



THE GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SCHOONER RACE



Vision

A healthy Chesapeake Bay where vibrant maritime traditions and skills are preserved and passed on to future generations.

Mission

Fostering stewardship and building community through traditional vessel racing and education on the Chesapeake Bay.

Values

Community

We believe that shared experiences create lasting bonds, strengthen regional connections, and unite our broader community.

Preservation

We maintain that the Chesapeake’s maritime spirit endures through traditional sailing vessels and maritime skills.

Education

We believe that hands-on experiences spark deeper learning, build practical skills, and inspire lasting stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay.

Stewardship

Through stewardship, we combine our resources and efforts, multiplying our power to care for and preserve the Bay’s natural and cultural treasures.

Partnership

Through partnership, we expand what’s possible by investing in organizations that share our commitment to the Bay.

Impact

Strengthening Regional Ties: Through the longest schooner race on the East Coast, we bring together sailors, volunteers, and students—building shared pride in the Bay’s maritime heritage.

Deepening Understanding: Through hands-on maritime experiences, participants gain a deeper understanding of the Chesapeake Bay’s history, culture, and environmental significance, developing a clear sense of why conservation and preservation matter.

Expanding Collective Capacity: Through our virtual race and grant programs, we amplify the work of like-minded organizations, expanding efforts to educate, restore, and preserve the Chesapeake Bay and its maritime traditions.

Outputs

Down the Bay Race

Education Programs

Stewardship

Key Activities

- Baltimore Parade of Sail
- The Race!
- Post-Race Oyster Roast & Awards Ceremony

- Webinars
- Ed Sails

- Virtual Race
- Grants