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# TUCKERTON SEAPORT



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**Make Your Own Museum**

# This is the Place!

**Q: Who gets to make history?**

**A: We do.**

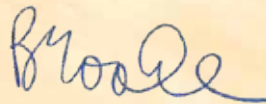
Tuckerton Seaport is a small museum. By small we don't mean in size; this place occupies 40 acres along the edge of the Tuckerton Creek. We also don't mean in impact; this place has served over one million people since opening its doors in 2000. It is possible instead of using the word small, we start using the words community-driven.

Our work centers on the idea that the next wave of people is better equipped to build strong communities when they know what they are fighting for. Tuckerton Seaport amplifies community voices by inviting more people to be involved in the creating, capturing, and sharing of local history, folk art, and culture. We all benefit by being in this together.

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence. As a proud partner of RevolutionNJ, we will be honoring this historic year with a series of educational opportunities designed to get people of all ages, abilities, and exits engaged in the process of how and why we make history.

This is the Place! will get people talking about where they come from and why you should always seek a local expert if you want to know the best spots to explore, eat, fish, grow, and learn about the people that make a place.

We look forward to being your guide,



Brooke Salvanto, Executive Director  
BrookeS@tuckertonseaport.org



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# WHAT'S NEW?



**New Decoy Exhibit in the Hunting Shanty:** Hurley Conklin, Manahawkin

**New Decoy Exhibit in the Hunting Shanty:** Bird of the Year: Pintail

**Coming Soon: Traveling Exhibit – This is the Place!**

This will be going to libraries and community spaces.

**Expanded Tuckerton: The People Exhibit With 1776**

**Update:** What stories can the historic homes at Tuckerton Seaport tell us about life 250 years ago?

**New Oral History Project:** Students in Tuckerton Elementary will learn to be local historians and will be conducting interviews of tradition bearers that will be included in the This is the Place exhibits.





# Make the Gift Shop Inside the Lighthouse Your First Stop Upon Arrival!

Our welcome desk crew is looking forward to helping you make the most of your visit.



Plan your visit at [tuckertonseaport.org](http://tuckertonseaport.org)





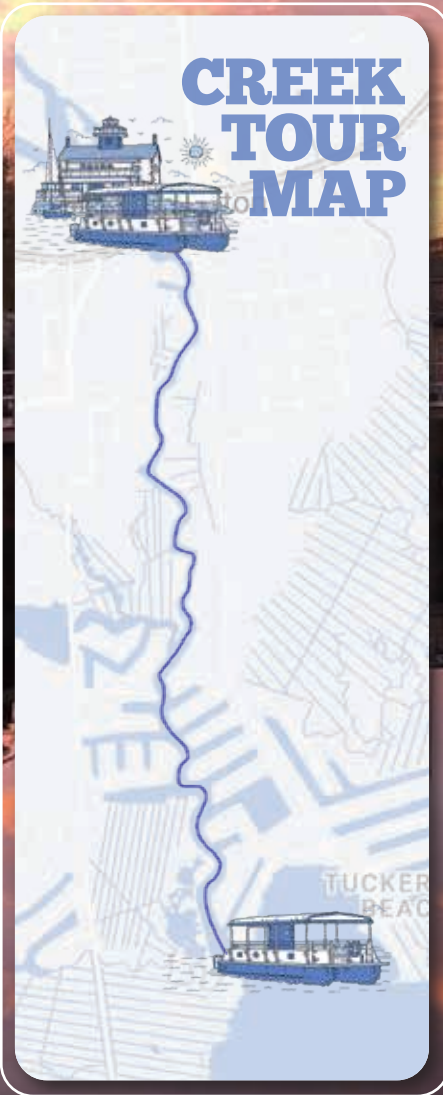
# CREEK TOURS

Enjoy a fully narrated, 50-minute guided tour along scenic Tuckerton Creek, departing the Lighthouse Dock at Tuckerton Seaport.



Reserve your seats at [TuckertonSeaport.org](https://TuckertonSeaport.org)





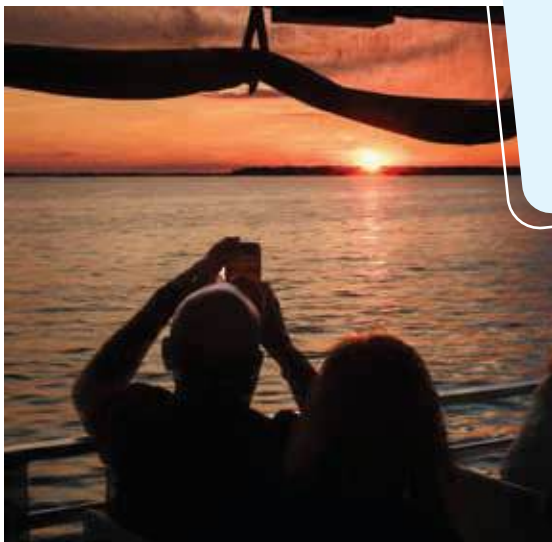
## SUNSET SAILS

The perfect way to end any day is to relax out on the water in Tuckerton and take in a picturesque sunset.

