

A Brief History of the *Wm. B. Tennison*

The buyboat *Wm. B. Tennison* is a former Chesapeake Bay oyster bugeye built in 1899 at Crab Island, Maryland, for B. P. and R. L. Miles.

Her hull is “chunk-built” – that is, made of nine logs instead of the frame-and-plank type of construction used more frequently for bugeyes built in the late nineteenth century. Initially powered by sail, the *Tennison* engaged in the coasting trade as well as oyster dredging. In 1906–07 her sail rig was removed, she was converted to power, and a new and larger cabin was added aft. She became an oyster buyboat, purchasing oysters from work boats at the oyster beds and taking them to oyster–packing houses.

In 1978 the Calvert County Commissioners purchased the *Tennison* from J. C. Lore and Sons, Inc., after she was approved to carry passengers. The *Tennison* is operated by the Calvert Marine Museum, and is the only Coast Guard-licensed, log hulled vessel in the United States.

The *Tennison's* long survival is a tribute to her builders and former owners, including Alton Kersey of Solomons.

Help Preserve the *Wm. B. Tennison*

Preserving this historic wooden vessel is an ongoing expense of the museum. Please help us keep this beautiful piece of history afloat by donating to the *Wm.*

B. Tennison Endowment Fund. Your donation is completely tax-deductible and will be designated for the long-term care and preservation of this rare boat. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Donations can be mailed to:
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PATUXENT RIVER CRUISES ON BOARD THE HISTORIC BUYBOAT



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MUSEUM

PATUXENT RIVER CRUISES

on board the

W^M.B. TENNISON

Operated by Captain Don Prescott

Designated as a National Historic Landmark • Historic Chesapeake Bay Buyboat • Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

ONE-HOUR CRUISES

May – October

Enjoy a leisurely hour with a relaxing sightseeing cruise. On your cruise you will sail through Solomons inner harbor, passing Solomons Island and the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. Entering the Patuxent River, you will go by the U.S. Naval Recreation Center at Pt. Patience and pass underneath the Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge, before returning to the museum.

DEPARTURES

All cruises leave from the Calvert Marine Museum dock, weather permitting. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Maximum capacity is 40. Accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities upon reasonable notice.

May – October: 2 p.m. cruise every Wednesday through Sunday.

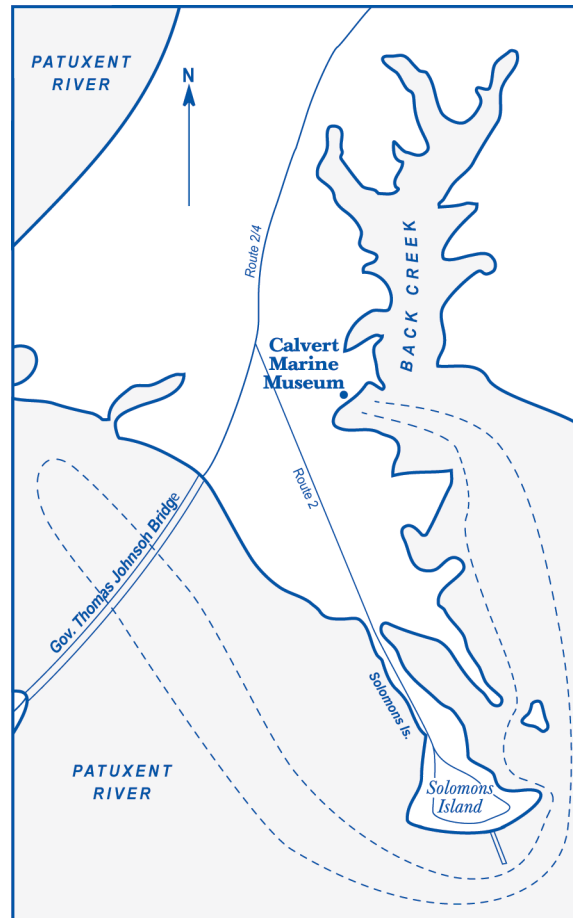
July – August (Weekends & Holidays): cruises at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:10 p.m.

Note: No cruise on Blessing of the Fleet Sunday in May. Call for date.

FARES

Adults: \$7.00 Children 5–12 Years: \$4.00
Children under five ride free when accompanied by a paying adult. (Excludes organized groups.)
No baby carriages or strollers allowed.

Dotted line shows the route of the *Wm. B. Tennison* one-hour cruise



Tickets may be purchased in person at the admission desk the day of for public cruises.
For information on daily cruises call 410-326-2042, ext. 15.

CHARTER CRUISES

May – October

The *Tennison* offers exclusive charter service for group sightseeing, school field trips, business meetings, private affairs, fundraising events, religious or any other social functions. Charter cruises are limited to Solomons inner harbor and the Patuxent River estuary. Cruises depart and return from museum grounds unless prior arrangements are made.

FARE: \$200 per hour

- Charters are limited to 40 passengers; no minimum number.
- Charters are available Wednesday through Sunday, mornings and evenings.
- Charter cruises will be confirmed upon receipt of full charter fares. Full fare is refundable if charter is cancelled by CMM due to inclement weather. Charters cancelled with 48 hours notice will be refunded, less a \$25 processing fee. No refunds if cancelled less than 48 hours prior to departure.
- Bugeye and Corporate Members of the Calvert Marine Museum Society receive a 20 percent discount on the first hour.

For more information on charters contact:

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