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Semper Paratus (Always Ready)

This year the Michigan Maritime Museum will honor the Coast Guard with an exhibit welcoming USCG 36' Motor Life Boat 36460. This boat was featured in the Disney Movie *The Finest Hours*, based on the story of the greatest Coast Guard rescue in history.

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Volunteers and staff welcome members and the public to experience and appreciate Great Lakes maritime history in a unique, exciting and thought provoking manner.

Vision Statement

The Michigan Maritime Museum, as a premier destination, will preserve and interpret the rich heritage of the Great Lakes while enhancing the South Haven Maritime District.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Executive Director

Patti Montgomery Reinert

The spring issue of the *Ship's Lamp* is always my favorite. This time of year is a time of renewal for our Museum. Filled with excitement and enthusiasm we launch our membership drive recognizing just how vital members are to our success. Seeing the renewals flow in, along with the many new members joining (we've increased membership 75% over the past 5 years), pumps a spirit of revitalization into our organization! The fact is, the more members we have, the more we can accomplish!

We renew the excitement and celebrate the expansion of our on-water exhibits with the much anticipated arrival of the USCG Motor Life Boat 36460 that appeared in the recent Disney Film *The Finest Hours*, and the addition of *Pouf*, the 1929 Chris Craft Cadet. Both of these vessels are currently seeking Coast Guard approval to join *Friends Good Will*, *Lindy Lou*, and *Bernida* in taking passengers out on the water to experience maritime history in a way that will make for lasting memories. Clearly, the boats at the Michigan Maritime Museum offer ...More Than Just a Boat Ride!

This season we're renewing our commitment to honor the United States Coast Guard and our exceptional collection of Coast Guard vessels and related artifacts housed in the Van Oort Coast Guard Building. A new small exhibit in the main building will be devoted to the production of the Disney Film, *The Finest Hours*, and the true story that inspired it. We are very proud and excited to share this story with our members and visitors. You will want to watch for your member's only invitation to our very own Red Carpet Dock Reception for the arrival of the 36' Motor Life Boat used in the film!

But wait, there's more! Thanks to the generosity of SHOUT for South Haven, the *Wilhelm Baum* is coming home! This 92-year-old tug will find her place back at our docks completely refurbished and ready for exhibition. Add the unveiling of our recently transformed fish tug *Evelyn S.* to reopen this season after extensive preservation work, and the Museum offers hands-on maritime history lessons to members and visitors not found in most regions.

With growth comes the realization and challenge of executing our programs and caring for our collection in an adequate manner. The time has come to explore how we can better position ourselves to meet the goals of our strategic plan and in turn follow our mission and vision for the future. After spending the last 40 years in a building originally constructed as a temporary visitors pavilion at Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, the Museum is in the initial planning stages of replacing it with a new multiple gallery exhibit facility. We have only started this process, but have a renewed commitment to explore the possibility that would allow us to expand our educational programs, adding classrooms, lecture and presentation space, as well as spacious exhibit galleries.

So much excitement, so much energy! Let me step out on a limb and start the 2016 Season by saying it's going to be a year that will be remembered as one of the most eventful years in the history of the Michigan Maritime Museum! You won't want to miss any of it!

See you on campus!



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MORE THAN JUST A BOAT RIDE!



Friends Good Will
*Replica 1810 Great Lakes
Topsail Sloop*



United States Coast Guard MLB 36460
1941 36' Motor Life Boat



Lindy Lou
*Replica
Turn-of-the-Century
River Launch*



Flashback
*1956 Nickels and Holman
19' Lightning Class One Design Racing Sloop*



Pouf
*1929 Chris Craft Cadet
Pure Romance On the Water*



Bernida
*1921 Champion
R-Class Racing Boat*

Wilhelm Baum Home Again!

Thanks to SHOUT for South Haven and the MMM, the tugboat *Wilhelm Baum* will be saved and on permanent display at the Museum. The 92-year-old, 50-ton tug worked as a commercial vessel for the first half of its career, followed by 40 plus years as a rescue boat with the South Haven Coast Guard Auxiliary, saving nearly 1500 persons from Lake Michigan.