Sunset Sails are available on selected days aboard the *Pohatcong II* when it is not working as a ferry between Tuckerton and Long Beach Island.

## BREAKFAST ON THE BAY

Join us on Thursdays  
this summer!  
9 a.m.-Noon  
Includes tour & breakfast



# SEASONAL BOAT TOURS

Enjoy a special, 60-minute guided tour along scenic Tuckerton Creek. Tickets include admission to the museum exhibits and Lighthouse.



Mother's Day Weekend



Father's Day Weekend



Legend & Lore Tours



Holiday Boat Tours

VISIT  
[TUCKERTONSEAPORT.ORG](http://TUCKERTONSEAPORT.ORG)  
FOR ALL THE DETAILS



**OCEANFIRST**  
FLOATING CLASSROOM  
*Making Waves for Local Communities!*



## *Ocean First* **FLOATING CLASSROOM**

Despite living in Ocean and Monmouth Counties, the overwhelming majority of students who have visited the Seaport have never actually been out on the water. Now is your chance.

*Now Booking School Field Trips and  
Group Tours at Tuckerton Seaport!*

Join us aboard the Floating Classroom, a 30-foot pontoon boat rated for 33 passengers, as a Seaport Captain and Tour Guide introduce you to the coastal culture of the Jersey Shore.



Contact [tours@tuckertonseaport.org](mailto:tours@tuckertonseaport.org)  
to reserve your date.

Celebrating  
Our 8<sup>th</sup> Year  
of Ferry  
Service!

# LBI WATER FERRY 2026 SCHEDULE

Service on Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays  
July 4th through Labor Day!

RESERVE  
YOUR SEATS  
ONLINE  
TUCKERTON  
SEAPORT  
.ORG

Departing THE TUCKERTON SEAPORT	Departing BEACH HAVEN TAYLOR AVE. PUBLIC DOCK
8:00 am	9:30 am
11:00 am	12:30 pm
2:30 pm	4:00 pm
5:30 pm	7:00 pm

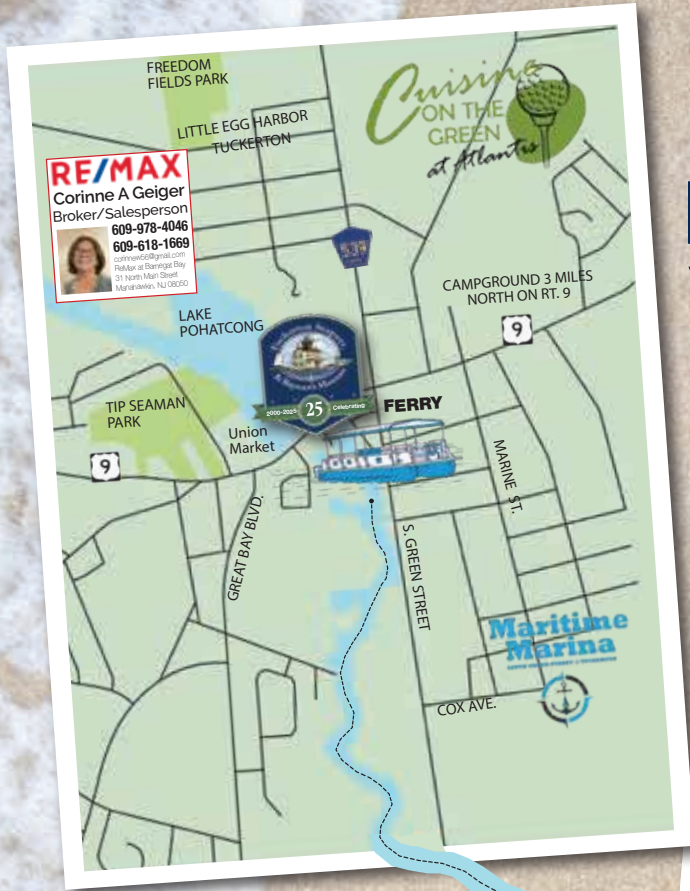
Open Air Seating  
Onboard Bathroom

# TUCKERTON SEAPORT BEACH HAVEN WATER FERRY

*Trade Brake Lights For Bay Sights!*



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# JERSEY SHORE FOLKLIFE CENTER

Did you know Tuckerton Seaport is home to the Jersey Shore Folklife Center?

