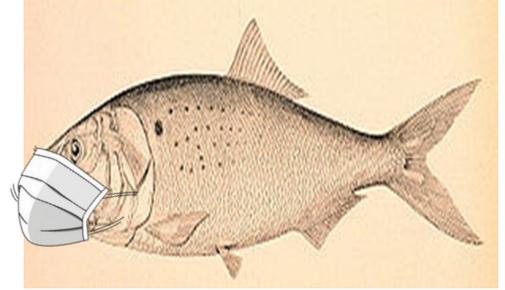


FROM THE PILOT HOUSE

Oh, What Interesting Times We Live in!

Ahoy all – can you believe its August already? The only good thing about 2020 is that it seems to be moving at an amazing clip toward the end of the year. And I'm guessing there are very few among the Starry Banner readers who will be sorry to see this year go!



The Museum closed at the end of December, and while we planned to reopen with new exhibits and lots of fun-filled events, activities, and programs, we all ended up under lock-down for several months. Linda Jett, the Office Manager, and I came into the offices on a rotating basis in April, May, and June... and worked from home the rest of the week.

At the end of June, I began to fine-tune some of the displays and exhibits with the assistance of two students from Northumberland High School. We removed all hands-on activities from KidzKorner in the Watermen's Gallery and organized several changes in the Reed and Frayne galleries.

I trained Shelby Smithart and Hailey Wallace in proper exhibit design and fabrication, and after three months of disinfecting a large collection of ephemera from the attic of Reedville Market, had the students develop a two-case display of items from Blundon & Hinton, the first store on site of what is now the newly renovated Reedville Market. B&H was a company store, with a cannery attached. Wendell Haynie, a born-here and one of the founders of the Museum, began working there at the age of 14. He has given us several metal or paper tokens from his time as an employee at B&H . . . these tokens were used to purchase items in the store.

There is more news to tell – read on to discover what other things have been going on at the Museum!

I hope this finds you well, healthy, and safe!

Cheers, Lee

