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Maritime Museum, high school to build small boats

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – The Maritime Museum and Education Foundation has held discussions with representatives of Lower Cape May Regional High School regarding a small boat-building program in industrial arts.

According to Kevin Maloney, president of the maritime foundation, the group approached the school about having the students build small wooden boats made from kits. The boats are known as St. Ayles boats,



An image of the St. Ayles boat provided by the Maritime Museum.

designed after a model found in the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther in Fife. Individuals there came up with the idea of building a

full-scale boat, which is considered a skiff. While it can be fitted with a small square sail, the boat has become a favorite of Scottish coast row-

ing clubs. Maloney said he would like to see other local high schools build St. Ayles boats and establish an interschool rowing competition.

Maloney said small boat building was part of the vision of the Maritime Museum since the foundation was formed. One of the foundation's board members is George Loos, the president of the Traditional Small Craft Association. He said they approached the school board with the idea of providing the high school with a kit for a St. Ayles boat. The kits cost

around \$3,000 each. Maloney said the Hughes Boat Works in Maine cuts the boat kits from 4x8 sheets of plywood. The boats are constructed using a mold to get the shape and put together with epoxy.

"They are relatively new in the country and there are none in New Jersey," Maloney said.

They approached Christopher Kobik, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the LCMR School District, saying the Maritime Museum was looking for a trial school to build a St. Ayles boat. They

said they would provide the kit and the expert – George Loos.

"The school said they would provide the instructors, workshop, space and student apprentices," Maloney said.

He said they met with administration members including Kobik and Superintendent Jack Pfizenmayer, the wood-working instructors, the school's webmaster and members of a videography class, which would record the boat building process. According to Maloney, some of the stu-

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Photo courtesy of MAC

Above, Doug and Anne Marie McMains, owners of the Queen Victoria B&B, show the chocolate treats they will be featuring as part of the Chocolate Championship Tour and Tasting.

Chocolate Championship Tour and Tasting, May 4

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – Chocolate has been said to be cure for the common everything, from heightening any foul mood to bliss on the first bite when it instantly satisfies that sweet tooth.

On Saturday, May 4, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities (MAC) will allow the public to find bliss in a variety of chocolate treats and vote for their favorite during the Chocolate Championship Tour and Tasting. There are five historic properties and B&Bs in this spring's competition, all striving to be Cape May's champion of chocolate.

Since 2010, MAC has hosted two chocolate tasting competitions annually – one being the spring festival and the other in the fall during Victorian Weekend. There

are five B&Bs competing in the upcoming spring festival on May 4: the Angel of the Sea, The Bacchus Inn, The Henry Sawyer Inn, The Summer Cottage Inn and the reigning champions of The Queen Victoria.

The Queen Victoria owners Doug and Anna Marie McMains won the 2012 spring festival competition, as well as the Victorian Weekend competition. The two won both tastings with the famous Queen Victoria Chocolate Delight, a gluten-free bar consisting of milk chocolate chips, peanuts, butterscotch, coconut and almonds held together with a condensed milk and coated with a smooth dark chocolate.

"We won the last two competitions with it, so we want to carry it forward to this year's event," Doug said.

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Captain Mey Day discovers Cape May

Above, Dutch explorer Captain Cornelius Mey (Bob Steenrod) waves to the public during an appearance on the Washington Street Mall. Captain Mey is surrounded by dancers from the Dutch Klompen Dancers who performed on the open air mall, Saturday, as part of the first annual Captain Mey Day activities. See more photos on page A10.

Council approves bonds for new beach restrooms

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – City council has introduced a \$475,000 bond ordinance providing for Beach Utility improvements, with \$250,000 of the sum being earmarked for enhancements to beachfront restrooms.

In October, the city began to receive complaints regarding the modular restroom located in front of the seawall at the foot of Gurney on Beach Avenue. Mayor Ed Mahaney assured the public that the modular structure was not intended to be per-

manent, but the downsizing of the Convention Hall design meant fewer restrooms than anticipated. Hence, the temporary facility remained in place for the time being.

Terry Shields, owner of Shields Bike Rentals on Gurney Street, said the temporary facility was obstructing his view of the promenade and suggested installing permanent restrooms in the former Oasis Restaurant. The property is owned by the city and presently used as a ticket window for Convention Hall. The city has since con-

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Councilman encouraged by new funding decision

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman said he received a boost of confidence in his effort to change the school funding formula for the Lower Cape May Regional School District after the borough of Oradell, N.J., recently changed its funding formula with the River Edge School District.

At the April 16 city council meeting, Wichterman gave members of council the court decision made in the Bergen County case between

Oradell and River Edge. Vito Gagliardi, an attorney hired by the city last year to develop a feasibility study concerning methods Cape May could use to lower the cost of sending students from Cape May to the Lower Cape May Regional District, provided Wichterman with the information.

Cape May taxpayers are currently paying \$80,000 per student sent to the district, nearly double what was spent six years ago. Lower Township, which has the

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