The Folklife Center offers hands-on classes amplifying coastal culture including basket weaving, felting, decoy carving, candle making, foodways, blacksmithing, woodburning and more all year long.



# Mini Museum Instructions

1. Tear out the centerfold page.
2. Fold on the dashed lines. Cut the corner slits and glue corners.
3. Give your museum a name based on something you know well. You are the **curator**.
4. Gather **artifacts**.
5. Write **exhibit** labels.
6. Visit the Folklife Center for the Mini Museum Assembly station and display. Feel free to take your museum home to finish and bring it back to display.

## artifact

an item with a story to tell

## curator

the person responsible for selecting, caring for, displaying, and telling the story of artifacts in a museum exhibit

## exhibit

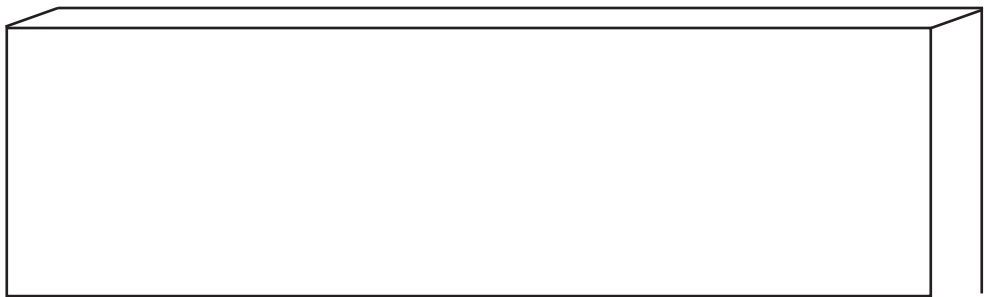
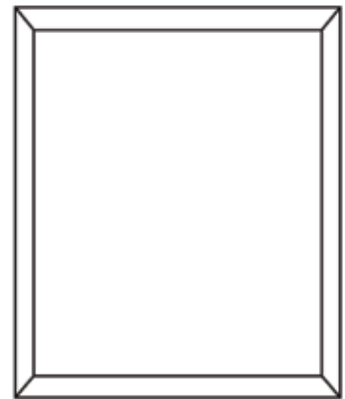
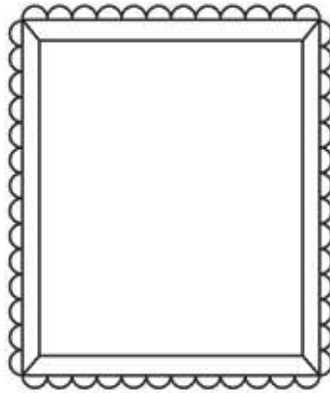
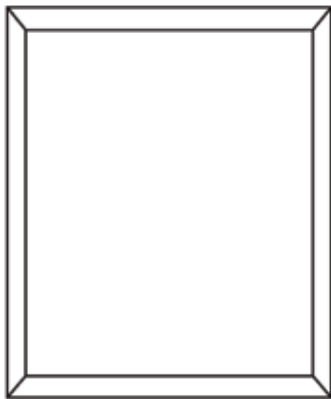
a display of something culturally or historically important, usually organized around a theme



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Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_