Owned by Jim Bradley, the *Baum* sank while moored at the Museum dock in the winter of 2014. The Museum and J & B Landing worked to raise the vessel and it was purchased from Bradley by Mike Myles later that year. Myles subsequently spent over 3000 hours restoring the hull and engine to working order. Myles wanted to ensure that this incredible boat and its history were appreciated for generations to come and thought that the Michigan Maritime Museum would be the perfect place to make that happen. The Museum was only too happy to try and bring the *Baum* home.

Patti Montgomery Reinert, Executive Director of the Museum, approached SHOUT for South Haven for help in obtaining the boat for the Museum. SHOUT realized the importance of the boat to the history of the city and the necessity of preserving this bit of history. A grant to



The Michigan Maritime Museum and SHOUT will welcome the tug Wilhelm Baum to the to the Museum's permanent collection in on Friday, May 20. All are invited to join the celebration.

purchase the vessel will be given to the Museum, allowing them to acquire the *Wilhelm Baum*.

SHOUT for South Haven, a local non-profit organization, provides funding and leadership for projects that benefit the city that are beyond the scope of the city government. It has provided antique lighting along South Beach, two four-faced clocks, sculptural enhancements, and the initial funding in the establishment of the South Haven Speakers Series and Music Series. A large portion of the funding for the organization comes from the proceeds of the annual Cottage Walk held in June each year.

A Message From Our New Captain



Captain Megan Cairns (Blough)

The thing most on my mind is how excited and proud I am to be coming home to drive our favorite tallship, *Friends Good Will*. In many ways, I 'grew up' on this boat, from being a curious Sea Scout while the plans for *Friends* were being drawn up, to serving as Relief Captain in 2012. Don't tell Lake Michigan College, but I actually skipped my first week of classes to help step the mast in Buffalo NY! I had the privilege of working under many different captains and with a range of experienced crews. I grew with every summer's challenges and joys and clocked seven seasons on that boat's douglas fir decks.

Because of my love for people, I ventured to the East Coast and crewed as Bosun on the *Unicorn*, sailing with Sisters Under Sail, an all-woman crew who focus on youth development. Even after all the good hard work, sailing and ASTA festivals, it felt good to be returning to South Haven's beautiful shore line, quiet evenings and charming street fronts.

One thing that never changes throughout the years are the few thrills I can only get while sailing:

- Harnessing wind into canvas to move a ship through the waters.
- Being followed by whales or dolphins (ok, not in Lake Michigan).
- Furling sails aloft during a sunset.
- That feeling of awesome after hauling the Throat Halyard.
- Learning to trust and be trustworthy as you stand watch over each other as shipmates.

I wonder what you would add?

I have done a lot these past 4 years while living in Cape Town, not excluding marrying a local named Jeff. But one of the greatest experiences has been working as the Marketing and Volunteer Manager at U-turn Homeless Ministries. This has exponentially strengthened my belief in the influence that volunteers have in creating positive change in people's lives. Whether it's during a youth camp or a daysail, people are challenged by your passion as a volunteer!

I am excited to be joining such a strong team of talent to carry out the Museum's values. I envision this season to be full of energy and community, pride in our hard work, opportunities to stretch and grow, victory over challenges, and a ship load of FUN! So whether you are new crew or old salts, I look forward to keeping watch with you as we take a firm hold on the upcoming season and make it a season to remember!

A New Cro'jack Yard for Friends Good Will

By Pat Mahon, Great Lakes Boat Building School

It could be said that the Great Lakes Boat Building School (GLBBS) and the Museum enjoy a "Special Relationship." Over the years, the Museum has employed several graduates of GLBBS in apprentice positions; Erin Carlin, Museum Boatshed Manager, is a recent graduate and Andy James, our Second Year instructor at GLBBS was the resident boat builder at MMM in charge of the construction of their new electric powered launch *Lindy Lou*. In addition, director Patrick Mahon was a consultant on the restoration of the fish tug *Evelyn S*. When the Museum needed a new spar for *Friends Good Will*, it was an easy decision to call on the boat building school.

