

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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The Martinak Boat (18CA54), Caroline County, Maryland.  
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## Research Firm/Institution:

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## Sites examined:

18CA54

## Project Details:

### Project Justification:

The Martinak Boat was encountered during activities related to the construction of a boat ramp and bulwark wall within the Martinak State Park property (designated a state park in 1964). In 1964 and again in 1969 portions of the wreck were recovered from the shore. In 1990, staff from the Maryland Maritime Archeology Program (MMAP) and volunteers from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) completed scale drawings of the extent boat components and MMAP personnel wrote a detailed report of the findings and historical context. In 1991, staff from MMAP and volunteers from the CBMM reconstructed the boat.

### Project Objectives:

- Examine and document the extant remains of the wooden vessel
- Place the vessel within its historical context
- Determine the type of vessel represented by the remains

## Research Potential:

The Martinak Boat site (18CA54) consists of the remains of late 18th or early 19th century vessel. Given the mean dates for form (1794), construction features (1813), tool marks (pre-1813), and fasteners (1800), it is possible that the Martinak boat's date range for use and/or construction was between 1794 and 1813. The latter date may be extended to 1814 or 1815 due to the span between the invention and local use of the circular saw. It is possible that major aspects of 18th century shipbuilding and the birth of the puny are overlapped within the Martinak boat design. Therefore, the wreck provides an opportunity to study how and why craft evolved from the colonial antecedent to its 19th century counterpart. The vessel is currently on display at Martinak State Park, near the Nature exhibit.

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