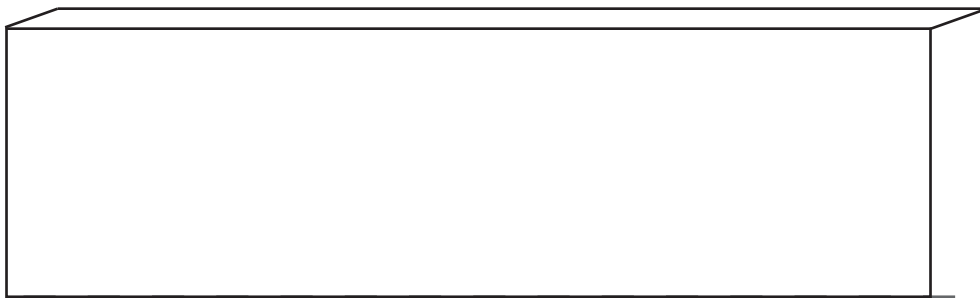
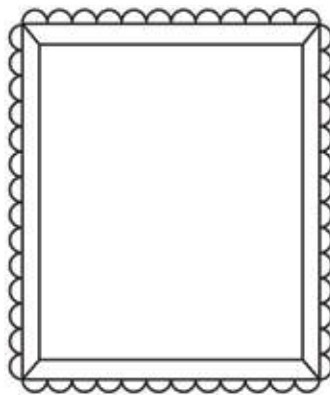
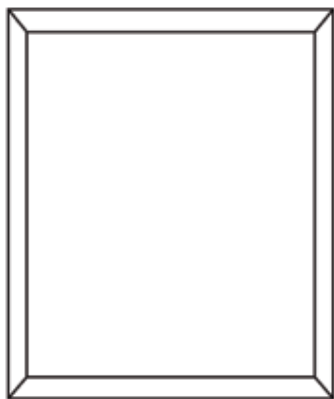
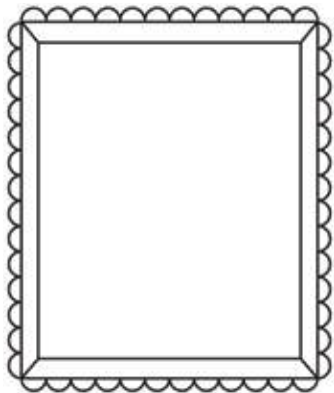
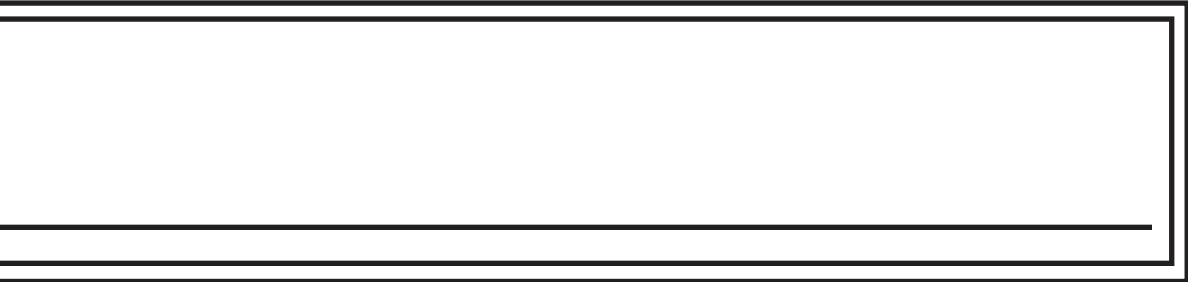
**Museum of** \_\_\_\_\_



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# \_\_\_\_\_'s Mini Museum



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# So, what will your museum be about?



## What is something you know well?

Fill out this page to help you think of some ideas.  
Remember, you are the curator.

**What activities do you enjoy doing?**

**What is a skill you have learned?**

**Where do you live?**

**What animals do you know about?**

**What traditions or cultures have you learned about?**

**What do you want to teach people about?**



# CARVING OUT HISTORY

Tuckerton Seaport is  
home to  
folklife traditions.

Folklife does not happen  
somewhere else.  
It happens right here in  
South Jersey.