Rigged as a top sail sloop and built in 2004, like any wooden boat she is in constant need of maintenance and occasionally a major repair. In the summer of 2015, it was deemed that her cro'jack yard would need to be replaced and so began the discussion with GLBBS to build the replacement. For us at GLBBS this was an opportunity to help a sister maritime organization and provide a unique project for our students. It is not often the need for a 36 foot solid wood yard comes along.

After reviewing the specifications, an order was put in to our supplier in Washington State for Old Growth Douglas Fir. The wood arrived in 25 foot lengths, 12 inches wide and two thick. To get the 36 plus feet required we scarfed timbers together using the 12 to 1 ratio for maximum strength. Each "lift" was



sawn to shape and then epoxy glued to make the eight inch diameter of the finished spar. The final shaping was done the traditional way using drawknives to remove the bulk of the wood and planes to take it down to a smooth surface. The yard is tapered from a mid-point with the middle twelve feet left eight-sided and rounded from there to the ends. The tapered portion is first eight-sided using a spar gauge to line off the eight sides from the square blank, then taken through a

progression of 8, 16 and 32 sides, then rounded with a plane and sandpaper. Larger diameter "bolsters" were laminated to the ends and then rounded. These "bolsters" receive sheaves in a through mortice for lines. Additional cleats and blocking are added to complete the spar. The finish is first an epoxy coating to seal the wood and then a paint topcoat.

It is a unique learning tool for the students to work on a piece this large. Knowing that it will serve the boat and her crew for many years was a satisfying experience.

Reflections on My First Year *By Erin Carlin*

As we are knee-deep in our seasonal repairs and preparations for the upcoming season, I wanted to offer a reflection on my first year to date as a member of the Museum community.

From the time I arrived, I have been impressed with the collective knowledge of our volunteers. To say that I have learned much from working alongside Eric Standen, Tom Smith, and so many more of you would be an understatement. As a lifelong educator, I know the value of lifelong learning and the MMM team of boat builders has not disappointed.

I have also been impressed with the ongoing commitment of the Museum's volunteers; not only in terms of time generously given to our mission but also in terms of commitment to quality work. As one of the persons responsible for organizing much of the work done, I cannot thank you enough for this attention to detail.

The diversity of Museum-sponsored opportunities available to us has been a pleasant experience for me, but what truly makes my job less of a job is your willingness to learn. I have yet to be met with an instance when one of you was not willing to try something different when suggested by a colleague, especially as it relates to making our product better. In an



Erin Carlin

effort to build on this solid foundation, I will continue to communicate to you the projects and skills needed to complete them. As such, I ask you to let me know what opportunities you would like to see within the Padnos. This could be anything from tool sharpening to woodworking strategies. Our Padnos is a great learning resource, and I look forward to continued learning with you.

Erin Carlin began working for the Museum in July 2015. He was professionally trained in wooden boat construction by the Great Lakes Boat Building School and is passionate about wooden boats.

Erin comes with varied leadership and administrative experiences in education, as well as in the non-profit and for-profit realm. For those experiences and the associated successes, he is extremely grateful and humbled as they have taught and shaped him in so many positive ways. However, the real message he wants to send to us is that for years he has understood wooden boat construction and restoration is where the blue-collar man trapped in a white collar world for the previous 18 years needs to be.

Prior to joining our team, Erin has done several wooden boat construction and restoration projects. In doing so, he always found great satisfaction in the process of learning what was done, hopefully why it was done, and then redoing it so that its functional and aesthetic purposes can be preserved. Consequently, he is very aware of the value of the maritime museums that seek to encapsulate both the historical value of wooden boats while promoting them as art.

Erin, his wife Christin and his son, Finn, reside in Gobles. Since moving to Southwest Michigan, he has been working to become a contributor to our maritime community. Most notably, Erin now serves as the Flotilla Commander for the Coast Guard Auxiliary in South Haven.

