

ABOUT HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Historic St. Mary's City is an outdoor museum of living history and archaeology, located in beautiful tidewater Maryland. The museum is dedicated to telling the diverse stories of those who once lived in this land now called Maryland.

HOURS:

SPRING / FALL Tues - Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SUMMER Wed - Sun, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Annual Events

MARYLAND DAY

OVERFLOW FESTIVAL

MAY DAY

BEERFEST

TIDEWATER ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND

SHAKESPEARE IN THE CITY

MILITIA MUSTER

RIVERFEST

LOST CITY - TRICK OR TREAT

HEARTH AND HOME



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DESIGNING *MARYLAND DOVE*

The *Maryland Dove* represents the vessel *Dove*, one of the two ships that sailed from England to found the Maryland colony in 1634.

The *Maryland Dove* is a recreated English boyer of 1634.



A Boeier and a Galliot, c. 1652/1654; etching by Reinier Nooms, National Gallery of Art

Thanks to underwater archaeology, 17th century art, and shipbuilders notes from the 1600s, researchers were able to piece together a clearer image of what the *Dove* of 1634 might have looked like.



Physical Dimensions

Length Overall: 84 feet

Length on Deck: 57 feet

Length at Waterline: 51 feet

Beam: 17 feet

Draft: 7 feet

Height of Main Mast: 64 feet

Sail Area: 2,019 square feet

Power: 2 John Deere, 4-cylinder,

PowerTech 4.5L engines

Architect: Iver C. Franzen
Maritime, LLC

BUILDING *MARYLAND DOVE*

Maryland Dove was built for the Historic St. Mary's City Commission (HSMCC) by Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum as an educational collaboration.

Apprentice and Master shipwrights used a combination of locally-sourced woods, tropical hardwoods, and non-corroding fasteners to build a long-lasting ship.



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