## YOUTH CARVING WORKSHOPS

Held on the Second Saturday  
of Each Month

Free Program Open to  
Young Learners Ages 12-17

**Tradition Relies  
On Passing It On!**

# TUCKERTON SEAPORT SITE MAP

Lake Pohatcong

Captain's House

Yacht Club

Parking Lot

Hunting Shanty

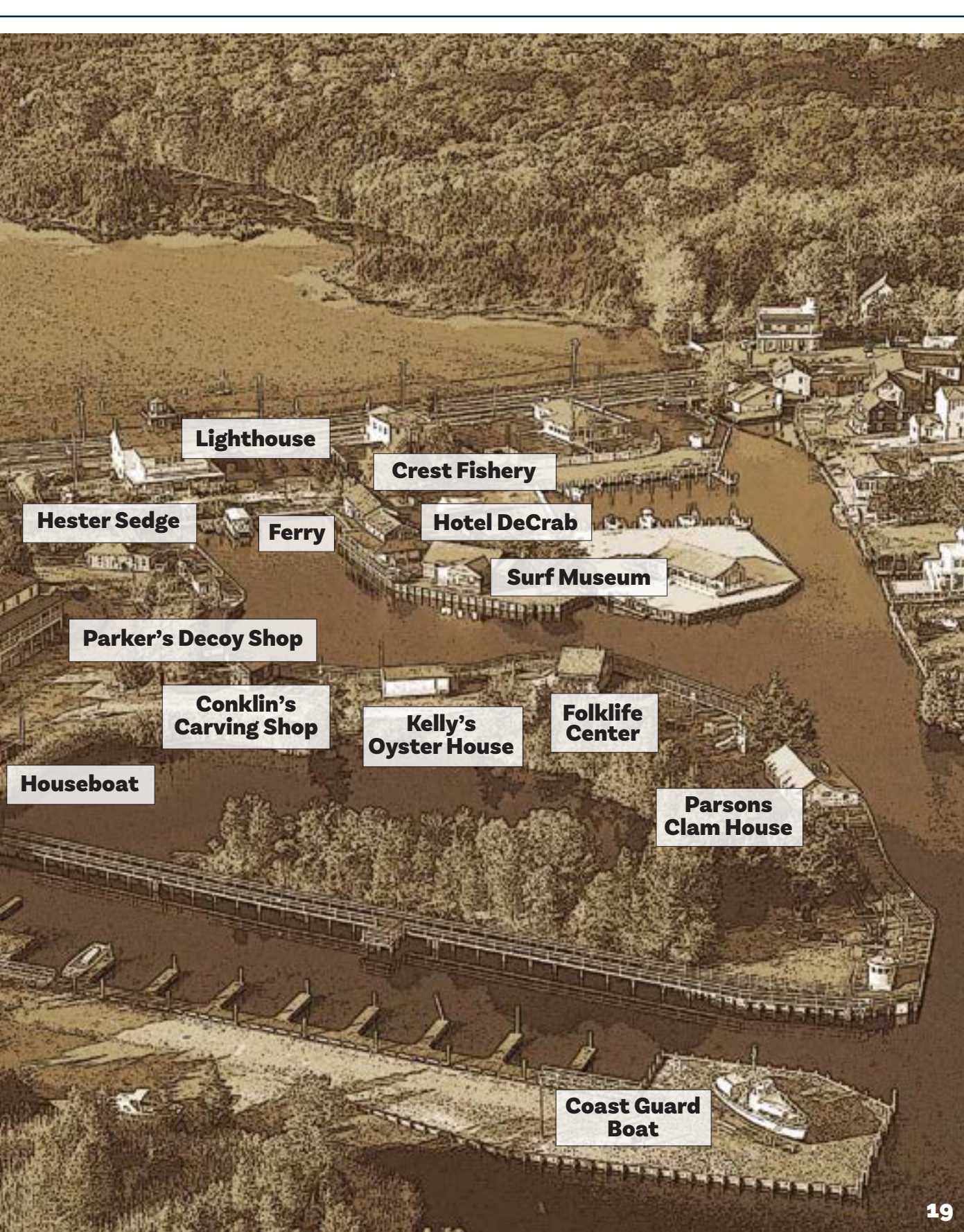
Union Market

Nature Trail  
Entrance

Dayton's  
Sawmill

Perrine's  
Boatworks

Safety First: Please watch your step, be aware of your surroundings, and be mindful of natural landscapes.



