

MATHEWS MARITIME HERITAGE DAY 2012

SATURDAY | AUGUST 25TH | 10^{AM}-4^{PM}

This year, visit some places you've never seen

MORNINGSTAR MARINAS

MMF GWYNN'S ISLAND BOAT SHOP

CALLIS' WHARF

ISLAND SEAFOOD

GWYNN'S ISLAND MUSEUM

MMF MUSEUM

TOMPKINS COTTAGE

Photo of Gilbert Klingel's Gwynn's Island Boat Yard in 1967 courtesy of Marcy Benouameur

*Maritime locations to keep the PAST in the PRESENT and preserve it for the FUTURE.
Come see what you've been missing!*



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Directions:

- 1 MORNINGSTAR MARINAS**
249 Mill Point Rd., Hudgins, VA 23076, (804) 384-9698
From Rt. 198 in Hudgins, Take Rt. 223 (Cricket Hill Rd.) Just before the Gwynn's Island bridge turn right onto Rt. 669 (Mill Point Rd.) Continue past the Coast Guard Station and take the next left into Morningstar Marinas.
- 2 MMF GWYNN'S ISLAND BOAT SHOP**
Cross the bridge to Gwynn's Island. Located on Rt. 633 (Old Ferry Rd.) less than 1/4 mi. on the right after the bridge. Turn at the sign for Mathews Maritime Foundation Gwynn's Island Boat Shop.
- 3 CALLIS' WHARF**
Turn right on Rt. 634 (Callis Wharf Rd.) Continue to end.
- 4 ISLAND SEAFOOD**
Rt. 656, Gwynn, VA 23066, (804) 725-4962
Take the next right after Callis Wharf Rd. This is Rt. 656 (Rigby Town Rd.) Make a right turn at the T in the road. Island Seafood is located on the left just before the end of the road and the dock.
- 5 GWYNN'S ISLAND MUSEUM**
Rt. 633, Gwynn, VA 23066, (804) 725- 2656
Continue north on Rt. 633 (Old Ferry Rd.) Continue past the sharp curve by the cemetery. Not far after that is the museum on the left at the corner of Rose Ln. and Old Ferry Rd.
- 6 MMF MUSEUM**
482 Main Street, Mathews, VA 23109, (804) 725-4444
The Museum is on the right of Rt. 14, just outside the old courthouse area heading toward New Point (look for the anchor.)
- 7 TOMPKINS COTTAGE**
27 Brickbat Rd., Mathews, VA 23109, (804) 725-2614
Heading north on Rt. 14 back into the old courthouse area, turn left onto Brickbat Rd. (at the intersection across from the Bay School of Arts.) The cottage is on the left.

What you'll find:



- 1 MORNINGSTAR MARINAS** Start your tour here. Morningstar welcomes your visit to the grounds of their full service marina on the south side of Milford Haven. Food will be provided by the Lion's Club and music by Celtastrophe from 11am-1pm. See local exhibits by groups like 4H, TOGA, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, as well as wooden boats displayed by the Mathews Maritime Foundation. All this while enjoying a beautiful view of Gwynn's Island. See www.morningstarmarinas.com for boating services offered at this site.



- 2 MMF GWYNN'S ISLAND BOAT SHOP** This is the site where Pulley's Marine was located and originally the site of Gilbert Klingel's historic boat yard which was established in the 1950's. There are two large gray buildings on the property. On the left is the MMF Boat Shop where family boat building takes place and where Rappahannock Community College (RCC) gives classes in the Marine Trades. At the dock you can see the restoration in progress of the old deck boat *Peggy of New Point*. In the building on the right is a boat building business: Rionholdt - Once and Future Boats. Meet the boat builder Eric Hedberg who is building reproductions of traditional Chesapeake Bay working boats using new materials.



- 3 CALLIS' WHARF** Open House at the Wharf. This historic wharf was previously a steamboat landing, and a dock for floating theaters. It was also a waterman's wharf where workboats came to unload their catches of crabs and fish. For many years it was a hub of the seafood business. Today much has changed at Callis' Wharf but you can still see a seafood business at that site and aquaculture in operation.



- 4 ISLAND SEAFOOD** Barbara will have the store open with a variety of seafood for sale. Crab cooking will be visible.



- 5 GWYNN'S ISLAND MUSEUM** Visit the many exhibits dedicated to preserving the history of Gwynn's Island & Mathews County. Quite a few of these exhibits are related to maritime history. See www.gwynnsislandmuseum.org. There is also the new Smithsonian exhibit telling about how a Mathews captain (Thurston Shawn) of the scallop boat *Cinmar* unknowingly dredged up the 'oldest formal artifact found in the Americas.' This artifact, a stone knife, has been dated to over 22,000 years ago.



- 6 MMF MUSEUM** Mathews Maritime Museum is owned and operated by the Mathews Maritime Foundation. Established in 1998, the Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Mathews County's maritime and cultural heritage through research, conservation, documentation and education. The Museum depicts the ship-building history of Mathews by photographs, tools, drawings, and ship models. All await the maritime history buff.



- 7 TOMPKINS COTTAGE** Circa 1815 Tompkins Cottage is the oldest wooden structure in the historic district. It was once owned by Christopher Tompkins, a prominent local planter, merchant, sea captain, and ship owner/builder, and the father of Capt. Sally Tompkins, the first woman to be commissioned an officer in the Confederate Army. It is the headquarters for the Mathews County Historical Society.