, 529-7854.

County refuse and recycling collection centers (open 7 a.m.–7 p.m. daily): Lancaster, Route 604, Regina Road; Kilmarnock-Weems, Route 200; Nuttsville, Route 723.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Services Kilmarnock YMCA, licensed day care offering full and part-time services. 435-0223.

Churches Call Rev. Richard Fichter Jr., 435-1285, for reference and directions to all denominations in Lancaster County.

Ferry Schedule The Merry Point Ferry, Route 604, crosses the Western Branch of the Corrotoman River 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Saturday, closed Sunday. No charge. Passenger vehicles only.

ABC Store Virginia ABC Package Store, Main Street, Kilmarnock, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Monday–Saturday. 435-1845.

Veterinary Services Bayside Animal Hospital, Route 3 North, White Stone, 435-2896; Kilmarnock Animal Hospital, Lee Street, Kilmarnock, 435-6320.

Recreation

Public Beach Westland Beach at the terminus of Route 695 provides public access to the Chesapeake Bay.

Public Kayak Launch Off Route 695 on Windmill Point Creek. Accessible from the Westland Beach public parking area at the intersection of Windmill Point Road and Brightwaters Drive.

Public Kayak Launch Kayaks and canoes may be launched at Belle Isle State Park, Route 683, at the end of Route 354.

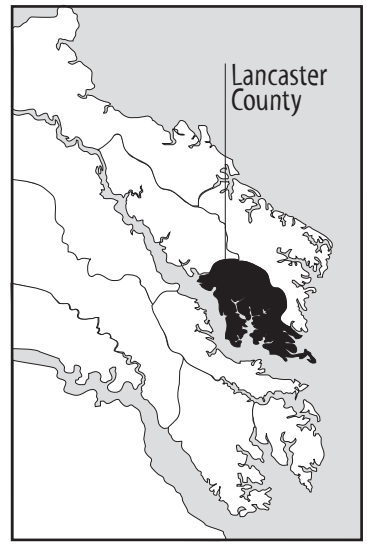
Hiking Trails Hickory Hollow Trail, 2 miles of marked trail, Route 604, Regina Road.

Boat Cruises Classic Cruising and Charters LLC, Irvington, offers morning and afternoon leisurely excursions. 438-1212.

Ball Fields Lancaster County Youth Park, Route 200, Kilmarnock, boys and girls diamond sports, game times and dates vary. 435-3423.

Public Recreation The Lower Northern Neck YMCA serves the public recreation function for Lancaster County. Various programming throughout the year. Public swimming pool located in Lively. 435-0223.

To change or update Lancaster information, contact <lvaldrighi@rrecord.com>.



Picnic in past times at the Rosewell ruin

Those looking for an "historic lunch," join the 18th-century Page family for "Picnic in Past Times" at the Rosewell ruin in Gloucester on Sunday, May 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

For a $14 ticket, attendees will dine on a gourmet picnic lunch, chat with historical characters from the 1770s, join in a colonial game or dancing lesson, and enjoy music of the period.

Children (12 and under) can enjoy their own special box lunch and colonial children's games for a $7 price.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Rosewell Visitor Center at 693-2585. The deadline for reservations and lunch selections is Wednesday, May 3.

The family members and friends of Rosewell's owner, Governor John Page, will be portrayed by the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, a historical reenactment group that has appeared at Gunston Hall, Stratford Hall, the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg, and George Washington's birthplace at Ferry Farm.

Returning for a third year is fiddler Jenny Edenborn, who will provide lively music to accompany the dances popular in the period.

Guests will enjoy gourmet box lunches catered by Sweet Madelines of Hayes. Limited seating will be provided under a tent.

Guests are also welcome to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit near the Rosewell ruins. For further information, contact the Rosewell Visitor Center at 693-2585.

Northern Neck Antiques Fair set from May 27-28

Antiques dealers from all over will be returning for the third annual Northern Neck Antiques Fair Memorial Day Weekend May 27-28.

"Last year's show was such a success, almost all the dealers are returning for a repeat performance." said event promoter Louise Jesse. "Any time you get this great response from the dealers, who hail as far away as Mississippi, New York, or Tennessee, you've usually got a winner."