**Lighthouse**

**Crest Fishery**

**Hester Sedge**

**Ferry**

**Hotel DeCrab**

**Surf Museum**

**Parker's Decoy Shop**

**Conklin's  
Carving Shop**

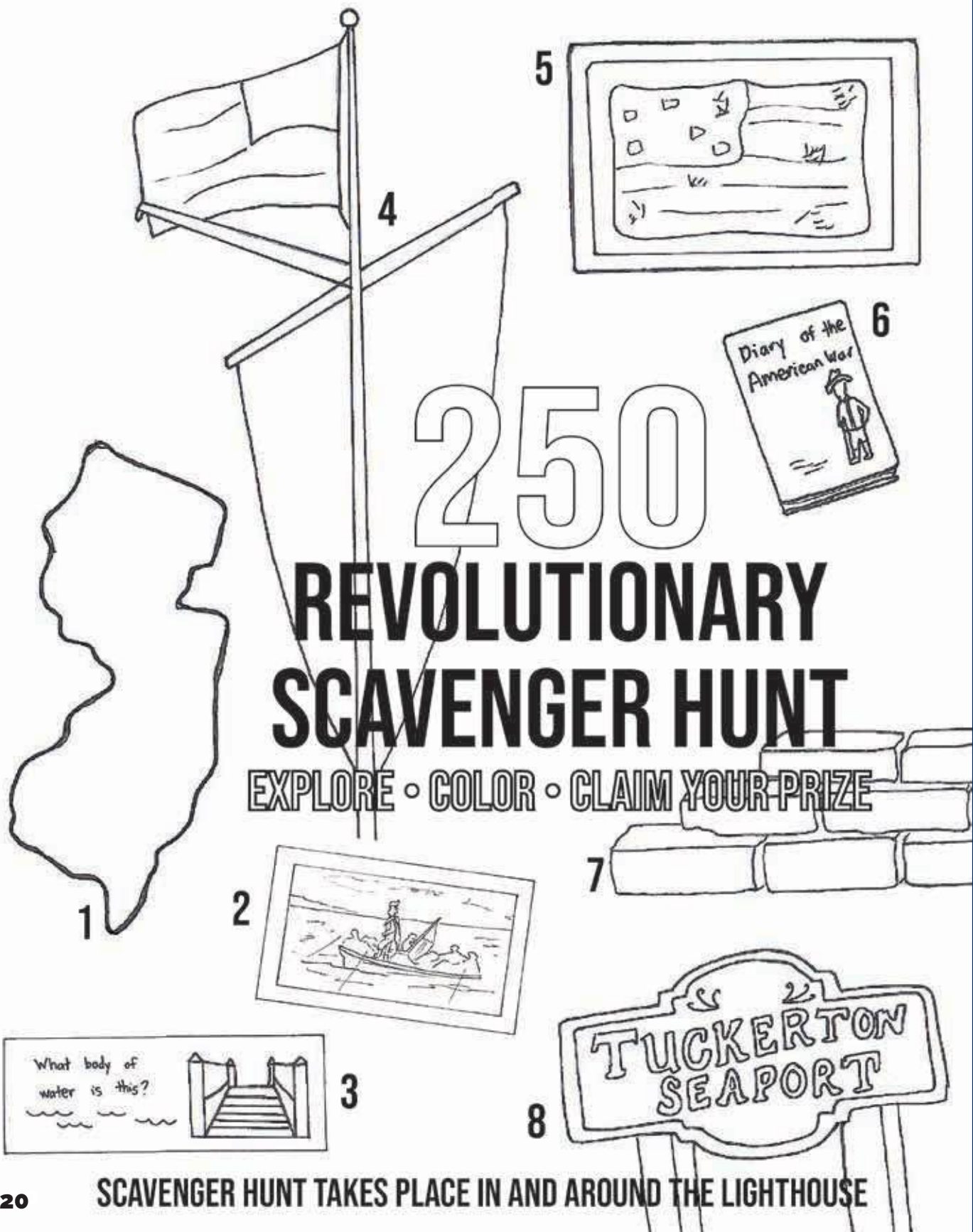
**Kelly's  
Oyster House**

**Folklife  
Center**

**Houseboat**

**Parsons  
Clam House**

**Coast Guard  
Boat**



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# REVOLUTIONARY SCAVENGER HUNT

EXPLORE • COLOR • CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

What body of water is this?

With 117 videos and counting, check back often as we continue to add videos from the Seaport to this archive!

## DID YOU KNOW THE SEAPORT HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

Playlists Include:  
South Jersey Farmers' Roots  
En-shore-preneurs  
Field Trip from Home  
Spend the Day Working the Bay  
Lunch & Learn  
Seaport Online Summer Camp  
Off the Beaten Path



**Tuckerton Seaport  
Now Has a  
Community  
Page in the  
StoryCorps Archives:**



[archive.storycorps.org/communities/tuckerton-seaport-and-baymens-museum/](https://archive.storycorps.org/communities/tuckerton-seaport-and-baymens-museum/)

Hear how we are capturing and sharing the stories of the people who have lived and worked on the Barnegat Bay and in the Pinelands.





## Suggested Itinerary



**Stop #1:** Fuel up at **The Union Market & Gallery** at **Tuckerton Seaport**. Enjoy outdoor dining on its deck daily for breakfast and lunch with a view.

**Stop #2:** Shop small at the **Tuckerton Emporium**, open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (or later).

This antique shop has one-of-a-kind treasures. Or take a walk to the nearby historic **Quaker Meeting House**. A short drive away you will find the **Tuckerton Historical Society** open on Wednesdays.

**Stop #3:** Visit **Tuckerton Seaport** for a **boat ride** on Tuckerton Creek and a **self-guided walking tour**. Check in at the **Lighthouse** upon arrival to pick up an **Activity Guide** and follow along with the family-friendly **250th Revolutionary Scavenger Hunt - Earn Your Badge!!**

Visit the **Gift Shop** located at the Lighthouse.

Stroll the **Nature Trail**.

Open seven days a week this summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check Facebook for the latest updates.

**Stop #4:** Visit nearby historic **Batsto Village** or the **JCNERR Grassle Marsh Trail** with self-guided scavenger hunts.

**Stop #5:** Visit newly opened **Hollow Pines** for dinner. You will not want to miss their Duck Pin Bowling on the lower level or Seaport artifacts on display throughout!

**Bonus:** End the day with a local favorite, ice cream at **Kohr**.

For more attractions, visit [oceancountytourism.com](http://oceancountytourism.com).



**SPEND THE DAY IN OCEAN COUNTY**





## SPEND THE DAY ON LONG BEACH ISLAND

### *Suggested Itinerary*

**Stop #1:** Reserve your tickets online for the **LBI Ferry** well in advance. Come see why this was voted Best Boat Ride at the Shore by *SJ Magazine*.

