

Wildfowl Traveler Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter! Our newsletter is designed to update all of our users to the new and exciting things happening on Wildfowl Traveler. You can expect to see a new addition in your email box quarterly. We will only have brief info here, for the full story go to the website!

The Guide Database



As many of you have noticed our efforts in getting all the guide services across North America to update their listing with species has resulted in much better search data. We have had almost a 50% update rate for the guide currently in the database, not too bad for the first wave. Our efforts will continue and as more users are on Wildfowl Traveler more guides services find out about the directory. We have had many guides services enter data that we did not find in our research, we want to thank these services to taking the time to enter their information. If you are using the search feature to find your next guide service let them know! We believe there is no better place to plan your next trip.

Featured Articles

We were happy to have Mike Hruby submit two articles from his adventures in the Chesapeake Bay Area. An exciting area to hunt and Mike does a great job writing about his trips. As always we encourage our user to submit articles to us for posting. No need to be a professional writer, we want to hear about your Wildfowl Traveling adventures!



Here is the start of one of Mike's Articles (to read the whole article please visit the website)

"My last trip to Maryland, now in hindsight, was

magical. After getting back up there, I realized that in my excitement of the first trip, I kind of let it pass by me quickly just taking everything in. This time, I had time reflect, take in the awesome sights and scenery, and the enjoy the company of two brothers, and great friends. Although we were basically in the same middle region of the eastern shore again, our quarry would be totally different as Canada geese and diving ducks would be what we would hope would toll the blocks and silhouettes.

In 03, we kind of used the "run and gun" approach traveling from Chincoteague, VA. back up the eastern shore daily, staying in different locations. This time, we chose a cottage on the Knapps Narrows overlooking the Chesapeake for the whole week. Docked outside of our front door was a historical "landmark" and she was a splendid specimen. The Chesapeake Bay Skip Jack "Kathryn". Her official number in the National Historic Landmark registry is 161189. She is a working oyster dredge boat home ported in Tilghman Island. Built in Crisfield, Maryland in 1901, she is 50ft. long, 16ft., 8 inches wide; and has a depth of 4ft., 2 inches. 1901.....damn that was a long time ago!!! As I stared at her every time we departed our home for the week, I could only imagine what her and her crew looked like 107 years ago as they set sail daily to harvest oysters.....the old school way."

More Online.....

The Store



We have our first addition to the Store – The complete Swampers DVD collection . Look for more items to come in the next month!



Waterfowlers Society News

With the comments from some of the forum users and Society Members we have made our first amendment of species to Society List. This change influences the Master Waterfowler Society only. We are now including Sandhill Cranes and Swans as a requirement to become a Master Waterfowler. This was done because these birds are regulated under Federal Waterfowl Laws. No new data was used to determine this, it was decided these should have been included under the original species list. We thank all involved with this discussion.

New Members

We would like to welcome the newest members of the Waterfowler's Societies. We encourage you to visit the website to read their bios and talk to them about their achievements.

Master Waterfowler - Patrick Pitt

Puddler Society - Ken Danford & Bruce McArthur

Diver Society - Ray "Spec" Prothero

Honker Society - Mike Hruby, Ray "Spec" Prothero, & Bruce McArthur

Salty Society - Brian Rhodes & Bruce McArthur



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