Exhibit Your Wooden Boat at Sultana's Downrigging Weekend

October 30 – November 1, 2026/ www.downrigging.org

Sultana's Downrigging Weekend has space for limited number of privately owned boats as exhibit vessels for the weekend. It's a great way to show off your boat and meet other likeminded people. It's also loads of fun!

How do I Apply to Exhibit My Vessel at Downrigging Weekend?

- Read all the information on this page.
- If you are still interested, simply send a short email with a photo and description of your vessel to Drew McMullen at dmcmullen@sultanaeducation.org.

What are the Requirements for Exhibit Vessels?

- Vessels must be either, a) constructed of wood or b) be a facsimile of a wooden boat design from the 1960's or earlier. Exceptions can be made for exceptional boats.
- Applicant vessels will be evaluated for historic significance, suitability for exhibit, appearance, etc. We do not have space for all applicants.

Can I Exhibit My Vessel on Land?

No. We do not anticipate having individual, non-associated vessels exhibited on land.

Can I Launch My Boat from the Chestertown Marina Boat Ramp?

Yes, but only during specific times. The Boat Ramp will be closed on Friday, October 30, Saturday, October 31, and through 4:00pm on Sunday, November 1. Exhibit vessels that plan to launch from the Boat Ramp must launch before Friday, October 30 and can haul out after 4pm on Sunday, November 1.

When Should I Arrive/Depart?

Exhibit vessels are expected to be in place by Friday, October 30 at 5:00pm and to remain at the festival through Sunday, November 1 at Noon. You are free to go out for a sail/cruise during the weekend.

Where Do I Dock My Boat?

All exhibit vessel slips are located at the Chestertown Marina. The marina features a combination of new floating and fixed docks. All slips have access to 30/50amp electric and potable water. Slip holders may also use the Marina's brand-new bathroom and shower facilities.

What Does it Cost to Exhibit/Attend?
There are no fees to exhibit, but we ask that you only apply to exhibit if you are truly committed to coming. No-show exhibitors without a good excuse likely won't be invited back.

Are there goodies?
Of course there are! Here are the basics

- Three (3) nights of dockage at the Chestertown Marina (October 30 – November 1 and use of Marina Facilities. Additional nights are possible.
- Two (2) passes to the Festival Village where you can enjoy some great bluegrass music, food and drink.
- One free festival T-Shirt.
- Lots of quality comradery with like-minded wooden boat owners.

Do I Have to Time My Arrival/Departure Around the Tall Ships' Schedule?
YES! Because the hulls and the head-rigs of the Tall Ships will partially block the entrances to the Chestertown Marina, larger exhibit vessels, or exhibit vessels with masts or high superstructures, should time their arrival and departure to occur when the Tall Ships are away from the dock.

Weather permitting, the Tall Ships will be away from the docks at the following times:

- Friday, October 30 / 2:30-5:00pm Tall Ship Public Sail
- Saturday, October 31 / 10:30am-1:00pm Tall Ship Public Sail
- Saturday, October 31 / 2:30-5:00pm Tall Ship Public Sail
- Sunday, November 1 / 1:00-3:30pm Tall Ship Public Sail

Registering and Reserving Dockage
Again, simply email a photo and short description of your boat to dmcmullen@sultanaeducation.org.

Cancellations
If you are accepted as an exhibitor and must cancel – please let us know ASAP. We generally have a long waiting list.

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