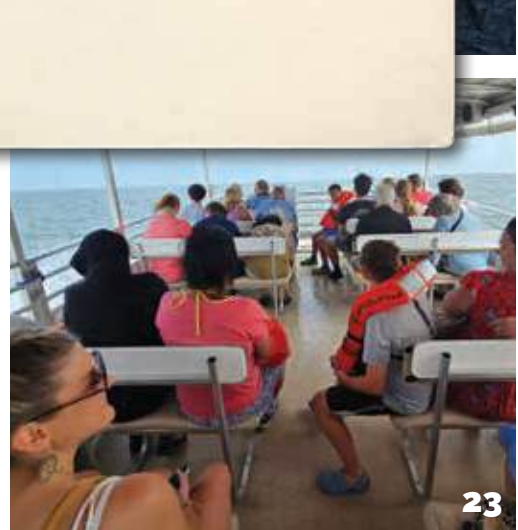
**Stop #2:** Stay family style at nearby **Baker's Acres** or **Sea Pirate Campground**. They have themed family activities each week as well as a pool. Beach Haven is also home to a variety of accommodations. Stay in nearby Manahawkin at **The Mainland** to enjoy the **Mainland Adventure Park** or right over the bridge at **Hotel LBI**.

**Stop #3:** Take the ferry from Tuckerton over to Beach Haven to spend the day. Or vice versa. Bay sights beat brake lights any day of the week. Each ferry trip is led by a Seaport tour guide.

**Stop #4:** In Tuckerton, visit **Stewart's** 1950s-style drive-in. Then walk on over to Tuckerton Seaport and stroll the boardwalk along the Tuckerton Creek. Be on the lookout for river otters, eagles, ducks, and a pair of unfriendly swans. Don't forget to bring your camera.

**Stop #5:** In Beach Haven, hop on the **LBI shuttle** and visit any location on the Island. Or walk one block to nearby **Bay Village**. Do not forget the legendary fudge or chowder to bring back home. Families will not want to miss **Fantasy Island Amusement Park and Arcade**. You will also be just four blocks from the world-famous **beach**. Do yourself a favor and take in some salty sea air. Beach Haven attractions include **Schooner's Wharf, SurfFlight Theatre, Thundering Surf Water Park**, the **LBI Historical Museum** and **New Jersey Maritime Museum**.

For more attractions, visit [visitlbiregion.com](http://visitlbiregion.com).



# MEMBERSHIP

Tuckerton Seaport is largely powered by the local support it receives. Seaport members receive complimentary admission to the site throughout the year, as well as discounts on creek tours, classes, programs, and gift shop merchandise, as well as advance notice for ticket sales.

## Individual Membership:

\$40 for One Year/\$70 for Two Years  
Grants one person unlimited general admission for a full year.

## Family Membership:

\$60 for One Year/\$100 for Two Years  
Covers two named adults and any accompanying children under 18.

## Supporting Membership: \$150

Family Membership benefits plus four one-time guest passes.

## Business Membership: \$250

Family Membership benefits plus 10 one-time guest passes and featured placement in the monthly email newsletter.

## Lifetime Membership: \$1,000

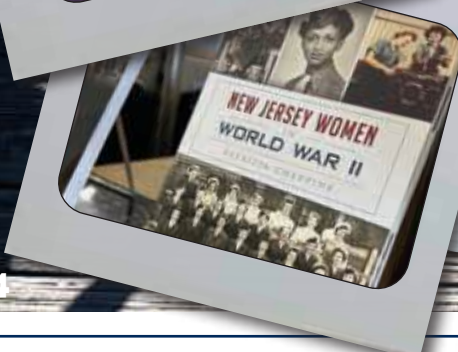
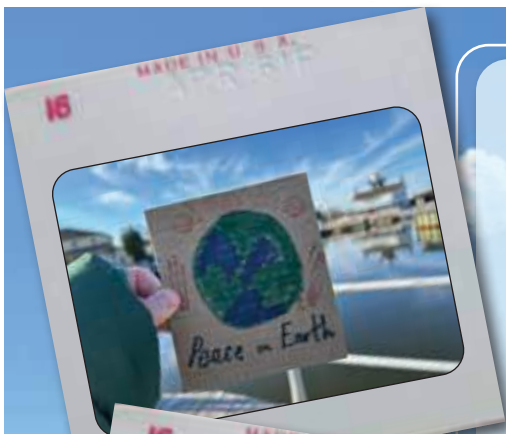
Never pay admission fees again for a named person, an additional adult, and any accompanying children under 18. You will also receive 10 one-time guest passes.

## Military/Veterans Membership: On the House

Active Military and Veterans receive complimentary membership with the same benefits as Family Membership. Thank you for your service!

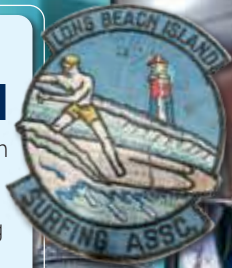
Join Online:

[TuckertonSeaport.org/community](http://TuckertonSeaport.org/community)



## NEW JERSEY SURF MUSEUM

The New Jersey Surf Museum was created in 2010 and today is one of the largest museums dedicated to surfing on the East Coast.