Over 1,300 antiques enthusiasts attended last year's show and raved about the quality of the dealers and the great selection of merchandise.

Sponsored by Lancaster County Historic Resources Commission, the event will take place on the lawn at Epping Forest Plantation, birthplace of Mary Ball, George Washington's mother. Hours of the show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m to 4 p.m. Sunday. Please No Pets.

Admission to the show is $5, however look for the show cards at various business sites and ads in the papers for a $1 off the admission or clip this article and show it the day of the show for the $1 discount. Parking is free. Food and beverages will be available.

The Antiquer's Cafe and Food Court will be located in front of the plantation house. Providing food for those shoppers will be The Corrotoman Hunt Club.

For more information, call Louise Jesse at 804-462-7960, or email at eppingforest@rivnet.net.

Spring boating courses planned

The Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron will offer Chart Smart/GPS, an introduction to navigation emphasizing paper and electronic skills, on Saturdays, April 29 and May 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock.

The fee is $55 and includes a plotting kit.

The next basic boating course, Boat Virginia, will be offered free in recognition of Boating Safety Week, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.

To register for either course, call Twy Williams at 529-5093, or visit twynan@msn.com.

Where did it get its name?
White Stone is said to be named for an old white millstone which once served as a boundary marker.

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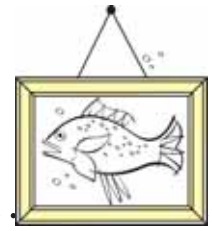

Essex

Essex County Museum and Historical Society, 218 Water Lane in Tappahannock, is surrounded by the town's historic buildings and near the courthouse green and historic Ritchie House.

Continuing museum exhibits include prehistoric fossils, Native American and colonial artifacts, and items from the American Revolution, Bacon's Rebellion, the Civil War, and World Wars I & II. Steamboat travel on the Rappahannock River is detailed, along with other periods of interest.

Later this summer a new exhibit, "A Journey by Faith: History of Early Black Education in Essex County," will begin. Another exhibit, "A Family Political Dynasty" featuring the Garnett family, will be an ongoing display throughout the year.

The latest exhibit is "Epping Forest: Exploring an Essex Legacy." This highlights 10 generations of Rouzie and Baird families and their lives at Epping Forest including during the Civil War.

The museum gift shop offers books and other items of interest about Essex County and the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 3 p.m. Walking tours are available by reservation. 443-4690.

Gloucester

Gloucester Museum of History

The Gloucester Museum of History and visitor's center is in the Botetourt Building on Main Street (Route 17 Business) near the historic Courthouse Square.

The building, built about 1770, was New's Ordinary, a roadside tavern where travelers could get a meal and rent a room.

Permanent exhibits at the museum include Native American artifacts dating to 800 B.C., copies of a 1655 land gift from an Indian tribe, artifacts from the Old Free School House (ca. 1676), Civil War relics, and items from Hotel Botetourt, an Old Country Store and the Bank of Gloucester.

The museum is open Mondays–Fridays from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Call 693-1234 or 693-2659.

Pocahontas Museum

The Pocahontas Museum at Gloucester Courthouse has information, artifacts and pictures relating to the Indian Pocahontas, Captain John Smith and the Powhatan Indians. On display is a rock traditionally known as the one on which Capt. John Smith's head was placed when Pocahontas saved his life at Werawocomoco (Wicomico) in Gloucester County.

The museum is open on the second Saturday of each month through October from 1–4 p.m. by appointment, phone 693-2795.

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

The visitor center for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) is open Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Visitors will find aquariums, audio-visual displays, and life-sized models to help them better understand and appreciate the marine ecosystems of the Chesapeake Bay. There is no charge for admission.

VIMS is on Rt. 1208, Greate Rd., at Gloucester Point. For directions and more information, call 684-7000 or visit the web site at vims.edu.

Lancaster

Carter Reception Center and Museum

A visit to the adjacent Carter Reception Center and Museum completes a tour of historic Christ Church. The complex is at the intersection of Routes 646 and 709 between Irvington and Weems.

