

# Easement

MOVED TO PIER 5, INNER HARBOR, LIVING CLASSROOMS FOUNDATIONS, INC.

T-542

(B-4520)

SIGSBEE (skipjack)

Tilghman, Maryland

SIGSBEE is a 47' long two-sail bateau, or V-bottomed deadrise type of centerboard sloop, commonly referred to as a skipjack. She has a beam of 15.8', a depth of 3.8', and a gross registered tonnage of 8. She carries a typical skipjack rig of jib-headed mainsail and a single large jib with a club on its foot. Built in 1901 in Deal Island, Maryland following traditional Bay design and construction methods, SIGSBEE is significant as being one of the 35 surviving traditional Chesapeake Bay skipjacks and a member of the last commercial sailing fleet in the United States. SIGSBEE is of special interest as being one of the older skipjacks in the fleet and for being one of the 19 surviving working skipjacks to have been built previous to 1912.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Easement

Survey No. T-542  
Magi No. 2-05425733  
DOE  yes  no

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SIGSBEE

and/or common skipjack

## 2. Location

street & number Krapps Narrows

not for publication

city, town Tilghman

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Captain Wade H. Murphy, Jr.

street & number

telephone no.: 886-2576

city, town Tilghman

state and zip code Maryland 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

liber

street & number

folio

city, town

state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-542

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This vessel is a 47-foot long, two-sail bateau, or V-bottomed deadrise type of centerboard sloop, commonly known as a "skipjack." She was built in 1901 in Deal Island, Maryland for the oyster dredging fleet. She has a beam of 15.8 feet, a depth of 3.8 feet, and a gross registered tonnage of 8 tons. She is built by cross-planked construction methods. She carries a typical skipjack rig of jib-headed mainsail laced to the boom and carried on wood hoops at the mast, and a single large job with a club on its foot. The wooden hull is painted white.

The vessel has a longhead bow and a square transom with little rake. There is little "tuck" to the stern, but it meets the chine above the waterline. The rudder is carried inboard.

Decks are flush, with a surrounding low pinrail except at the work area amidships. Deck structures from the stern forward include: a box over the steering gear; a trunk cabin; a small hatch; a box built over the winders; and a main hatch over the centerboard trunk. Other fittings include oystering gear, winders, and davits for the pushboat, which is suspended over the stern.

The single mast is set almost plumb; it came from the old skipjack ROBERT L. WEBSTER and was cut down to fit SIGSBEE. It is set up with double shrouds with turnbuckles. The bowsprit is squared-off on top and is led back to a flat sampson post. The bowsprit is set up with double chain bobstays, and cable-and-chain bowsprit shroud. Other rigging includes a forestay, jibstay, and topping lift led to the end of the boom, which is jawed to the mast; lazyjacks are used on the sails.

The vessel is decorated with trailboards, with the name SIGSBEE carved on a red field, a green ground with vines and leaves, and a flag-and-shield motif in red, white, and blue, with cannons. The name is also painted in black letters on the hull. The davits for the pushboat are accented in black.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-542

Hugh D. Whall, "Oystermen Were in Season," Sports Illustrated, Nov. 10, 1969

Howard I. Chapelle, Chesapeake Bay Skipjacks, (St. Michaels, Md: CBMM, n.d.)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne Witty/ M.E. Hayward

organization Maryland Historical Society date 5/84

street & number 201 W. Monument St. telephone 685-3750

city or town Baltimore state Maryland 21201

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

CHESAPEAKE BAY SKIPJACK FLEET THEMATIC GROUP

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(B-4520)

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SIGSBEE

and/or common skipjack

2. Location

street & number KNAPPS NARROWS n/a not for publication

city, town Tilghman n/a vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland 024 county Talbot 041

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

Survey of Surviving Traditional Chesapeake Bay Craft

date 1983-1984  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

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See Thematic Group nomination cover form, Continuation Sheets No. 8-13.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Tilghman, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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1	8	3	8	4	0	4	0	4	2	8	6	2	6	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

G 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

H 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

This working vessel is usually docked at the location indicated in Item 2. Historic boundaries are coterminous with the hull.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

