

JGTSCA



John Gardner Traditional Small Craft Association

Welcome to the **John Gardner Chapter of the Traditional Small Craft Association**

Visit us at the Community Boat House: Building #36 UCONN Avery Point
1084 Shennecossett Rd, Groton, CT 06340

Welsford Navigator Update & Winter Maintenance on Club Dorics
at UCONN Avery Point Boat House Building 36

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 7th at 11 am at Avery Point Boathouse
Rowing and Sailing gatherings occur during the three seasons with special programs and visits planned throughout the year. All are welcome.

Local: www.facebook.com/JGTSCA and <http://www.jgtsc.org>

National: www.TSCA.net

Upcoming June 28-30: The John Gardner Small Craft Workshop



OUR SIGNATURE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT MYSTIC SEAPORT'S AUSTRALIA BEACH CONCURRENT WITH THE WOODENBOAT SHOW, CO-SPONSORED BY MYSTIC SEAPORT, WOODENBOAT AND JGTSCA.

In addition to having a booth to acquaint show attendees with the TSCA, there will also be demonstrations of skills that enhance the traditional small boat experience. Mystic Seaport Boathouse craft will be available at no charge for participants to use. We are hoping for a continuous back drop to the Show of traditional small craft in action on the river.

All TSCA members are encouraged to attend with or without your own boat! There is plenty to do if you don't bring your own vessel. Launching and parking details will be posted with registration materials. At 8 am on Saturday and Sunday morning before Museum hours, there will be a cruise in-company open to all workshop attendees. We will gather at the Australia Beach and cruise either up river past the highway bridge to the beautiful salt marshes or down river past the Village and classic yachts on their moorings.

Workshop participants can register to stay onboard the Joseph Conrad Friday and Saturday nights.

Attendees will be encouraged to help with the workshop, either by staffing the booth at Australia Beach for a 2 hour period and/or giving a demonstration of some skill such as sail rigging, sculling, boat building, hardware making etc. If you have a skill that you would like to demonstrate at the show please volunteer. Demonstration should last about 20 minutes and will be held approx. Check at the booth for topics and times.

Registration for the Small Craft Workshop also allows you admission to the WoodenBoat Show for all three days at no additional cost.

Indicate your interest in staffing the booth or demonstrating a skill on the registration form or contact Bill Rutherford at smallcrafter@gmail.com or 860-222-5249.

Registration is posted on the Mystic Seaport Museum website Calendar under the date June 28, 2024. <https://secure.mysticseaport.org/scw/scw>

The registration process is much simplified this year. Right up front we are told the cost per person (\$20 per adult and \$10 per child - ages 14-17) and given the opportunity to sign up to spend the night on the Conrad for (\$20/nite - while berths last - don't wait, they are limited). Fill out the form for each person attending. Go to June 28th and select the Small Craft Workshop. One registration per person covers all three days.

Notes to keep the computer happy:

- The introduction quotes the adult price as \$20, the computer shows \$40 when inputting but lowers to \$20 when it verifies you are a Seaport Member.
- Hyphenate phone numbers (ie. 860-222-5249)
- You'll have the choice of receiving a mobile ticket or picking up at the box office.
- You will have an opportunity to donate \$5 (or a different amount). If do not want to donate, select \$0 and move on).
- You can use Apple Pay or insert a credit card number.
- The last pay screen gives you your Order Number, Order Date & Time

- You can then print your receipt.
- *Most Importantly for us*, please click on the orange links to fill out a forms advising us that you are coming and which days you plan on attending. Other info requested is your TSCA Chapter, if you are a member of National and if a Seaport Member.
- Under Boat Info, it will be helpful to know if you are bringing a boat, if it will be available for others to use, its type, length and draft. Plus a chance to advise if you will require assistance launching or hauling. (Note, if launching a light boat at Australia Beach before or after hours, we expect to be around to assist).
- Then there are opportunities to assist with Event Support at one of our tables as well as lead a demonstration on land or sea.
- My email is listed (smallcrafter@gmail.com) to assist volunteers and demos.
- Last, but not least, is an opportunity to sign a statement of responsibility.
- For reference, Seaport Registration's phone number and email are included as well as Sarah Clement's email for questions on Conrad accommodations and my email (Smallcrafter@gmail.com) for program information.
- Click the Green Button and you're done.
- At the end you get the chance to sign up and make your own Jotform...see how much easier this was than the old 8-1/2x11 printed form?
- Your Tickets will then magically appear via email, if that is the delivery method you chose, complete with QR Code...