2016 Keel Club Members

It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we pay tribute to our 2016 Keel Club Members who so generously support the financial wellbeing of the Museum. May each of you know that by coming together and committing your \$1000 membership dues, we begin our fiscal year with what is now over a \$50,000 start! We hope we can continue to count on your support and that you feel a sense of pride in the difference you make. Thank you!

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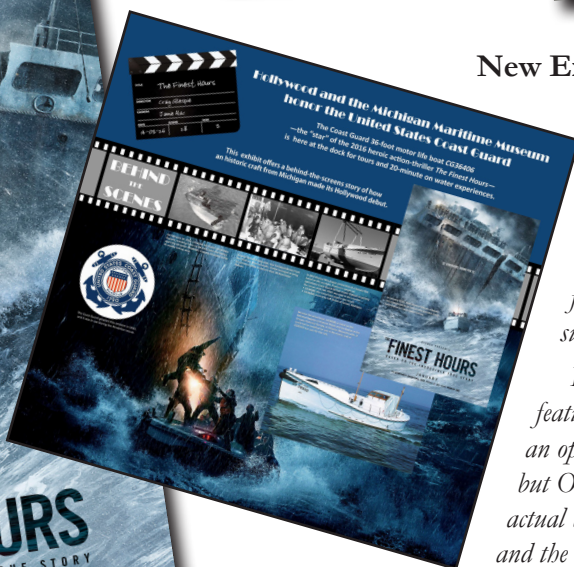
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THE MICHIGAN MARITIME MUSEUM

We are honored to have historic Coast Guard vessels and exhibits at the Museum for visitors to learn from and enjoy. This year Auxiliary during the 22nd Annual Coast Guard Clean Up Day, a Coast Guard 1941 36' motor life boat will be at our docks, a new
abound. Come join us throughout the season

Coast Guard Clean Up Day

We are so grateful to the US Coast Guard and Auxiliary for all they do. We were honored to have some of these fine men and women on our campus April 23rd for our 22nd Annual Coast Guard Clean Up Day. They made our historic Coast Guard vessels and exhibits look ship shape for the 2016 season. Thank you to our regional Auxiliary members and USCG Station St. Joseph for coming to honor these great vessels. We salute you!



New Exhibit: The Finest Hours

On February 18, 1952, a massive nor'easter struck New England, tearing apart the oil tanker Pendleton, trapping 33 sailors inside its rapidly sinking stern.

Despite overwhelming odds, four Coastguardsmen from Station Chatham, MA managed to bring 32 survivors safely to shore in their 36' motor lifeboat.

In 2014, Walt Disney Pictures began production of a feature film based on the Pendleton rescue. Producers sought an operational 36' motor lifeboat to portray the rescue craft, but ONLY two exist in the country: the CG36500, the actual boat used in the rescue and on display in Orleans, MA and the CG36460, owned by Jeff Shook of Fenton, Michigan. CG36460 was cast for the role.

In January 2016, Walt Disney Pictures released this remarkable true story of the greatest small boat rescue in Coast Guard history. Learn about this rescue and how a boat from Michigan became a star through our new interactive exhibit.

SALUTES THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

, we are saluting the Coast Guard in a number of ways. We had the privilege to host the fine men and women of the USCG and exhibit featuring this vessel and the movie *The Finest Hours* is opening in May, and events to welcome and celebrate the USCG will as we salute the United States Coast Guard!



As Fate Would Have It

If you are a member of the Museum, you may recall reading about the MLB 36460 some time ago, before there was any mention of a movie. Well, you would be correct. Owner, Jeff Shook had plans for this boat to be shared at the Museum for quite some time. We asked Jeff why he decided to offer it to the Museum as an on-water exhibit. "As I learned from wooden boats, they always require work, they need to be in the water to stay swelled up, and they need to operate to stay healthy. With my steel 44' MLB it can be out of the water for a couple of years, you dump it in and do a few minor things and go. But with my wooden 1930 surfboat, or the 36' MLB, they need more care and feeding than I can give them holding a regular job, having a family, etc. So in order to preserve the boat better, I needed to find a way for it to be used. I knew of the programs the Museum provided and thought it would be a good fit. I had been planning this for quite some time."

