

## DIRECTIONS

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- From I-95, take exit 100A and proceed south on RT 272 toward the town of North East.
- Continue to follow MD-272 S through North East
- Turn right onto W Walnut Street and proceed to the Town Park
- The museum is on the right
- 219 W Walnut St, North East MD 21901



*Canvasback wing decoy, work boat stoves*

## Upper Bay Museum

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Scan this QR code  
with your smart  
phone to visit our  
website.



*You are welcome to join us!*

## VISIT:

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Admission to the museum is free, but all donations are welcome. Our gift shop features books, T-Shirts, and local artists.

We are open to the public weekends  
Memorial Day through Labor Day, Saturday  
12pm-4pm & Sunday 12pm-4pm.

If you are unable to visit us during those times, please contact us to make special arrangements.

## BECOME A MEMBER:

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Get a membership application at the museum, or on our website. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the museum.

[www.upperbaymuseum.org/membership](http://www.upperbaymuseum.org/membership)

## VOLUNTEER:

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Volunteers are needed to staff the museum on weekends throughout the summer.

## SUPPORT OUR EVENTS:

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All funds to rebuild, operate, and improve the museum and its artifacts and exhibits are raised by the volunteer members through visitor donations, gift shop sales, membership dues, and our annual events:  
Dinner Benefit & Auction  
Upper Shore Decoy Show

# Upper Bay Museum



*Including the  
Chesapeake Wooden  
Boat Builders School*

*Located in the  
North East  
Community Park*

[www.upperbaymuseum.org](http://www.upperbaymuseum.org)



## MISSION

To preserve the lifestyle of the commercial waterman and hunter of the Upper Chesapeake Bay.



*Rare double sinkbox*

## HISTORY

A dedicated group of members of the Cecil-Harford Hunters Association, founded in 1950, envisioned the museum in the early 1970s.



*Just a few of the decoys on display*

In about 1975, the Association purchased a warehouse. A second building was added the next year, and display items were accumulated from donations and loans. The museum was open only twice each year – during the North East Water Festival, and in October for the Upper Shore Decoy Show, which is the oldest continually running show of its kind in the country.

In 1976, the town of North East created the North East Community Park and made the historic H. L. Harvey's Fish House available to the Association to house the museum. The location is ideal, with a spectacular view of the North East River and the Susquehanna Flats. In 1982, the town made a second building available, which in 2012 welcomed the Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School.



*Punt Gun*



*Wall desk, H. L. Harvey Fish Company*

## HIGHLIGHTS

From the serious market waterfowl hunter to the hardy commercial fisherman, watermen of every description have shaped the culture of this region.

The Upper Bay Museum displays hunting, boating, and fishing artifacts native to the upper Chesapeake Bay. Trace the history of the waterfowl hunter through the exhibits of outlawed gunning rigs and skillfully carved decoys. Follow the progress of Bay boating and fishing with many displays of model boats, nets, marine engines and work boat stoves.

Other displays include:

- An old-time decoy shop
- Boat building tools
- Commercial fishing equipment
- Local Native American artifacts