



## **John "Chip" Collamore, III, Shipwright**

“My earliest recollection of childhood is wading through a mud puddle pushing a stick”, recalls John Collamore, III.

Sailing and boat building have been a primary and integral part of his life ever since. While the other boys were out playing ball or chasing skirts Chip was racing and building boats at Wheeler Yachts in Rehobeth, Mass. After high school, he shipped to the Caribbean from Maine on a 43-foot schooner. Later he raced from Newport to Bermuda and, in 1964, earned a membership in the prestigious Ocean Cruising Club following a transatlantic passage from Newport, Rhode Island to Ireland.

As a early employee of Bristol Yachts he immediately recognized the future of fiberglass in boat building and patented a building process in conjunction with renowned boat builder Allan Vaitses of Mattapoissett, Mass.

At age 26, Chip moved his family to Deltaville, Virginia and founded Hulls Unlimited Inc. with his father John H. Collamore, Jr. With the help of many dedicated employees, they built over 100 fiberglass commercial work boats ranging in size from 26 to 65 feet. Also included was a successful line of aquaculture products.

Since selling the business in 1998 a long list of freelance maritime projects has presented itself, including fiberglass covering the 105 foot Feadship, SUMMER LOVE, as detailed in Professional Boatbuilder Magazine. Chip has long been an advisor for fiberglass technical training with the US Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, VA.

As a founding member of CSF Chip has developed the lines of LUNA to recreate an 18th century Bermuda sloop around the original Rosborough hull and is currently leading the reconstruction effort as our CSF Shipwright. "Preserving 17th and 18th century maritime history and tradition is important to pass along to future generations", he noted.