

Press Release

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Celebrating 200 Years of Shipbuilding in Thomaston

Two events will soon focus on the rich heritage of Thomaston Shipbuilding, part of the results of a grant received by the Thomaston Historical Society to celebrate Maine's 200th birthday.

On Saturday, August 21st at 10 am, a new plaque will be unveiled that depicts an early map of Thomaston's 19th century shipyards, noting by whom they were owned. It will take place at the overlook above the Thomaston Town Landing. Live music is planned and the brochure on Thomaston Shipbuilding, also prepared with funds from the grant, will be available.

Following on Tuesday will be an in-depth talk by historian Peggy McCrea: An Overview of Thomaston Shipyards (1800-2020). This talk will take place at Watts Hall (174 Main St.) on Tuesday, Aug 24 at 7 pm.

A booklet, also published as part of the grant, will be available at both events and at the Thomaston Historical Society Museum at 80 Knox Street, now open 2 pm to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The third component of the grant is ten framed posters featuring major shipbuilders throughout the 200 year period covering Capt. Edward Robinson from the early 1800s to Cabot and Drew Lyman, active today at Lyman-Morse. Currently the posters are on display at the Thomaston Municipal Building.

Come to one of these events to help celebrate Thomaston's Shipbuilding heritage. Bring your own mask if safety protocol requires it. For more information email info@thomastonhistoricalsociety.com.



1870s view of Thomaston Water Street shipyards