

January 20, 2005

Dear Antique Boat and Marine Engine Enthusiast:

This marks the 5th year of our **Chesapeake Antique Boat & Marine Engine Show**. We would like to invite you to show your special marine engines or vintage boats on **Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at the Calvert Marine Museum. There is no registration fee and other costs have been kept to a minimum, thanks to the generous support of our sponsor, Washburn's Boat Yard of Solomons.

Exhibitors are asked to complete the enclosed registration form, which is also on our web site (www.calvertmarinemuseum.com). The event is open to collectors of pre-1975 outboard and inboard engines, antique marine steam engines, and model engines. Antique and classic boats of all kinds can be displayed on trailers or afloat in the museum's boat basin. If you want the museum to provide preprinted display cards, please fill in the back of the registration form. **The registration form needs to be returned by April 15, 2005.**

Enclosed is a list of local accommodations. For those wishing the greatest convenience, the Solomons Comfort Inn is within walking distance. A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights until **April 10** at \$82.50 per night, single or double occupancy. When calling, please mention that you are with the Chesapeake Antique Boat and Marine Engine Show.

On-site trailer camping is available on the fenced-in grounds of the museum, and water and limited electricity will be available for those who need it. Security will be provided on Saturday night beginning at 9 p.m. Boats can be launched at the public boat ramp beneath the bridge.

Participants will receive two passes to the museum allowing free access on both days to our exhibits, including our most recent "Secrets of the Mermaid's Purse – Skates and Rays of the Mid Atlantic." "Swapping" may be done at your convenience throughout the show. Although there will be no judging, each exhibitor will receive a commemorative plaque of the event. Newly designed commemorative T-shirts will be available to exhibitors at a special price. This year we are again offering for exhibitors a 24" x 30" display panel. If you have photographs of an interesting restoration project, the museum will have them professionally dry mounted along with any text. Deadline for this service is April 15. Please contact me if interested at doddsrj@co.cal.md.us.

Other activities include the museum's yard sale on Saturday morning, a model show in the Model Shop, and model skipjack races on Sunday. Once again we will offer the exhibitors-only cruise on the *Wm. B. Tennison* on Sunday morning. There will be boatbuilding activities in the Patuxent Small Craft Center, and a tour of Cove Point Lighthouse, located about five miles from the museum. On Saturday at nearby Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, the 27th Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland is being held.

Food is always an important consideration for exhibitors, so we will be offering our waterside barbeque on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. If you wish to join us, please include a check for \$7 per person, payable to the Calvert Marine Museum, to help cover expenses. After supper, we will be showing the film "Master and Commander" on the big screen in the museum's auditorium. Breakfast on Sunday morning will again be offered free to exhibitors.

We look forward to seeing you in Solomons in May.

Regards,

Richard J. Dodds