



A little history...

Watermen defined the Chesapeake Bay for centuries. Today that life is nearly gone with fewer crabs, oysters and fish to catch.

St. George Island waterman Capt. Jack Russell was born to this way of life. In the 1960s he built the Sea-Fruit Oyster House and in 1979 he built then captained one of the last skipjacks of the Chesapeake Bay, the *Dee of St. Mary's*.

As the fisheries declined he converted the *Dee* into a floating classroom for learners of all ages to experience a piece of the Chesapeake's history. His "crew" today dredge for oysters, catch crabs, haul the sail, command the helm and take from the experience a deeper appreciation of the history and ecology of the bay.

To continue and expand these hands-on learning opportunities the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab Inc. (CBFL) was formed with the mission to carry the *Dee* and Sea-Fruit Oyster House into another generation.

Our Mission...

As a non-profit organization, CBFL leverages public and private resources and engages the community in securing the future of the Chesapeake Bay by passing an appreciation of its history and ecology on to younger hands.

These efforts enable CBFL to preserve the skipjack the *Dee of St. Mary's* and convert the Sea-Fruit Oyster House into an interactive educational lab and maritime museum. Exhibits and learning stations allow visitors today to tong for oysters, seine for fish, contribute to native plantings on shore and underwater and learn how the historic wooden vessels of the Chesapeake are built.

Our Vision...

CBFL uses these historic vessels and artifacts of the waterman's culture to make the history of the bay come alive to a new generation and inspire future generations to be good stewards of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay.



Who we are...

With extraordinary help from teachers, legislators, watermen, writers, artists and scores of Marylanders who love the Chesapeake Bay, CBFL attracted nearly 100 members in its first year and won educational and research grants to launch new programs.

Our membership continues to grow as well as our exhibits and our programming opportunities. There is still much to be done and your help is needed. Please join us. It's our Bay. Pass it on.

JOIN CBFL NOW!

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We need your help!

Become a member...

- Individual \$50
 - Family \$100
 - Business \$250
- Call us about Corporate Partnerships

Become a volunteer...

- Shoreside program
- Become a ship's hand

To learn more about the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, our field trips & restoration projects, here's how to reach us:

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We're located on St. George Island in St. Mary's County, at the Sea-Fruit Oyster House at 16129 Piney Point Road, Piney Point, Maryland.



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CBFL is a non-profit educational center providing environmental tours aboard one of the world's last skipjacks, field experiences from one of Southern Maryland's only remaining oyster shuckinghouses and restoration opportunities allowing us to pass the Chesapeake Bay on to younger hands by:

- Inspiring future generations to be good stewards of the Bay;
- Sharing the experiences of the watermen, their culture and lore;
- Offering a view of the health of the watershed, through the eyes of the oysters and crabs of the Chesapeake Bay.

