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Richardson Maritime Museum Receives Model Donation

The Richardson Maritime Museum recently received a new addition to its collection of models of traditional Chesapeake Bay boats. Mr. William H. Combs sent the museum a model of the log canoe, *Edmee S*, newly built by Robert P. Mason of Bozman, MD.

The original boat, the *Cecilia Mae*, was built around 1930 and is currently at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. She was used by Jim Richardson, the Dorchester County boatbuilder to whom the Richardson Maritime Museum is dedicated, before World War II for pleasure and to haul sand for the construction of his home. She was later purchased by Combs, a longtime friend of Richardson, and was restored and renamed after Combs' wife, Edmee Schaefer Combs.

Mason began the model commissioned by Combs ten years ago, but only recently finished it. Combs, now residing in Florida, donated it to the Richardson Museum without ever having seen more than photos of the finished piece.

"This is an exquisite model," said Museum Administrator Cyndy Carrington Miller, thanking Combs for the donation. "We're delighted that he chose to make it a part of our collection, especially with the connection it has to Jim Richardson."

The model is on display at the Richardson Maritime Museum at 401 High Street in Cambridge.

For more information, contact the museum at 410-221-1871 or visit its website, www.richardsonmuseum.org.

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Bob Mason of Bozman, MD, built the model of the *Edmee S*, presented to the Richardson Maritime Museum by William Combs.



Mason said, "I couldn't even begin to count the hours of work" that went into creating the detailed model, begun ten years ago.