

Welcome  
to  
**The Catboat Association's**  
**63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**

Friday Evening, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
*through*  
Sunday Morning, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
*at the*

**Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa**  
**Groton, Connecticut; Route I-95; Exit 88**



*Feature Presentation*

***The Race to Alaska***  
***The incredible story of sailing a Marshall 18 from  
Port Townsend Washington to Ketchikan Alaska***

# Ticket Request Form for the CBA's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

The ticket price of **\$95 per adult** for this extraordinary meeting includes:

- Welcoming reception at Mystic Marriott (Friday eve) with goodies & Cash Bar
- Access to all Seminars, Workshops & Sideshows
- Admission to the All-Catboat Vendor Boat & Resources Show
- CBA Bookstore, CBA Gift Shop & on-premises Starbucks
- Guaranteed seating for Feature Presentation
- A gourmet, three-course lunch (before the Feature Presentation)
- Live Bluegrass Gam (Saturday evening) featuring The Cabin Fever Bluegrass Band, with cash bar and light fare

(Children 15 years old and younger are only \$15 each)

## Registration must be received no later than January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

(Requests made after that will cost \$105;

The CBA cannot guarantee availability due to limited seating)

To secure a ticket, either [register online at catboats.org](http://catboats.org) or fill in the form below, clip it out and send it with your check to:

**Catboat Association  
c/o Tim Lund  
262 Forest Street  
Needham, MA 02492**

Make your check payable to: **Catboat Association, Inc:** No telephone reservations.  
All Ticket Confirmations will be emailed to you



<b>Your Name:</b>	_____
<b>Street Address:</b>	_____
<b>City, State and Zip:</b>	_____
<b>Phone:</b>	(    )
<b>Email:</b>	_____
<b>Number of Tickets</b>	(    ) @ \$95 each = _____
<b>Children (15 &amp; Under)</b>	(    ) @ \$15 each = _____
<b>Dietary restrictions:</b>	_____

# CBA 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Agenda

## Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

- 3:30pm to 5:00pm Mystic Seaport Tour – visit in Old Mystic, CT (112 Greenmanville Ave)  
6:00pm to 8:00pm **Welcoming Reception & Members' Slide Show**; Nibbles and Cash Bar  
8:00pm to whenever Explore local restaurants (the hotel can provide a list of local spots)

## Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am **Registration (for new arrivals and Will-Call)**
- 8:00am to 5:00pm **All Catboat Vendor and Member Boat & Resource Show**  
Come enjoy a terrific Boat & Resource Show and encourage all members to exhibit. All exhibitors must register directly with Ben DeLong, Exhibit Coordinator. If you have questions or wish to have a form mailed to you, please contact him directly at [ben.delong@catboats.org](mailto:ben.delong@catboats.org) or 774-310-5757.
- 3:30pm to 5:00pm **CBA Experts** of all stripes stand ready to advise on any number of topics.
  - *Race/Rendezvous Scheduling*
  - *Use of the Marriott's swimming pool; Great for kids of all ages*
- 8:45am to 10:00am **Yoga for All Levels (Conference Room 7)**  
Please join us for this gentle yoga practice focusing on the joy of breath, movement and meditation. Please bring your own mat and wear loose-fitting clothes for this yoga journey.
- 8:45am to 10:00am **Catboating for Beginners (Salon E)**  
Experienced Catboaters and sailors will demonstrate the basic elements of sailing a catboat. This workshop is geared to those who are *truly* new to catboating and wish to learn the ropes.
- 8:45am to 10:00am **Not Just Passengers (Salon F)**  
Hear from a panel of empowered women who will share their stories to inspire all to take the helm by building confidence and learning skills.
- 10:15am to 11:30am **The Rules you Need to Know (Salon E)**  
Learn the basic rules four rules of racing you need to know at your next rendezvous. Drew Staniar will lead a discussion about the basic rules of racing and the new rule changes for the 2025 season.
- 10:15am to 11:30am **Safety at Sea (Salon F)**  
Sailor & safety expert Andrew Defrias will lead this seminar on Safety at Sea. Andy will share essential safety information that you can use immediately on the water.
- 12:00 to 1:30pm **Annual Meeting Lunch and Business Session**
- 1:30pm to 2:30pm **Feature Presentation**  
***The Race to Alaska***

Adam Cove recounts the preparation and experience of the latest 750 nautical mile race through the challenging waters of the Canadian wilderness. Racing a Marshall 18 catboat from Port Townsend, Washington to Ketchikan, Alaska, he encounters the threats of double-digit current velocities, whirlpools, constantly changing weather, frigid ocean temperatures, grizzly bears, and breaching whales. The stunning photos and video only begin to tell the story of this single-handed adventure.

- 3:15pm to 4:30ish      **Setting up your Boat for Ease of Sailing/Trailer (Salon E)**  
Join David Morrow as he shares his vast experiences in setting up your boat for ease of sailing.
- 3:15pm to 4:30ish      **Cat Food:** Be it a day sail, a weekender or an extended cruise, preparing breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner or snacks on a catboat poses unique challenges. Join the CBA's self-proclaimed and self-appointed culinary experts as they explore the equipment, tools, techniques, menu plans and recipes calculated to satisfy the most persnickety members of your crew and passengers. Samples may be available if you are willing to take a risk with comestibles designed for voyages afloat.
- 3:00pm to 5:00ish      **Mystic Walk (Meet in Lobby)** – weather permitting  
Join fellow catboaters for a self-guided 3-mile walk in Bluff Point State Park. The trail has amazing vistas overlooking Long Island Sound. Meet in the Lobby for a short van ride to a scenic locale. Dress appropriately.
- 5:00pm to 7:00pm      **Sociability Event** (More Nibbles and Cash Bar & Music with a performance from the Cabin Fever Bluegrass Band)

## **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30am to 10:00am      **Restoration of EVENTIDE** – our Sunday morning seminar will feature David Stimson as he shares his work to preserve and restore EVENTIDE. The former charter boat often seen plying the waters of Hyannis.
- 10:30am to 1:00pm      **CBA Steering Committee Meeting**

## **Lodging**

**Many catboaters arrive Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday noon.  
Join us and take full advantage of the weekend's activities.**

*The Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa* guarantees us a block of rooms at the INCREDIBLY LOW, GROUP RATE OF \$131/ROOM/NIGHT. The Mystic Marriott is a beautiful facility with regular room rates around \$350/night. Please take advantage of this great value and spend a night or two. Great shopping and dining are just a short ride away in downtown Mystic, CT to the East and in New London, CT to the West. Hotel reservations at this discounted rate **MUST** be made before 4:00pm on Friday, January 10th, 2025: Call (866) 449-7390 and identify yourself as a participant in the Catboat Association's Annual Meeting to qualify for the discounted rate. Or, book online to get the CBA rate - [here](#).