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## Inaugural *Elf* Classic Yacht Race held at CBMM



The inaugural *Elf* Classic Yacht Race was met with light winds and enthusiastic sailors as fifteen classic sailing yachts crossed the Bay from Annapolis to St. Michaels on May 21.

The event was organized by the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild (CYRG), with proceeds benefitting the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD.

Featuring the nautical version of a Le Mans start in which yacht captains have to row to their vessels, raise their anchors and sails and get underway, the event began at Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, with sailor's arriving at CBMM in St. Michaels by early evening.

When not out under sail, *Elf* homeports along Navy Point at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and can regularly be seen by museum visitors.

CYRG is dedicated to the preservation of traditional watercraft, and its flagship 1888 racing yacht *Elf* is used to educate those interested in maritime history, historical restoration techniques, seamanship, and tidewater ecology. For more information, visit [www.cyrg.org](http://www.cyrg.org).

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