36460 Owner
Jeff Shook

Then one day Jeff received a phone call from Disney. Jeff told us that at first he questioned whether or not it was legit. "At first, I was like, who is this? How did you get my name? Are you trying to scam me out of my boats? Then after a little while it began to sink in that this was a serious request. So I contacted one of the books authors and talked to him and he said it was real. I contacted the preservation society that has preserved the actual Coast Guard Boat used in the story and they said yes, this is the real deal. So I was in!"

Thank you Jeff Shook for being so generous and for sharing your passion with the Museum and thousands who will visit! USCG MLB 36460 is well worth the wait. Nothing like a little "Hollywood" to add to the excitement!

35th Classic Boat Show & Small Craft Festival

June 18, 2016

10am-4pm

Once again, plans are in progress for the Classic Boat Show and Small Craft Festival. The 35th boat show is sponsored by the Traditional Small Craft Association, which recently took steps to preserve the Museum's Mackinaw boat (now exhibited in front of the Museum), refinish the pulling/sailing Merryman Lifeboat in the Van Oort and painting the newly restored Evelyn S fish tug.

There will be toy boat building for kids and families, demonstrations of maritime craft and a wide array of beautifully restored and hand-crafted motor boats, canoes and sailing dinghies. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be present to consult on safe boating practices. In addition, a representative from the Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS) will be there to talk about the new smart buoys off our shore, which gather information on changing lake conditions such as water temperature, wind speeds, and wave heights that impact safe boating and swimming. The show is free with Museum admission.

Please pass the word and consider bringing a boat this year and being an exhibitor. Many Museum members participate in the show. Information on the show and exhibitor registration can be found on the Museum website. We hope to see you at the show!

Two Lights *By George D. Jepson*

On a stifling August morning in 1874, Captain James S. Donahue stood on a sandy bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, leaning on his crutches and gazing through a smoky haze toward South Haven Light on the wooden pier head below. The Civil War veteran, who lost his left leg in battle a decade earlier, had recently been appointed Keeper of the beacon.

Dry timber in the forest surrounding South Haven was alight, threatening the prospering port at the mouth of the Black River. Clouds of smoke darkened the sky and carried out over the lake, as flames licked ever closer to the community. Donahue's log (shown with his own spelling and punctuation) for August 18 reported, "wind Modrate verry warm and Smokey a great many fires in the woods." A day later, the keeper wrote, "the Steamer Huron run to the north out of his corse didnt arrive on time the weather was Verry Smokey."

Navigation on the Great Lakes during the 1800s was perilous. Weather forecasts didn't exist, requiring captains to rely on their instincts.

Storms blew up with little warning and natural harbors were few. Shifting sandbars often blocked channel entrances, while rain, snow, fog, and the smoke from forest fires often impeded visibility.

Until lighthouses and navigation buoys were introduced, Great Lakes mariners sailed with extreme uncertainty. Fort Gratiot Light, erected in 1825 at the entrance to the St. Clair River in Michigan, was the first light on Lake Huron. The State's first light on Lake Michigan was built at St. Joseph in 1832. As schooner and steamer traffic on the lakes increased, so too did

the number of navigation aids.

South Haven's first light, a white timber-and-frame structure standing thirty-seven feet and six inches above the lake, became operational in 1872 under Keeper William P. Bryan. At about the same time, a Keeper's house was completed on a palisade above the Black River near the light. Two years later, Bryan was succeeded by Captain Donahue, whose dedicated service covered the next thirty-five years.



"South Haven Pier" by Abijah E. Ketchum. 1895-1900.

Michigan Maritime Museum Collection

During Donahue's tenure, his log entries presented a window into everyday life along the Lake Michigan shore, including ship traffic, wrecks, local deaths, fires and weather events. In 1903, the original light structure was replaced with a new steel tower, which was initially painted white. This is the iconic barn-red light, which stands on the tip of the south pier today.

Over nearly a century and a half, the two lights have served generations of Great Lakes mariners. A campaign is underway by the Historical Association of South Haven to save the present light, which remains a friendly visual seamark for recreational

boaters and fishermen despite the advent of GPS navigation.

