

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SEA GULL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

not for publication

city, town Deal Island

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Captain Jesse Thomas

street & number

telephone no.: 784-2181

city, town Deal Island

state and zip code Maryland 21821

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

liber

street & number

folio

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. S-239

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This vessel is a 46.6' long two-sail bateau, or V-bottomed deadrise type of centerboard sloop, commonly referred to as a skipjack. She was built in 1924 in Crisfield, Maryland, using typical Bay area cross-planked construction methods. She has a beam of 15.9', a depth of 4.3', and a net register tonnage of 10. She carries a typical skipjack rig consisting of jib-headed mainsail and large jib. She has a longhead bow and a square, or transom, stern. The wooden hull is painted the traditional white.

SEA GULL has an almost plumb, straight stem with a longhead beneath the bowsprit. She has a flat transom stern, slightly raked. There are guards along the sides of the hull to protect it from the bumping of the dredges.

The single mast is set up with double shrouds and deadeyes, as well as a forestay and jibstay. A topping lift leads to the end of the boom, which is jawed to the mast. The mainsail is laced to the boom and carried on wooden hoops at the mast. The large jib, with a club along its foot, is rigged out to the bowsprit, which is painted white. The bowsprit is set up with double chain-and-cable bobstays and chain-and-cable bowsprit shrouds. In addition to her sail rig the vessel carries a motorized pushboat suspended on davits over the stern. The pushboat is painted white and decorated with red stripes.

The skipjack is flush-decked with several deck structures including a wheelbox, cabin trunk, and winders. The decks are surrounded by a lograil forward and a short pinrail aft, with dredge rollers amidships. Dredging gear is carried in season.

SEA GULL is painted white with tan trim on the top of the lograil and pinrail and a red stripe on the hull beneath the guards, extending onto the longhead. Trailboards, painted dark green with the name SEA GULL in gold, are decorated with vines and leaves along with an American flag motif, and are mounted on the longhead. In addition the vessel carries nameboards at her bows, with her name in gold on a dark green ground.



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SEAGULL
Wenona, Md

port side sail
M.C. Wootton

11/83



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SEAGULL

Wenona, Md

port bow sail

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SEAGULL
Wenona, Md

port stern
M. C. Wootton

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SEAGULL

Wenona, Md.

Port side - under sail

M.C. Wootton 11/83



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SEAGULL
Wenona, Md.

Port side - bow (left vessel)
M.C. Wootton 7/84