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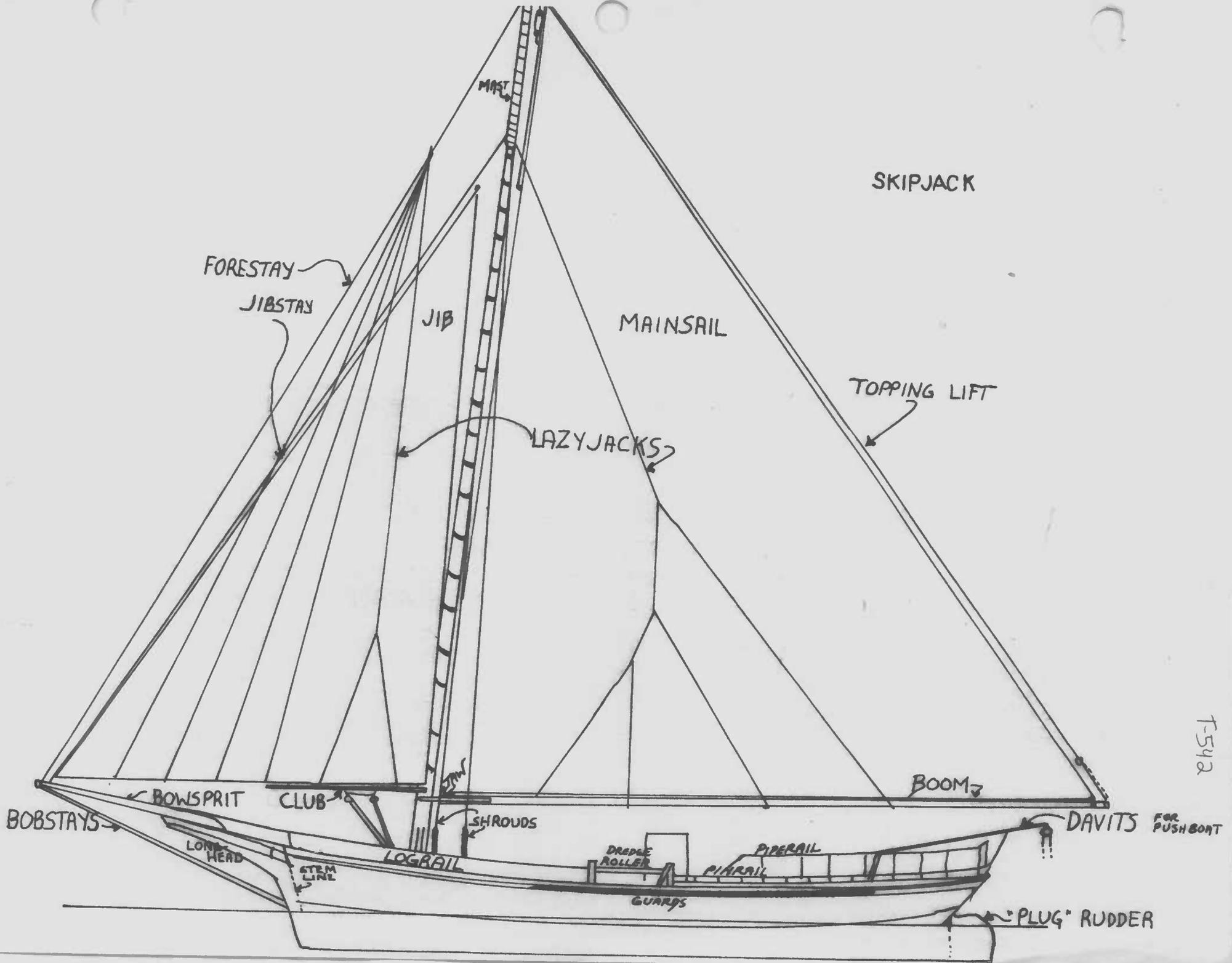
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SIGSBEE

Tilghman, Md.

port stern and pushboat

M.C. Wootton          7/84

90%



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SIGSBEE  
Tilghman, Md.

port bow  
M.C. Wootton

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