Editor's Note: if this whole process is a bit confusing, just drop me a line at (smallcrafter@gmail.com) and I'll put the info in for you. Might cost you a coffee during the weekend, but happy to do so.

See you at the Workshop!

The traditional Welcome Participants letter is accessed through a link below the sign-up link. It is a bit hard to read. A copy with larger font is included below:

Welcome Participants Letter: John Gardner Small Craft Workshop on June 28-30, 2024

Brought to you by TSCA, WoodenBoat, and Mystic Seaport Museum
Mystic Seaport Museum is partnering with WoodenBoat and Traditional Small Craft Association to host the John Gardner Small Craft Workshop as part of the WoodenBoat Show. Participants can both enjoy the Show and follow John Gardner's example to show that traditional small craft are a practical and economical way to enjoy the water. The Small Craft Workshop will be based on *Australia* Beach where a string of floats will be provided for our use. The Workshop will include display of participant's boats, shared use of participant's boats at the discretion of the owner, demonstrations of small boat skills, and morning rows on Saturday and Sunday. This should be a great time to get together with like-minded traditional boatfolks, to share our love and knowledge of traditional small craft with others and spend some quality time with friends new and old on the beach and underway. We encourage workshop participants to volunteer to assist with one or more activities.

WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Questions, please contact Bill Rutherford at smallcrafter@gmail.com .

Use of Participant's Boats:

Workshop boats will be located on the beach or on the floats at *Australia* Beach to be available for use by others at the boat owner's discretion. Participants will need to oversee the use of their boats. To be consistent with the rules of the adjacent Boathouse, the wearing of PFDs when boating is encouraged so please bring PFDs for yourself and your crew.

Mystic Seaport Museum Boathouse Livery:

The Boathouse sailing and rowing boats will be in operation during the Workshop at no charge. The Boathouse will operate independently from the Workshop with their own rules.

Demonstrations and Workshops:

Demonstrations for 2024 are going to be ad hoc. Please visit the TSCA table at *Australia* Beach for daily schedules. Participants are encouraged to attend any of the various talks in the Masin Room and demonstrations in the Shipyard. For more information on what is scheduled, please refer to the WoodenBoat Show website or the links above. If you would like to lead a demonstration or workshop for this event, please email Bill Rutherford.

Get out on the Water Together:

Join us for a morning row departing from *Australia* Beach at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Efforts will be made to place workshop participants who did not bring a boat on another attendee's boat or a JGTSCA dory. Additionally, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, we will set out for an afternoon sail together.

Mystic Seaport Museum Watercraft Collection Open House:

Due to renovation construction on the Watercraft Hall, there will be no open house during the weekend this year.

Saturday Night Potluck Dinner:

An offsite potluck dinner will be organized for participants. Details will be provided at the event.

WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

Questions, please contact Sarah Clement at sarah.clement@mysticseaport.org.

Check in:

Check in at the WoodenBoat Credentials Booth on ***Friday and Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.*** This is located near the big anchor in the courtyard of the South Entrance to the Museum. You will receive a wristband that will give you access to the Museum grounds for the weekend. From there, proceed to the TSCA booth at *Australia* Beach. If you are bringing a boat, see the "Load in and out of boats" section below for times and access. *If you arrive outside of those times, please contact Bill Rutherford at smallcrafter@gmail.com or 860-222-5249.*

Load in and out of Boats:

(Be sure to check in at the credentials booth first.)

Car Top Vessels: (Or light trailer boats that can be hand-carried to the water - Ed.)

You may drive onto the grounds of the Museum on Friday 7:00–9:00 a.m. and 6:00– 8:00 p.m., Saturday 7:00–9:00 a.m. and Sunday 5:00–10:00 p.m. Access is through the gate just north of the *Kingston II* tug boat at the south entrance to the Museum. Due to activity around the Show, the Shipyard gate will not be available.

Trailerred Vessels:

You may load in at one of the boat launch areas along the Mystic River. The Isham Street launch just south of the Shipyard is closed to trailer launching - carry-in only. We will update the website as more information becomes available.