The museum houses the original communion silver en-graved by order to the Parish Vestry in 1720.

The church is open to the public from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., free of charge. The reception center and museum are open April–November from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Saturday and 2–5 p.m. Sundays. Call ahead for group tours, 438-6855.

Kilmarnock Museum

The Kilmarnock Museum at 76 North Main Street features displays and exhibits focusing on Kilmarnock's past and present, including areas of commerce and banking; maritime, seafood and agricultural concerns; schools, churches and social customs; and children's interests. A miniature of Leon Rice's Soda Shoppe, made and donated by Nancy Clark, was added to the museum's permanent display last year.

A rotating exhibit celebrating Kilmarnock's 75th anniversary will be on display through the summer. The exhibit will include photographs and memorabilia depicting life in the town in 1931.

The museum is open Thursday–Saturday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. 436-9100.

Mary Ball Washington Museum

The Mary Ball Washington Museum, named for George Washing-ton's mother, is on Route 3 in the heart of Lancaster Court House. The museum is housed in a five-building complex on the Court House Green across the highway from the historic Lancaster County courthouse. The complex includes the Old County Jail (1819) and first Clerk's Office (1797) as living history museums.

Special exhibits focusing on Lancaster County and the lower Northern Neck in the Lancaster House (circa 1800) include textiles, the Colonial tobacco trade, waterways of the Chesapeake Bay, Ball-Washington family memorabilia and the Civil War. A gift shop and the museum headquarters also are in Lancaster House.

The museum is open to the public from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday–Friday. Admission is $2.

The genealogy library is open from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Wednesday–Saturday. There is a $5 search fee for non-members.

The entire Court House area is designated an Historic District and is on both the Virginia and the National Registers of Historic Places. 462-7280.

Morattico Waterfront Museum

The Morattico Waterfront Museum is housed in the former Morattico General Store building (circa 1901) at 6584 Morattico Road.

The museum offers exhibits related to country storekeeping, watermen's activities and agriculture in the former working watermen's village. Also on display are Native American artifacts and photos and documents relating to the village's history.

The museum is open May–October on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Steamboat Era Museum

The Steamboat Era Museum at 156 King Carter Drive in Irvington preserves the history of the Chesapeake Bay steamboat era of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Among the permanent exhibits are a diorama of Irvington's steamboat wharf in the 1920's, artwork, photography, maps and memorabilia. The museum is preparing to restore the pilothouse of the steamboat Potomac, which is on the Irvington Commons adjacent to the museum.

The current exhibit, entitled "The Bay at War," provides a look at steamboat activities during the Civil War and features an introductory film narrated by Roger Mudd.

Summer hours for the museum are Thursday–Saturday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 438-6888.

Mathews

Gwynn's Island Museum

The Gwynn's Island Museum, open 1–5 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday May–October, has two floors of exhibits, a research library and gift shop. Visits by groups of eight or more can be arranged on week-days by appointment. Admission is free.

A new exhibit include artifacts from a mid-18th century home site that was uncovered by Hurricane Isabel, including glass and pottery shards dating from the 17th century, a King George III half penny dated 1773, Native American points, pottery and fossils. There also are photos of two barrel wells.

Also on display are items relating to the Black American history of Gwynn's Island, and prehistoric Native Americans.

Other exhibits include an extensive history on the life of Captain John Smith and his connection to Gwynn's Island. Exhibits include a large collection of antique medical instruments from the estate of the late Mathews physician, Dr. James Warren Dorsey Haynes, and the old Grimstead Post Office (complete with postmaster).

The book "Gwynn's Island Times" by Elsa Verbyla Cooke has been republished and is on sale in the gift shop.

The museum is on Route 633 at Rose Lane. From Route 198 at Hudgins, take Route 223. After about two miles, it turns into Route 633 (Old Ferry Road). The museum is on the left just past the Gwynn's Island Cemetery. 725-7949. www.gwynnsisland-museum.org

Tompkins Cottage

Near the Mathews Courthouse is Tompkins Cottage, a museum and headquarters of the Mathews Historical Society. The oldest wooden structure in the courthouse, it was used by Chris-

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topher Tompkins as a general store starting in 1816.

