

Elizabeth E. Meyer

- Born:** Baltimore 1953.
- Parents:** Dr. Mary Bradley Meyer, epidemiologist, Professor of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health
Dr. Eugene Meyer, medical doctor, Professor of Medicine and Psychiatry, Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Boating:** My mother took me sailing for the first time when I was five months old. My father, a powerboater and fisherman, took me putt-putting soon thereafter. The two of them taught me to swim, sail, paddle, row, fish, tie knots and handle power boats. I have continued to do all of the above for 61 years, so far.
- Education:** Friends School, a Quaker Academy, Baltimore MD, grades K - 9
Colorado Rocky Mountain School, grade 10
Cambridge School of Weston, MA, grades 11 & 12, graduation 1971
Bennington College, B.A. Literature, graduation 1975
- 1975 - 1993** Purchased, maintained and cruised 1960 Concordia yawl, ***Matinicus***
- 1977 - 1978** Edited, designed and published "**The Concordia Yawls, 40th Anniversary 1938 - 1978**" *
- 1977-82** Founded Weatherly Company, a design and construction company. Built ca. 40 houses, including Jackie Onassis' vacation compound. Sold company to partners in 1982.
- 1983** Edited, published and marketed "**Yahting, A Parody**". Sold more than 50,000 copies
- 1983-99** Purchased, restored, raced, cruised, chartered, publicized, marketed and sold ***Endeavour***, the 1934 J Class America's Cup challenger
- 1986 - 2000** Managed the first refit, chartered, publicized, marketed, sold and managed the the subsequent full restoration of ***Shamrock V***, the 1930 J Class America's Cup challenger
- 1988** Managed the 1988 Concordia Yawl cruise in Maine
- 1989** Edited and published "**Concordia Yawls – the First Fifty Years**"*
Managed 1989 Concordia 50th anniversary, cruise, reunion and regatta
- 1989 - 1991** Produced the 1989, 1990 and 1991 J Class Regattas in Newport, Boston, Marblehead, New York, Baltimore and Annapolis.
- 1990** Married to Michael James McCaffrey, President of Narragansett Shipwrights, Inc.

1991 - 1992 Managed the sale, refit and management of Fife sloop **Hallowe'en**

1992 – 2004 Founded and ran **International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS)**

1992 - 2004 D.B.A. IYRS, arranged the donation of the 165', 1885, Gilded Age sailing yacht, **Coronet**. Rescued vessel and moved her from Gloucester MA to Newport, RI, managed full HABS/HAER (Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record) documentation, labeled, , documented, removed and provided archival storage for all interior and exterior joinery, rigging and ballast, designed and built railway and restoration facility, obtained required large shipbuilding tools and equipment, acquired restoration materials including 8,000 board feet of white oak from the Royal Danish Shipbuilding Forest, stabilized and hauled vessel in preparation for restoration. Subsequent management at IYRS gave all of the foregoing to an individual in the private sector who cut up and discarded the entire original vessel.

1992 - 2004 D.B.A. IYRS restored more than 150 classic yachts.

1995- 1996 Provided design and construction management for 90', neo classic, **Savannah**

1998 – 2000 Managed full restoration of **Shamrock V** in Cornwall, England

2000 - 2005 Rescued, researched historical plans and documentation, raised hull from bottom of Boston Harbor, transported to Fairhaven, MA, publicized, prepared for restoration and sold, 1901, 121', Pusey and Jones steam yacht, **Cangarda**

2003 – present Rescued, restored, managed and cruised the 63', 1916 George Lawley gaff yawl, **Seminole**

2005 - 2008 Sailing sabbatical on aboard **Seminole**. Cruising grounds included: Nova Scotia, Bay of Fundy, U.S. east coast from Maine to Florida, west coast of Florida, Bahamas, Sea of Cortez, British Columbia and Alaska from San Juan Islands to Sitka.

2006 - present Rescued, restored, managed and publicized Harold Vanderbilt's 1930, 42' America's Cup tender and towboat, **Bystander**

2008 - 2009 Managed restoration and upgrade of systems for 1960 Concordia yawl, **Matinicus**

2008 - 2010 Managed restoration of Fife International Eight Meter, **Falcon**

2008-2010 Managed restoration of **Bystander**

Current: Design and restoration management of 1723 house in Newport, RI

Life Sailing: 150,000 miles in various yachts

Current Boards: Marlboro Music Festival
Herreshoff Marine Museum
America's Cup Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Past Boards: Bennington College
Smithsonian Institution Freer and Sackler Museums
Mystic Seaport Museum
Museum of Yachting
International Yacht Restoration School, Founder

Honors and Awards: 1989 Yachting Magazine Outstanding Yachtsman of the Year
1989 Yachting Magazine Yacht of the Year - *Endeavour*
1990 Commissioned Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay by Governor William Donald Schaefer
1990 Honorary Doctorate of Public Administration, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
1992 Mystic Seaport Museum W. P, Stephens Archive of American Yachting and Boating
1994 National Maritime Historical Society Restoration Award
1998 Showboats International Legion of Honor Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Yachting Industry
2000 National Trust for Historic Preservation President's Award for Restoration and Preservation of Historical Ships and Buildings
2006 Honorary Doctorate in Arts and Letters from Roger Williams University
2011 World Superyacht Society Lifetime Legacy Award
2011 USS Constitution Museum Don Turner Award for Maritime Preservation
2013 Inducted into the University of Chicago Harper's Society Founders Circle

* available for sale on this website