Captain Donahue's legacy lives on nearly a century after his death. The South Haven Lighthouse Logs, 1872 - 1889, which have been digitized as part of the Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collections, are available online at <http://web.library.wmich.edu/digidb/lighthouse/>.

George D. Jepson is a Museum member and Kalamazoo-based freelance writer and editor.

Ship's Store *By Maggie Woodruff*

Ahoy! Season 2016 is in the making.... huge waves of excitement abound in the Ship's Store! We are busy stocking our charming little store with nautical classics mixed with unique and fun maritime items that have been so popular from one season to the next. We also have the perfect Michigan outerwear...slickers, jackets, fleece vests, hoodies, sweatshirts...nautical and natty for your comfort and style. It is very easy to find souvenirs from your South Haven outings, as the choices are many...from t-shirts, colorful prisms, hats, magnets. Nautical is fully expressed in the Ship's Store! Our popular Book Nook features current maritime titles, as well as historic tales. The Ship's Store is a great place to find a gift for man, woman or child. Come peruse and uncover your own piece of history. It's all here! Our Store staff is most welcoming and true ambassadors for the Museum and the Maritime District...they can answer any question you might have...give them a try! We look forward to your visit this season.

"Man must behave like a lighthouse; he must shine day and night for the goodness of every man."

-Mehmet Murat Ildan

South Haven Community Foundation Awards Grant *By Emily Stap*

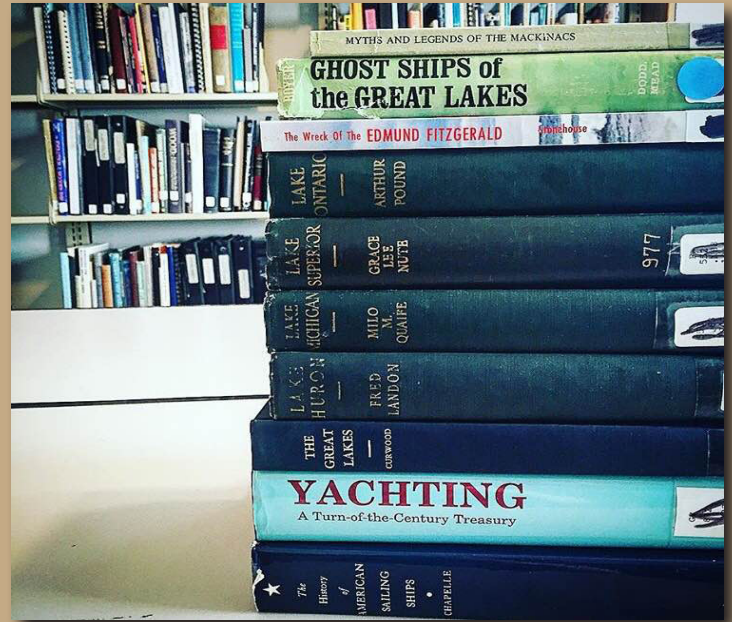
There are many opportunities for interns at the Museum to become involved in a bit of everything. As the Museum's Library and Archives Intern, I got a chance to do just that! In addition to tasks at the Marialyce Canonie Great Lakes Research Library, I wrote and applied for a grant from the South Haven Community Foundation (SHCF) in order to obtain funds for the newest update for the Museum's current collections management software and for greatly needed archival and artifact preservation supplies.

The Museum is proud to announce that the SHCF has awarded the Library with our grant request. We are extremely grateful and appreciate of this opportunity and ability to help our archives and collections achieve a higher level of preservation and use. With the software upgrade, we will be able to better organize and manage our artifact collection, archives, and library. This will greatly assist in promptly answering the numerous inquiries and research requests the Library receives each year. Archival materials such as protective plastic photograph sleeves, acid free storage boxes, and artifact labeling solvents have already been purchased. These and many other supplies will aid the Museum in preserving and maintaining our vast and unique collection for generations to come.

This was a wonderful chance as an intern to experience another aspect of the effort and work that goes on "behind the scenes" at the Museum. We're honored that the SHCF

awarded us this grant that enables us to further achieve our core values as a Museum and preserve our collective Great Lakes maritime heritage.