The museum houses a permanent exhibit of Mathews history including information on Captain Sally Tompkins, the only woman officer in the Confederate Army. Also included is an area of changing exhibits, a wonderful county map, and a sales area offering several publications concerning Mathews history and related gift items.

Of interest is an exhibit on New Point Comfort Lighthouse, which was completed in 1805 and still stands today.

There is no admission charge. The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. through October and by appointment. 725-3487.

Middlesex

Deltaville Maritime Museum

The Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park are on 30 wooded and cultivated acres on the edges of Mill Creek just off General Puller Hwy. (Rt. 33) on Jackson Creek Road and Rt. 660 east of the village of Deltaville. The grounds of the park surround the museum buildings and the land-based boats that are among the museum's displays.

An outside boat shed has been built to shelter some of the historic vessels on display. The W.A. Johns is a 34-foot three-log bottom sailing canoe that has had a number of working lives in Deltaville waters. Also displayed is an old sora skiff once used for bird hunting in the Dragon Run, and several small skipjacks and deadrise workboats. The seven log F. D. Crockett, a bay buyboat, is at the dock and is being restored.

In the museum, artifacts and models from when Deltaville was the "Boat Building Capital of the Chesapeake" are being gathered and shown.

In the boat shop visitors can see under construction a flat-bottomed utility skiff typical of Deltaville boats of the past or whatever new project the "boat guys" are working on at the time.

In the park are picnic tables, walking trails through the woods, and a new children's garden laid out and planted just to appeal to their senses and tastes and size. There is good bird watching and plenty of butterflies to chase through the fish-shaped wildflower meadow.

The park is open daily from 9 a.m. until dusk. Museum hours are Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

For more information about membership, programs and events go to deltavilleva.com and click on the museum website, or call 776-7200 during museum hours or 776-9811.

Middlesex County Museum

The Middlesex County Museum in Saluda (777 General Puller Hwy.) is a short half-block west on Business Route 17 from the Middlesex County Courthouse. It is open Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

The museum features a large country store exhibit, the super center of yesteryear. Memorabilia and medals of Lt. General Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller USMC (Ret.), the most decorated Marine in history, are displayed.

A new exhibit this summer is "Dressed for the Good Old Days: Clothing from Middlesex County, 1850–1920."

The museum also features a variety of other county memorabilia, including Civil War military items, Indian relics, a mastodon tooth, maritime items (including the pen

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and ink ship drawings of Dr. A.L. Van Name, long-time county physician, retired), agricultural and industrial tools, toys and personal effects.

The exhibits are free and open to the public. There is a gift shop. Membership is available and donations help operate the museum. Volunteers are welcome. 758-3663.

Northumberland

Reedville Fishermen's Museum

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum on Main Street in Reedville offers visitors a glimpse of the rich heritage of the fishermen and watermen of Virginia's Northern Neck and the Chesapeake Bay.

In addition to the Covington Building housing its permanent and changing exhibit galleries, the museum features the Pendelton Building with its boat and model workshops and the historic William Walker House.

In the water, the museum showcases the Claud W. Somers, a 42-foot skipjack built in 1911, which offers tours twice monthly, and the Elva C., a 55-foot traditional workboat built in 1922, which offers tours to members only.

The museum is open daily from 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. through October. Admission is $5 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information, call 453-6529 or visit the web site at rfmuseum.org.

Richmond

Richmond County Museum

The Richmond County Museum is on East Richmond Road in Warsaw in the county's old jail. Built in 1872, the jail was previously used as an office for the board of education and court.

The museum includes three galleries and exhibit rooms and an office. The jail's hanging chamber is also on the second floor and is a point of interest.

Through October, the museum will feature the exhibit, "Gristmills of Richmond County," which includes photographs, maps and tools used at the mills.

On permanent display at the museum is a scale model of the historic 1748 Richmond County Courthouse, the third oldest courthouse in Virginia.

The museum is open Wednesday–Saturday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Group tours may be arranged by calling 333-3607.

