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## **Calling All Hands for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race**

**Baltimore, MD** – The schooners will be returning this October for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race (GCBSR). The schooner fleet — expected to number at least 50 — will once again be **racing to save the Bay**, promoting awareness of the Bay’s maritime heritage and encouraging the preservation and improvement of its natural resources. The schooners will begin arriving in Fells Point as early as October 10 to participate in pre-race festivities before the start of the race on October 14. They will cross the starting line near Annapolis and finish 127 nautical miles further south at Thimble Shoal off Hampton. They will then proceed to Portsmouth, Virginia, for post-race festivities.

Volunteers make the GCBSR possible. If you would like to help with hospitality, docking or education in either port, Baltimore or Portsmouth, please send an email to [Maryland@schoonerrace.org](mailto:Maryland@schoonerrace.org) or [Virginia@schoonerrace.org](mailto:Virginia@schoonerrace.org).

The proceeds of the race are used to support preservation of the Bay through youth education programs. To date, the race has donated \$114,600 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, providing more than 2,000 children with on-water educational experiences.

The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race originated as a personal challenge between Captain Lane Briggs’ “Tugantine” *Norfolk Rebel* and the *Pride of Baltimore II*. Captain Briggs’ commitment to the maritime heritage of the Chesapeake and his love of schooner-rigged sailboats led him to found the race and has kept the race going strong for 21 years. As we celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> running of the race, it is important that we remember the legacy that Captain Lane Briggs (1932-2005) bestowed on all of us.

For more information, contact Paul or Pat Brabazon, Maryland Race Chairs ([maryland@schoonerrace.org](mailto:maryland@schoonerrace.org)), or Denise Muncher, Virginia Race Chair ([virginia@schoonerrace.org](mailto:virginia@schoonerrace.org)), or visit our website at [www.schoonerrace.org](http://www.schoonerrace.org).

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