With new materials coming in we can certainly use more volunteers! If you want to become involved at the Research Library, please indicate your interest to volunteer@michiganmaritimemuseum.org.



Raising the Roof: The Lightkeeper's House Restoration Project

The South Haven Lightkeeper's House is a unique and integral part of preserving South Haven and Michigan's architectural and maritime heritage. It is for this reason action is under way to preserve the dwelling which requires repair.

The Lightkeeper's House was built in 1873, and the dwelling's original roof material was wood shingles that were replaced with asphalt shingles under previous ownership. The roof was inspected by the City of South Haven and judged to have 12-18 months of service remaining. This work is necessary to avoid potential water intrusion and damage and must be done in a manner to maintain the historic character of the house. The scope of work includes replacement of: roofing material including cedar shingles; substrate deck and rafters if needed; porch roof framing; deck and ceiling as needed;

galvanized gutters and downspouts; and front door replacement and restoration. This planned work will be funded in part by an approved grant by the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program and the grant administration of the State Historic

Preservation Office, and Michigan State Housing Authority. It should be noted that not only is the Lightkeeper's House unique, it is one of the few remaining examples of such a structure in the state of Michigan.

Update on progress at this point:

This project will take place in two phases. The first phase will be to replace the roof and the porch. The door and the gutters will be replaced during a secondary phase. Save-A-Shake has

been selected as the contractor to undertake the necessary work. We look forward to the next step in preserving this building and its history.



MAKE Education Happen Fund



Museum members Mike and Linda Winkel have always been huge supporters of educational programs here at the Museum. To help in our efforts to bring more students to the Museum, the Winkels have helped to make this possible by establishing the MAKE Education Happen Fund as a matching fund to help offset the costs for schools to participate in on-water and campus educational programming. This opportunity is available to all educational organizations that meet the criteria. The fund hopes to encourage others to donate and will match up to 50% of another donation made towards a school's visit. While Museum staff is currently working on establishing the specific parameters, we are encouraging school groups to contact us about this opportunity as well as those interested in donating to this fund. Together we can MAKE Education Happen!

Kids' STEM Summer Camp

The Museum will be offering our STEM focused summer camp for kids grades 3-5 again this summer. The STEM curriculum focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The day camp, held on the Museum campus, will feature a maritime themed program through engaging STEM activities and lessons.

The camp includes activities aboard our tallship *Friends Good Will*, campus tours, and a cruise on the late 19th century replica river launch *Lindy Lou*. Dates for the camp are July 18-22, 2016. The camp runs from 9:30 am-12:00 pm each day. Cost for the camp is \$250 per student for the week.

There are only 12 spots available, so sign up today!

Registration ends July 1, 2016. To register or for more information, please contact Ashley Deming at ashley@mimaritime.org or 269-637-8078 ext. 3.



Sea Scout Ship 5191 24th Season Starts!

The Museum sponsors Sea Scout Ship 5191 as part of the youth education program. The Ship is under the Boy Scouts of America. Young men and women age 13 and out of 8th grade can learn to canoe, kayak, row, motor and sail. The group meets up to twice a week from April through October. Safety, courtesy and confidence are a big part of the program, along with "life skills" knowledge about boating that can be used for the rest of their lives. We also endeavor to have the youth become volunteer deckhands on the *Friends Good Will*. Two FGW captains, including the 2016 captain Megan Cairns, were involved in Sea Scout program in their youth. Contact Skipper Mark Holbein at (269) 639-9091 for more information.

Member Salute: Remembering Charlotte Giesler

For those of you who knew Charlotte Giesler, your life was made better for it. For those of you who did not have the pleasure, she was full of positive energy, a strong sense of family & faith, and more determination than one could imagine.

Charlotte Giesler, at 85 passed away Friday, April 15, 2016. She and her family have been long time neighbors of the Museum, and have served our community and our harbor for years, owning and operating All Seasons Marina. Well beyond the time when most people choose to retire, Charlotte was actively involved with her business until the most recent year or so. Her turquoise convertible was seen daily passing by the Museum; Charlotte's lovely smile capturing us all as she waved.

