

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

The bugeye *Wm. B. Tennison* is a Chesapeake Bay oyster dredge boat built in 1899 in Crabb 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 the oyster industry. 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 Marine Museum purchased the *Tennison* from J.C. Lore and Sons, Inc., and in 1979 she passed the first of her yearly inspections, earning approval to carry 40 passengers. The *Tennison* 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are no rain dates.

In case of inclement weather, food will still be provided at the museum and a refund will be given on the cruise only.

A Brief History of the *Dee of St. Mary's*

The *Dee of St. Mary's* was commissioned by Jack Russell and built by Francis Goddard in 1979 in Piney Point, Maryland. Originally used in the commercial oyster fishery, she dredged for 10 seasons. When the oyster populations dwindled, Captain Russell transitioned the *Dee* from a commercial vessel to educational uses under the heading of Chesapeake Bay Field Lab. She has been a floating classroom since 1989. Major restoration was done on the *Dee* from 2010 to 2012, funded largely by grants from the Maryland Heritage Area Consortium. Ownership was turned over in May 2013 to the Calvert Marine Museum, where she is currently docked.

STATS

Like all Chesapeake work boats, the *Dee* has a shallow draft to negotiate the waters along the shorelines and a wide bottom for stability. She is constructed mostly of white oak and spruce pine.

56' long on deck and almost 20' abeam

Carries approximately 2800 sq. ft. of sail

Draft is 42" aft, 12" at bow

Centerboard is 14' long and 52" tall

Mast is 76' tall

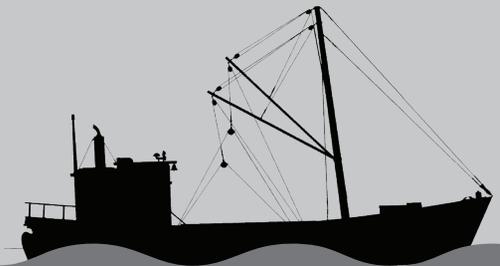
Boom is 56' long

Bow sprit is 20' long

Motor is 225 horsepower John Deere/
1.75" shaft/26x21 four blade prop

Special Cruises 2019 Schedule

Special Cruises on Board
the *Wm. B. Tennison* and
Dee of St. Mary's



Calvert Marine
MUSEUM

DEE OF ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SAILS

The museum offers two-hour public sails aboard the historic skipjack *Dee of St. Mary's* departing and returning from the Calvert Marine Museum. This is a great way to experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake dredge boat.

The fee is \$15 for ages 5-12, 13 and older are \$25. Sorry, no children under five permitted. Advance reservations are required by noon the Friday prior to the cruise. For more information, contact Melissa McCormick at 410-326-2042 ext. 41.

Cruises leave at 2:30 p.m. Please arrive 20 minutes prior and go to the area under the Drum Point Lighthouse - return at approximately 4:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 25
Saturday, June 22
Saturday, July 27
Saturday, August 24
Saturday, September 28

Sunday, June 2
Sunday, July 7
Sunday, August 11
Sunday, September 15
Sunday, October 20

Dee of St. Mary's sails and *Wm. B. Tennison* cruises leave from the Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Road S., Solomons, MD 20688.

WM. B. TENNISON CRUISES

Mother's Day Brunch Cruise

Sunday, May 12, 2019 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
What better way to say "You're Special" than a relaxing cruise and brunch. Adults \$30, children 12 and under \$15.

Registration required by May 8.

Mother's Day Evening Cruise

Sunday, May 12, 2019 ~ 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
A perfect ending to Mom's Day. Heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Adults \$30, children 12 and under \$15.

Registration required by May 8.

Kid's Pirate Pizza Cruise

Saturday, May 25, 2019 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dress like a pirate and eat pizza on board the *Tennison*-Arggggggh! \$15 per person.

Registration required by May 22.

Father's Day Brunch Cruise

Sunday, June 16, 2019 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dads love being out on the water-a perfect way to say "You're the best!" Adults \$30, children 12 and under \$15.

Registration required by June 12.

Father's Day Evening Cruise

Sunday, June 16, 2019 ~ 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
What dad wouldn't feel special with this treat? Heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Adults \$30, children 12 and under \$15.

Registration required by June 12.

Fireworks Cruise

Thursday, July 4, 2019 ~ 8 p.m. till ???
Come aboard for the best view in town. Bring a picnic basket if you like with your favorite food and libations. \$35 per person. Children 7 and over are welcome. Rain date is Friday, July 5; no refunds unless the fireworks are canceled on this date as well.

Registration required by July 1.



For more information contact
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Historic Sunset Supper Cruises

Saturdays, June 8 ~ August 3 ~ September 14 **5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Climb aboard the historic *Wm. B. Tennison* for a 90-minute cruise through history. A museum educator will share fascinating facts about Solomons, the WWII Amphibious Training Base, and Solomons' rich tradition of boat building. While munching on appetizers, see old steamboat wharves and hear about the important role they played in town life. View historic homes, landmarks, and other points of interest. Discover where heroic battles were fought, submarines sunk, lighthouses lit, Ghost Fleets docked, and watch the sunset over the horizon. Return to the museum for a short presentation and a light supper from No Thyme To Cook. Fee is \$50 per person and reservations are required by the Wednesday prior to the cruise date. Participants are invited to bring their own libations.