



The Mid-Atlantic Logboat Registry



Log-built boats are a significant part of the rich maritime history of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and the natural inland waterways of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. The Maritime Heritage Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia has embarked on an ambitious project to create a registry of the single-log dugout canoes and multi-log hulled boats of the Mid-Atlantic region. The goal of the registry is to provide a searchable database of historical information and technical data (i.e., dimensional measurements, wood type, construction/preservation methods, etc.) to allow for comparative studies on how these vessels evolved over time.



Since early 2019 the Registry Team has been busy developing data entry fields for the registry database, and searching state and national data repositories, visiting museums, and reviewing published works to find and document logboats. To date, over 160 logboats have been catalogued. The team is also able to provide field evaluations of logboats reported by members of the public.

If you are on the water and find what you believe is a logboat, we ask you to:

- Leave it alone; do not remove it.
- Using your cell phone, take a picture and note the location using your phone GPS.
- Take some notes: waterway, site conditions, is it a single or multi-log
- Provide your information to:
 - ✓ Your State Archeology office
 - ✓ Our Registry Team. We are:
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