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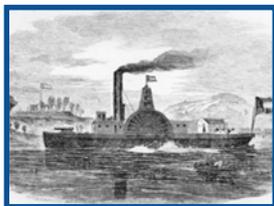
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Summer 2018 Chapter Meeting at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News

Our June 30-July 1 meeting at The Mariners' Museum and Park was productive. See details on our website: www.maritimeheritageva.org

Upcoming Opportunities



Fall 2018
CSS *George Page*



Summer/Fall 2018
USS *Island Belle*—
Putnam (Similar Tug)



Fall 2018
USS *Stringham*

The Maritime Heritage Chapter is considering quite a few options for projects this year. If you are interested in participating, go to our website (www.maritimeheritageva.org) and send us a message from the "Contact Us" tab.

Kittiewan Landing Survey (Bob Balcom and Bruce Terrell)



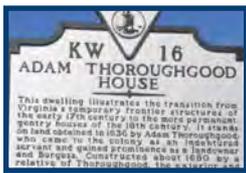
Fall 2018. Unknown structure detected during low tides near Kittiewan Plantation. Initial survey conducted May 2018. Overgrown with arrow weed and other vegetation. Longitudinal notched timbers are visible, eroded timbers fastened in from side, suggesting cross-ties locked it into place. Speculation – watercraft? – boat or barge for transport of passengers, cargo, supplies OR bridge of some sort – wooden, pontoon. Originally located there or displaced by storm and deposited along shoreline? More intensive survey planned for late fall 2018.

Gwynn's Island Survey (John Broadwater for Brendan Burke)



July/August 2018. Remote sensing survey conducted April 2018 by St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum Archaeology Group and the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA), in cooperation with the Mathews County Historical Society. Lord Dunmore's fleet associated with Battle of Cricket Hill. Identified 10 targets for additional research. Burke believes one target looks considerably like a ship and a few targets that could be a ship. County currently looking for divers and a dive boat, and will accept individual volunteers.

Church Point Survey (John Broadwater)



Unscheduled. Possible future MHC project. Search for Lynnhaven Parish Church, inundated since early 17th century. Near Church Point, Virginia Beach and graveyard submerged somewhere in the area. Valuable site to examine, could generate publicity and interest. Broadwater seeking interested individuals. Adam Thoroughgood's property.

Robinson's Landing Ships (John Broadwater)



Possible start in August 2018. Three wooden ships found in Alexandria, Virginia, construction site. 2 of 3 excavated, a 3rd to be uncovered July/August 2018. Timbers in wet storage. Archaeologists will need considerable assistance for recording timbers. Schedule will be posted on website when available. Broadwater to send MHC members additional information once he hears back from the City of Alexandria. Multiple moving pieces between city, archaeologists, contractors, etc.

CSS *George Page*: In 1862, the vessel was destroyed by her crew about a year after taking fire from the USS *Pocahontas* and the Evansport Batteries were abandoned near the vicinity of Quantico Creek in the Potomac River.

USS *Island Belle*: This tugboat was scrapped after running aground in the unfriendly waters of the Appomattox River to prevent the use of the vessel by Confederate forces. Though used for unassuming tasks, the work was important to provide surveillance and carry dispatches.

USS *Stringham*: This torpedo boat was launched in 1899 and used by the U.S. Navy until 1913 where it remained in Norfolk until sold in 1923 to Roanoke dock for scrapping.



Additional Opportunities (See Our Website):

- York River Survey
- Elizabeth River Wreck
- Log Boat Registry
- Beach Wreck Tagging Project

Additional training and opportunities to come!

Join us!

Please join our chapter. Membership information and forms are available on our website. You must be a member of the Archaeological Society of Virginia and the Maritime Heritage Chapter to participate in our training and projects.