Trailer Parking:

Please park your trailers at the Mystic Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Ave, Stonington, CT, 06378. Offsite Trailer Parking maps will be at the Credentials Booth. This is a very busy weekend for the Museum, so there **no trailer parking is allowed in Mystic Seaport Museum parking lots**. Leave your trailer at the Middle School to have use of your car for the weekend. Cars without trailers may be parked in the Museum parking lots.

Forklift Assistance:

Please contact us in advance, if you cannot launch your vessel by hand or at the town docks. Boat storage during the show. We will provide floating dock space along *Australia* Beach as well as space on the Beach for boats.

Lodging:

Bunks are available on the *Joseph Conrad* for Friday and Saturday nights ONLY for \$20/ person/night. If you would like to reserve a bunk and have not registered for that already, please email reservations@mysticseaport.org or call 860-572-5331. Food and beverages may not be stored or consumed aboard the *Conrad*. Please bring your own bedding. This is more appropriate for participants over 8 years old. There will be a mandatory orientation meeting on board at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. If you will not be here in time for this orientation, you must make arrangements for a late arrival.

There are many local hotels and a few campsites. We suggest you make reservations early to ensure availability.

Mystic Seaport Museum photographs and videotapes:

Occasionally the Museum will take photographs and videotapes of visitors while on grounds for use in a variety of publicity and promotional materials and to advance our educational mission. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

For more Upcoming Events:

(Thank You, John Hacunda) Visit our Chapter website at <http://www.jgtsca.org/events.html>

Friday Evening Gatherings at the Avery Point Boathouse 5 pm to 7:30 pm: Work on individual boats and Maintenance on Club Dories - get them ready for the Small Craft Workshop

CT Trails Day Hike at Haley Farm State Park - Saturday, June 1st at 9AM, Join CT Sea Grant to learn about the Reserve and take a short hike.

<https://trailsday.org/events/explore-haley-farm-state-park/>

Connecticut Sea Music Festival Friday, June 7th -10th in Essex, CT. This family-friendly weekend includes a Symposium on the Music of the Sea, free daytime workshops with local, regional and international maritime musicians, a family stage, demonstrations of sailor skills, sails on the CT River, a Sunday morning revival-style hymn sing and late night Chantey Sings in the historic Griswold Inn and the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club. Evening concerts require purchased tickets. For the latest information visit <https://ctseamusicfest.org/2024-festival>

The John Gardner Small Craft Workshop Fri Jun 28th 12:00pm - Sun 30th 5:00pm Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave, Mystic, CT 06355. For the latest information and to register, go to <https://secure.mysticseaport.org/scw/scw> For details, see above article. Email Bill Rutherford smallcrafter@gmail.com for information on the program and to participate in activities.

The 32nd Annual WoodenBoat Show, June 28-30, 2024 at Mystic Seaport. Mark your calendars now! Find the latest information at <https://www.thewoodenboatshow.com>

Quarterly John Gardner Chapter Meeting Sunday, July 7th at 1 pm to 2:30 pm at our Community Boathouse, Building 36, UCONN Avery Point: Come put the finishing touches on plans for our upcoming John Gardner Small Craft Workshop, schedule Summer Rows and touch-up our Club Dories for use at the Small Craft Workshop. See Event listing on our website: <http://www.jgtsca.org/events.html>

SailFest New London, Saturday, July 13th 10 am- Sunday, July 14th 5 pm at City Pier, New London, CT

For fireworks display, amusement rides, free entertainment, ships, and over 200 vendors lining the streets. There will be plenty to see, buy, and eat, so make sure to come hungry and ready to try new food!

For the latest information see <https://sailfest.org/>

Have an idea for a Row, Sail or an interesting place to visit? Contact Phil Behney flipbeh@gmail.com Ian Bradley at iggbradley@gmail.com Matt McKenzie at matthew.mckenzie@uconn.edu or John Hacunda at john1hac@gmail.com to set up a row or add an event to our website's upcoming events page.

Avery Point Boathouse Activities:

We cranked up the “Friday Night at the Boatshop”, sharpening chisels, repairing the transom on Green Dory “Professor Jones” and kicking around ideas for the John Gardner Small Craft Workshop. Dan Nelson started things off by making an innovative chisel holder from a solid block of wood. See if you can match the hole diameter with the chisel width. He also brought in a pile of Wooden Canoe Heritage Association magazines. Come check them out.

