

# CHOPTANK HERITAGE SKIPJACK 2012 RACE

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Capt. Ed Farley, left, of the skipjack *H. M. Krentz*, received the winner's trophy from Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race



## **H. M. Krentz Wins Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race**

Capt. Ed Farley and the skipjack *H. M. Krentz* took the lead early in the 2012 Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race and never gave it up. The race was held Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, on the Choptank River off Cambridge. Capt. Wade Murphy, Jr., with the *Rebecca T. Ruark* came in second, and the *Nathan of Dorchester*, with Capt. Frank Newton at the helm, took third place. Other skipjacks participating included *Caleb W. Jones*, *Hilda M. Willing*, *Ida May* and *Thomas Clyde*.

The Cambridge race is one of only two skipjack races still held annually on the Chesapeake Bay, the other being the Labor Day Deal Island race. The Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race is sponsored by the Nathan Foundation, and is coordinated by volunteers of the nonprofit Dorchester Skipjack Committee, which owns and operates the *Nathan of Dorchester*.

The volunteers have been working to make the race a bigger attraction for visitors. The effort

and fair weather brought more people out to Long Wharf for the event this year, where they had close-up views of the start, finish and midway turn of the two-lap race. Vendors and exhibitors offered food, merchandise and information. A model skipjack regatta was held by members of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Model Skipjack Club. Bill Smith fired cannon salutes at the start of the race.



Laura Sydnor, left, who with her husband John owns Snappers Waterfront Café, and Kim Liddell, right, President of the National Bank of Cambridge, received certificates of appreciation from Race Chairman Lou Hyman for their annual sponsorship of the skipjack race.

Funds raised through race activities, sponsorships and donations are targeted specifically toward the race and show-up money for the participating skipjacks. The *Nathan* donates her award back to the race each year to allow for larger purses for the other boats.

Snappers Waterfront Café is an Annual Host Sponsor of the event, hosting the pre-race coffee and captains briefing along with the post-race luncheon and trophy presentation. The National Bank of Cambridge is the race's Trophy Sponsor for the permanent Choptank Heritage Cup Trophy, on display at the Dorchester Visitors Center. They also sponsor the smaller trophy presented to the race winner each year.

The evening before the race, more than 50 people enjoyed a reception for the skipjack captains and crew, sponsored by Craig's Drug Store, at Jimmie & Sook's in Cambridge. Craig's also sponsored this year's race t-shirts. Other major event sponsors included Delmarva Power, Tri Gas & Oil and Yacht Maintenance Company.

Race Committee chairman Lou Hyman thanked all the Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race sponsors and volunteers for their efforts and support. "These are not replicas," he emphasized. "The skipjacks are a part of our heritage that is still here to be seen and appreciated. We thank everyone who is helping us keep these skipjacks alive and sailing."

Additional details and photos of the race may be found on the *Nathan's* website.

*For more information or to make a donation, contact the Dorchester Skipjack Committee at 410-228-7141 or visit its website, [www.skipjack-nathan.org](http://www.skipjack-nathan.org).*



Race Chairman Lou Hyman, left, presented Chuck and Karen Kelly with a certificate of appreciation for their sponsorship of this year's Captains Reception and race t-shirts.

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