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The Nathan – Building a Skipjack, by Melvin Hickman, 1 September 2010

Melvin Hickman, former Curator of the Richardson Museum and a wooden boat builder relates his and others' experiences during the building of the Nathan of Dorchester. He showed photos of various construction details and exhibited some of the old hand tools still used in wooden boat construction. The Nathan was built to preserve the wooden boat building nautical heritage of the region. The skipjack is the Maryland State boat and Dorchester County led all others in the number of skipjacks built. Nathan offers an opportunity to participate in and enjoy our nautical heritage. Cruise on the scenic Choptank River, help raise her sails or take a turn at the helm, and hear watermen stories.