## JUNIOR DUCK STAMP STUDENT SHOWCASE

### • Conservation Through Art •

The Seaport has the honor of receiving, arranging for judging, displaying and coordinating a traveling exhibit for the Junior Duck Stamp Program each year.



## COFFEE • CAFE • GOODS

At The Union Market, our guests can expect an exceptional cup of coffee, all-day breakfast and lunch, fresh juices and smoothies, a curated collection of handmade/ ecofriendly/ sustainable goods and an inviting space in which to enjoy it all.

Open Daily  
7 am-3 pm



[theunionmarketnj.com](http://theunionmarketnj.com)

## Did you know Tuckerton Seaport is home to a Little Free Library?

Guests are encouraged to take a book or leave a book as part of this community book-sharing program.



As a cultural anchor of the community, Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, host of the Jersey Shore Folklife Center, continually works to be a welcoming service organization within the community. Capturing, sharing and embracing the diverse voices of the Barnegat Bay area are central to our work. Past, present and future guests benefit from the various narratives that harbor innovation, creativity and community. The Seaport works to encourage a hospitable atmosphere that allows for an enriching experience for all guests.



Welcome to another exciting year at Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum. Whether this is your first visit or your twenty-fifth, I am so glad you're here to explore, learn, and make memories with us.

What began more than twenty-five years ago as the Barnegat Bay Decoy and Baymen's Museum has grown into a vibrant, 40-acre coastal cultural center – a place where the traditions of the Jersey Shore come alive. Every day, we honor the artistry, heritage, and hard work of the baymen that shaped this region, while celebrating the stories and skills that continue to define our community today.

This activity book highlights just some of the adventures waiting for you across our campus. Climb to the top of the lighthouse, get creative with a make-and-take craft, wander through our indoor and outdoor exhibits, stretch your legs on the nature trails, or stop by the gift shop.

Most of all, I hope your time here sparks curiosity, joy, and a deeper connection to the maritime world that surrounds us. Thank you for being part of the Seaport family and for helping us keep these traditions alive for generations to come.

Enjoy your visit!

*Ginger Kop'Kash*

Ginger Kop'Kash, Board President

• ACCESSIBILITY •



The Seaport strives to make its programs accessible and welcoming to all. We maintain an ADA Advisory Board, provide large-print materials upon request, have accessible parking and entrances, and adapt classes and programs to assist individuals with special needs. An American Sign Language or Spanish language interpreter can be provided without charge with two-weeks advance request.

# Seaport Supporters



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**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SUPPORTER?**

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# GUEST REVIEWS



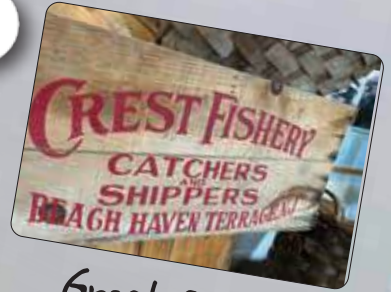
What a wonderful place for the entire family and friendly staff!!

My favorite are the creek tours.

So awesome to learn the history! We now live on the bay right across where Captain Specks boat rentals were!

An amazing resource for all ages

Love the creek tours! Looking forward to the evening/sunset/moonrise schedule



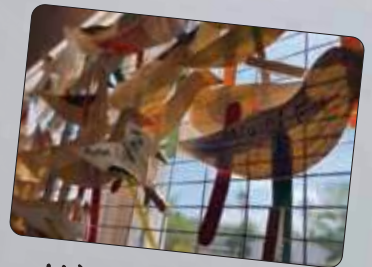
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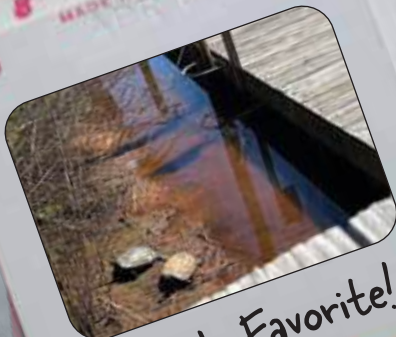
So Much Fun!



Learn Something!



It's a treasure!



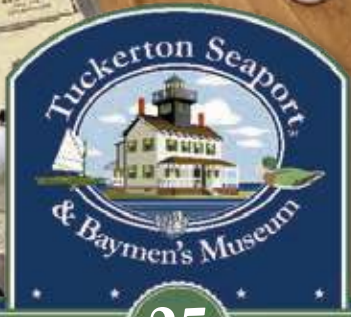
Family Favorite!



Love that place!



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