Essex

A. T. Johnson Museum

The A. T. Johnson Museum at 18849 Kings Highway near Montross preserves the history and legacy of education for African American students in the Northern Neck, especially in Westmoreland County.

The museum is a depository for collections, artifacts, memorabilia, documents and other items related to education.

Built in 1937 in the Colonial Revival style, A. T. Johnson High School was the first public education facility serving African American students in Westmoreland. The school was named for Armstead Tasker Johnson, a black educator and community leader instrumental in its construction.

The museum is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Sundays from 2 p.m.–4 p.m. and other times by appointment, 493-7070.

Kinsale Museum

The Kinsale Museum is "On The Green" in the heart of the historic village of Kinsale on Route 203, off Route 202.

Located on a low bluff at the head of a branch of the Yeocomico River, Kinsale has enjoyed a rich maritime history.

The museum is dedicated to the preservation, collection, exhibition and interpretation of local history. It's in a late 19th century barroom, which was used as a meat market in the 1920's; next door is a soda fountain built in 1922, and the 1909 Bank of Kinsale building stands just off the green be-side the Kinsale Motor Corp. building (1919).

At the foot of Steamboat Hill is the old Kinsale Wharf, a hub of activity for some 350 years. See it for yourself and imagine the schooners, sloops, pungies, warships, steamers, tugs, pleasure boats and barges seeking a deepwater port.

The museum is open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sundays from 2–5 p.m. Exhibits and artifacts depicting Kinsale's exciting years and walking tours are featured throughout the year. 472-3001.

Museum at Colonial Beach

The Museum at Colonial Beach is housed in the former Hoffman Gas Building (circa 1893) at the corner of Hawthorn and Washington Streets.

The museum depicts Colonial Beach heritage through various artifacts donated or on loan from

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local residents. Collections continue to grow as the community be-comes more involved in the project, spear-headed by the Colonial Beach Historical Society. Emphasis is on the period from 1890 through 1958 when the town was a busy river tourism attraction that drew huge summer crowds.

The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1–4 p.m. and other times by appointment. 224-3379.

Westmoreland Museum

The Westmoreland County Museum and Visitor Center is on Courthouse Square in Montross. The Westmoreland County Visitor Center welcomes visitors as they enter the foyer of the building. The museum and visitor's center share quarters with the Hungerford Library, Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society and Northern Neck Historical Research Library, where visitors can trace the roots and the steps of Westmoreland County forefathers.

Outdoors, visitors can stroll in the Presidents Garden, which honors the three U. S. Presidents born on the Northern Neck: George Washington, James Madison and James Monroe.

The museum is open six days a week (closed Sunday). From April 1–October 31 the museum is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. From November 1–March 31 the museum is open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. There is no admission fee but donations are welcome. 493-8440.

Junior Spring Series planned at FBYC

The Fishing Bay Yacht Club Junior Spring Series is most appropriate for more seasoned Junior sailors capable of sailing in spring winds and who own foul weather gear. Junior 420, Laser and Laser Radial sailors may race throughout the series on the same course with other one-design sailors. Warm clothes (including a change of warm dry clothes) are a necessity. Sailors will want to make sure their boat is in top condition.

The series is held at and sponsored by Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) of Deltaville April 29, May 7, May 21 and June 3. For more information, email <fbyc.net>.

The Opti Kids sailing classes at FBYC are set for June 10-11 and 17-18. These sessions are held for beginning sailors ages 6-8. There is a fee and advance registration is required. Space is limited.

Classes will be held the two weekends prior to Junior Week. The classes will be half days, and students will attend classes on all four days. One parent must accompany each student to each class and get in the water. Kids who develop an enthusiasm for sailing during this event are encouraged to enroll in beginning Optimists classes for Junior Week.

For more information, visit www.fbyc.net.

'Oz' to be presented May 4-7

Tickets are now on sale for the musical "Oz," which will be presented Thursday through Sunday, May 4-7, at Mathews High School.

Produced by the Court House Players, "Oz" will be performed at 8 p.m. May 4-6 and 3 p.m. on May 7.

For more information, call 725-3414 or 725-3018 or visit www.courthouseplayers.org.

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