Welcome to The Catboat Association's 62nd Annual Meeting

Friday Evening, January 26th, 2024 through Sunday Morning, January 28th, 2024 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
Groton, Connecticut; Route I-95; Exit 88

Feature Presentation

Of Catboats and Conch Shells:
The extraordinary becomes the ordinary on a two-year Fallon Family sailing adventure
Ticket Request Form for the CBA's 62nd Annual Meeting

The ticket price of $75 per adult for this extraordinary meeting includes:

- Welcoming reception at Mystic Marriott (Friday eve) with goodies & Cash Bar
- Access to all Seminars, Workshops & Sideshows
- Admission to the All-Catboat Vendor Boat & Resources Show
- CBA Bookstore, CBA Gift Shop & on-premises Starbucks
- Guaranteed seating for Feature Presentation
- A gourmet, three-course lunch (before the Feature Presentation)
- Live Bluegrass Gam (Saturday evening) featuring The Cabin Fever Bluegrass Band, with cash bar and light fare

(Children 15 years old and younger are only $15 each)

Ticket Requests must be received no later than January 12th, 2024
(Requests made after that will cost $85; The CBA cannot guarantee availability due to limited seating)

To secure a ticket, either register online at catboats.org here or fill in the form below, clip it out and send it with your check to:

Catboat Association
C/o Tim Lund
262 Forest Street
Needham, MA 02492

Make your check payable to: Catboat Association, Inc; No telephone reservations.

Your Name: __________________________________________

Street Address: _______________________________________

City, State and Zip: _____________________________________

Phone: ( )

Number of Tickets ( ) @ $75 each = ________________

Children (15 & Under) ( ) @ $15 each = ________________

Dietary restrictions: _____________________________________
CBA 62nd Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 26th
3:15pm to 5:00pm  Mystic Seaport Tour – Park in North Parking Lot (GPS: 104 Greenmanville Ave.) and cross the street to North Entrance & Thompson Exhibition Building for check-in desk & restrooms.

6:00pm to 8:00pm  Welcoming Reception & Members’ Slide Show; Nibbles and Cash Bar
8:00pm to whenever  Explore local restaurants (the hotel can provide a list of local spots)

Saturday, January 27th
8:00am  Registration (for new arrivals and Will-Call)

8:00am to 5:00pm  All Catboat Vendor and Member Boat & Resource Show
Come enjoy a terrific Boat & Resource Show and encourage all members to exhibit. All exhibitors must register directly with Ben Delong, Exhibit Coordinator. If you have questions or wish to have a form mailed to you, please contact him directly at ben.delong@catboats.org or 774-310-5757.

3:30pm to 5:00pm  CBA Experts of all stripes stand ready to advise on a number of topics.
➢ Race/Rendezvous Scheduling
➢ Use of the Marriott’s swimming pool; Great for kids of all ages

8:45am to 10:00am  Yoga for All Levels (Conference Room 7)
Please join us for this gentle yoga practice focusing on the joy of breath, movement and meditation. Please bring your own mat and wear loose-fitting clothes for this yoga journey.

8:45am to 10:00am  Catboating for Beginners (Salon E)
The Peterson Brothers will demonstrate the basic elements of sailing a catboat. This workshop is geared to those who are truly new to catboating and wish to learn the ropes.

8:45am to 10:00am  Cruising in small, open catboats (Salon F)
CBA Steering Committee Member Brent Putnam shares his experiences and tips cruising in small catboats. Brent and his family own a Beetlecat, Room, which they sail in Florida. They are former owners of a Marshall 22, Cranberry and the 30’ Lazy Lucy.

10:15am to 11:30am  Maintaining Old and New Catboats (Salon E)
A broad-based seminar hosted by John Conway and friends. John is a long-time Steering Committee member and founding member of the Catboat Preservation Group (www.cbpgroup.org). Bring your questions for this interactive seminar.

10:15am to 11:30am  Cruising in Catboats, Chesapeake Bay style (Salon F)
The Thugs from “Down on Da Bay, Hon” share their adventures and mishaps cruising the width and breadth of the Chesapeake Bay and their occasional escapes from its confines.
Noon  Annual Meeting Lunch and Business Session
1:30pm to 2:30pm  Feature Presentation
   Of Catboats & Conch Shells
   The Fabulous Fallon Family share their two-year experience sailing from Buzzards Bay to the Bahamas and back, twice.

3:15pm to 5:00ish  How to tell Port from Starboard (Salon E)
   Folk Singers and storytellers Mark Alan Lovewell and Molly Conole, of Martha's Vineyard, bring the flavor of their Sunday at Sea program to the annual meeting.

3:15pm to 5:00ish  Restoring Catboats & Making YouTube Videos with Matt Cline (Salon F)
   Professional filmmaker, hobbyist boat restorer, and 2023 Broadaxe award recipient Matt Cline will detail the history and restoration of Patchy Fog, a Fenwick Willimas-designed catboat as well as restoring and upgrading Herreshoff Americas. He will provide tip and tutorials on video documentation to both improve the restoration process and make successful YouTube videos.

3:00pm to 5:00ish  Mystic Walk (Meet in Lobby) – weather permitting
   Join fellow catboaters for a self-guided 3-mile walk in Bluff Point State Park. The trail has amazing vistas overlooking Long Island Sound. Meet in the Lobby for a short van ride to a scenic locale. Dress appropriately.

5:00pm to 7:00pm  Sociability Event (More Nibbles and Cash Bar & Music with a performance from the Cabin Fever Bluegrass Band)

Sunday, January 28th
8:30am to 10:00am  Restoration of Sea Duck – our Sunday morning seminar will feature Tom Tracy and his restoration of 1920, Fred Goeller-designed catboat Sea Duck.

10:30am to 1:00pm  CBA Steering Committee Meeting

Lodging

Many catboaters arrive Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday noon.

Join us and take full advantage of the weekend’s activities.

The Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa guarantees us a block of rooms at the INCREDIBLY LOW, GROUP RATE OF $129/ROOM/NIGHT. The Mystic Marriott is a beautiful facility with regular room rates around $350/night. Please take advantage of this great value and spend a night or two. Great shopping and dining are just a short ride away in downtown Mystic, CT to the East and in New London, CT to the West. Hotel reservations at this discounted rate MUST be made before 4:00pm on Friday, January 12th, 2024: Call (866) 449-7390 and identify yourself as a participant in the Catboat Association’s Annual Meeting to qualify for the discounted rate. Or, book online to get the CBA rate - here.