Charlotte was a long time member of the Museum, and served on the Board of Trustees for several years. She pretty much single handedly ran the Annual Fish Boil for many seasons, pulling her team together. How could anyone say no to Charlotte? She made it a point to greet and thank every customer for coming to this event, and still today it is our biggest full profit fundraiser every season!

Charlotte lead by example and has shared the rewards of giving to others by passing it on to the next generations of her family. She was a true advocate of our old fishing tug the Evelyn S. and was so proud to see her son Tim and grandson Aaron play such a significant role in her preservation and care. This act of kindness and generosity is only one of the gifts to the Museum year in and year out from the Giesler family.

At a time when we are asking people to join and support the Museum, sometimes people wonder if they can make a difference. Well, here is a shining example of an incredible difference. Thank you, Charlotte! You will be missed, but not forgotten!



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AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A MEMBER!

Before you know it summer will be on us like jelly on toast.

Boats back in the water, out of town guests, sand in the house, hour waits at our local eateries, lawns to be mowed, festivals to be festive at, and all the things that make summer such a great time to be in the thick of it all as a member of the Michigan Maritime Museum. That's why we're taking this lull before the storm that is summer to remind you that now is the perfect time to join us or renew your membership.

This is shaping up to be one of our best seasons ever. Yes, we say that every season...but there must be something to it as in the past 5 years our membership has grown from 250 to nearly 1000. Is it any wonder when you consider all the benefits membership gives you? Free admission to the campus and all exhibits, free admission to our lecture series, members only parties (the first being the Blessing of the Fleet and our members only season kick-off event on May 27), not to mention a 10% discount on merchandise from the Ships' Store.

But, there are less tangible benefits that are every bit as important...maybe more so. Like drifting off in the serenity

found at the end of the Orley Dock on a lazy summer afternoon. Or finding fitness by traversing the 10,000 step HarborWalk that defines South Haven's Maritime District. As a Museum member, you can volunteer to help with our children's educational programs or volunteer to support our growing fleet of on-water attractions, including our latest addition, the USCG 36' Motor Life Boat 36460, as seen in the Disney movie *The Finest Hours*.

There are even more exciting plans afoot, not the least being the feasibility of replacing the current exhibit building with a new modern facility. As many of you know, the current building was built as a temporary visitor's center at the Palisades Nuclear Plant and was donated to the Museum and moved to the current site some 40 years ago. You'll hear more about this as things develop.

All and all, it's an exciting time to be a member of the Michigan Maritime Museum. Please join us or renew your membership today and don't miss a second of what summer's serving up!

★ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ★

MAY 27

BLESSING OF THE FLEET/
MEMBER BBQ PICNIC

MAY 28

HARBORWALK TO
FITNESS

JUNE 18

CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT SHOW
& SMALL CRAFT FESTIVAL

JULY 29

RED CARPET DOCK
RECEPTION FOR MLB 36460

JULY 16

FISH
BOIL

JULY 18-22

KIDS STEM
SUMMER CAMP

JULY 26-31

PADDLE BOARD
BUILDING CLASS

SEPTEMBER 30

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY

AUGUST 20

3RD ANNUAL BOAT WALK



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Season 2016 Starts!

MAY 27, 2016

3:00 PM

Annual Meeting

Board President Gary Horton and the Museum Board will elect new board members, review the yearly budget, and hear from committee chairs as they review the past year and lay plans for the future. Museum members are encouraged to attend.



5:30 PM

Blessing of the Fleet

Join Pastor Bob Linstrom on the Orley Dock as he conducts the annual blessing of the fleet. He will bless all of our on-water vessels and send our fleet off for a fun and safe 2016 season.

6:00 PM

Member BBQ Picnic

Museum members are invited to the 2016 season kick-off BBQ picnic. Join your fellow members for a delicious BBQ basket and some great company all while enjoying a fantastic view of the harbor. Adults \$10, kids \$5. RSVP to 269-637-8078 by May 23rd.