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Our next 2019 chapter meeting will be announced soon.

See details for forthcoming meeting information, along with projects available for participation and training opportunities on our website: www.maritimeheritageva.org



Our annual meeting was held on Saturday, February 23rd at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Training included a Direct Survey Measurement course by Dave Thompson, as shown through the images above. An additional course was taught the following day on Basic Life Support (First Aid, CPR, AED) by Jim Tuite.

C.S.S. Richmond (Mike Nusbaum and Bill Waldrop)

On March 23rd, Bill and Mike addressed the SeaDevils Dive Club in Charlottesville. Playing to a packed crowd, Mike and Bill discussed the team's progress on their survey of the C.S.S. *Richmond* and the team's plan for the 2019 dive season. The hospitality and response of the SeaDevils was overwhelming and much appreciated. The active member participation demonstrated the potential of dive club membership to join the Maritime Heritage Chapter and become active in its programs and projects. Bill and Mike will continue to research last year's survey results and new discoveries such as those pictured below. The team's exploration application is still under review and has been impacted by new restrictions related to the Northern Atlantic Sturgeon breeding during the team's dive season. The team hopes to have a resolution of these concerns in the near future. The team continues to welcome any questions related to the James River Squadron and the C.S.S. *Richmond*.



Mid-Atlantic Logboat Registry (Bob Hayes)

It has been an exciting year for the Mid-Atlantic Logboat Registry Team! In October 2018 we received a \$5000 grant from the Institute of Nautical Archaeology to support our registry efforts. We also received designation as an official project from The Archeological Society of Virginia in January 2019. Our research of state archeological records for logboats is moving along at a good pace. We have completed records and reporting research for Virginia (18 logboats) and Maryland (17 logboats). We are poised to tackle North Carolina this spring, where we believe there may be at least 40 logboats recorded! Efforts over the next few months will also include populating the preliminary spreadsheet and finalizing database fields, visiting museums to close the loop on archived information, and developing a short list of logboats as candidates for dating and laser line/3D scanning. We are hoping for a dry summer and low water levels where we can get into the field and investigate several suspected logboats that have been reported.



Ongoing Projects and Research:

Alexandria Ships	(Ben Skolnik)
Gwynn's Island Survey	(Brendan Burke)
Mid-Atlantic Beach Wreck Tagging Project	(Austin Burkhard)
Institute of Maritime History Projects	(Dave Howe)
Church Point Survey	(John Broadwater)
Kittiewan Landing Structure	(Bruce Terrell)
CSS George Page	(Bill Utley)
"Ghost Fleet of the Nansemond" Project	(Bob Hayes)

Join us!

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

