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The *Nathan of Dorchester* Receives Birthday Gift

Jim Wilcox, donation chairman from the American Legion Post 91 in Cambridge, recently presented Dorchester Skipjack Committee president Bud Marseilles with a check in recognition of the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester's* 20th anniversary. The *Nathan of Dorchester* was built by volunteers and continues to be owned, operated, and maintained by volunteers of the nonprofit Dorchester Skipjack Committee.

American Legion Post 91 has had a close association with the *Nathan of Dorchester* ever since the boat was first under construction. American Legion members are among the builders of the *Nathan*. Legion members have served as sail crew and helped maintain and preserve the boat. Through their ongoing generosity, American Legion Post 91 has helped the *Nathan* welcome Wounded Warriors and their families visit Cambridge. The Dorchester Skipjack Committee and American Legion Post 91 have brought several groups of young men and women who are recovering from their wounds together to experience the unique adventure of sailing and dredging for oysters on the Choptank River.

The *Nathan of Dorchester* is proud to serve as floating ambassador for the City of Cambridge and Dorchester County. The *Nathan* provides adults and children with the opportunity to sail a skipjack, learn about days long gone, and hear stories of how skipjacks and oysters played an important part of life on the Eastern Shore and the Chesapeake Bay. The *Nathan of Dorchester* is a very active boat. Commanded by a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain, a well-trained volunteer crew of four and a docent she sails about 100 days each season. Each year the *Nathan* carries over 1,500 passengers of all ages on sailing and oyster dredging trips from Long Wharf in Cambridge and from other ports on the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information, to charter the boat or to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact the Dorchester Skipjack Committee at 410-228-7141 or visit our website www.skipjack-nathan.org

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