Member John Unverzagt has been a regular. He took on the challenge of reconstructing “Professor Jones” transom. First, surgical removal of the oak top piece then fabricating and installing a replacement. Daryl Simmons came by last week and assisted John, suggesting a large hole saw to shape the sculling notch. John took it from there, cutting the rest of the curves on the band saw. His first experience on a band saw and it turned out quite well.



Various folks stopped in to sharpen their pocket knives, shears and share their thoughts. Thank You to All. It is a shared “maker space”, albeit with a nautical theme. Come see for yourself...

PHIL BEHNEY, DARYL SIMMONS (TOP), JOHN UNVERZAGT AND LARRY MAGEE

Minutes of Latest Meeting:

JGTSCA Business Meeting

Community Boat House

UConn Avery Point Campus

04/07/2024

Present: Dan Nelson, Ted Stanton, John Hacunda, Ian Bradley, Peter Vermilya, Russell Smith, Sharon Brown, Bill Rutherford,

President Ian Bradley called the meeting to order at 11:48.

Upward Bound/UConn event

Bill Rutherford announced that the upcoming event hosted by UConn and Upward Bound, with JGTSCA participation, on 05/11 has been cancelled. A substitute date will be announced.

2024 WoodenBoat Show/Small Craft Workshop

Bill also reported on a meeting he and Peter Vermilya had with Sarah Clement, Mystic Seaport staff member, concerning the 2024 Small Craft Workshop scheduled for June 28, 29 and 30 in conjunction with the 2024 WoodenBoat Show. Bill said that there will be no significant changes in 2024 from the arrangements made for SCW in 2023.

The easiest way to launch and retrieve participating boats is off the Australia Beach at Mystic Seaport Museum either before or after working hours: 7 to 9 am or after 5 pm. Trailer parking is at Stonington (Mystic) Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Ave, Mystic, CT 06355. Cars will be parked in the Seaport parking lots. Alternative launch sites are opposite Daniel Packer Inn at 32 Water Street, Mystic, CT 06355 (a paved ramp) and just north of the I-95 highway bridge on the Mystic River (West bank, unpaved and somewhat steep).

If you are bringing a boat to the SCW and would like to do a presentation about it while it's at the beach or dock you are most welcome to do so – contact Bill directly at smallcrafter@gmail.com

Boat House shop use

Steve MacChesney is currently making improvements to his Welsford Navigator.

Future plans include maintenance of one of the club dories.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10. (Next quarterly meeting July 7th. Time TBD - Ed.)

Bill Rutherford gave a demo on using new-to-the-shop sharpening gear after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Vermilya



PART OF THE GROUP AND A ROLL OF TOOLS TO BE SHARPENED (JOHN HACUNDA PHOTO)

Visit <http://www.jgt sca.org/scuttlebutt/tool-sharpening-workshop> for video of the sharpening.

Upcoming at Mystic Seaport Museum:

In addition to the above mentioned activities, further happenings are planned:

Draken Harald Harfagre Departs for Norway from Chubbs Wharf

Sunday May 19th Captain Bjorn Briefing | 11:00 am Departs 11:30 am

Celestial Navigation in the Age of Sail

Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26 | 10:00 a.m.

Farm to Table: Open Hearth Cooking

Saturday, May 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Navigation: Longitude by Lunars

Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2 | 10:00 a.m

Riverfest

Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2 | 10:00 a.m.

Model Tugboat Show

Saturday, June 8 | 10:00 a.m. Opening

Mystic Seaport Boat Livery:

The boats are in the water and ready for a Memorial Day Weekend Opening. Volunteer Gene Caputo drives the trailer dolly down Australia Beach for the crew to launch. Volunteer Larry Tyla sculls "Mary", a flat-bottomed Susan Skiff, over to the dock. Free rentals w/ admission!



View from the Side Deck:

Last evening at the Boathouse: Doors wide open, enjoying the Spring breeze; can Summer be far behind? Real quick: remember your dues: go to http://www.jgtsca.org/uploads/1/3/5/9/135917164/jgtsca_membership.pdf and while you are at it, join National - they pay our event insurance and publish the "Ash Breeze" <https://tsca.net/join-online/> Meanwhile, mark your calendars for June 28th, our JG Small Craft Workshop at the WoodenBoat Show. Email if you would like to help or have ideas. Thanks, Bill&Karen Rutherford smallcrafter@gmail.com.