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Mission Statement

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

Happy Spring 2018! As I write this message, I must admit I am pushing myself to believe that it is indeed spring.... snowing and 33 degrees mid-April! Well, that's Michigan and warm temperatures or not we continue to get ready and be optimistic about another great season enjoying our Great Lakes and sharing our passion for maritime history.

The Michigan Maritime Museum is charged with energy and our momentum seems to be building every day! In fact, there are so many things to tell you about, I have struggled with just what my message should entail. How do I share why your membership is so

important and how it allows us to make the next steps bigger, better, and bolder than the last?

Building Friends Good Will was perhaps to some a risky move, however she has proven to draw increasing visitors each year. Her presence created a platform that became very natural for us, adding other vessels to make history come alive and get our visitors out on the water! Some luck perhaps, but our strategic planning has helped us to plot our course and chart our future with confidence, caution, collaboration, determination, and financial stability. We are on a mission and we need all of you to help us reach our strategic goals and take us into an exciting future, ensuring our next hundred years and beyond!

Thanks to a team of dedicated members, we indeed outlined our goals identifying the significance of Education, Seasonality, On Water Experiences, Collaboration, and Financial Stability, and have annually measured our results. We have purposefully kept our eyes and minds on the future. Sure, there are some adjustments along the way, but we continue to stay on course!

I'm proud to share that the goals set have largely been achieved and are on target. What a great position to be in as we increase the size of our campus by well over a third in usable space. We can preserve Great Lakes history and help this historic waterfront museum continue to grow and be utilized year-round, helping our community prosper, and provide an element of culture and education to every person who steps on this campus!

After attending the Governors Conference on tourism a few weeks ago, I was reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of a bigger picture, to be part of the great west coast, and to be part of the great state of Michigan. We are *contributors* and are part of a team! We are such a unique and interesting attraction! We have boat rides! We are on the water! We make education fun! We host fun events and make family memories! People are intrigued by us and they want to hear more, they want to collaborate with us!

WE are the Michigan Maritime Museum! There is NO better time to be a member! Thank you for choosing to be a member of our TEAM!



DON'T MISS THE BOAT!



FOUR EASY WAYS TO JOIN:

Online www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/membership/

Onsite Visit the Front Desk inside the Museum Ship's Store

Phone (269) 637-8078

260 Dyckman Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual \$30 Benefits for one adult

Family \$50 Benefits for two adults and all children in household

Captain \$250 Benefits of all general memberships plus one guest admission **Individual Senior \$25** Benefits for one senior (65+)

Grandparent \$50

Benefits for two seniors and all grandchildren

Commodore \$500 Benefits of all general memberships plus two guest admissions

Keel Club \$1000 Benefits of all memberships plus special recogition, Keel Club events, and sails

Senior Couple \$40 Benefits for two seniors (65+)

Ensign \$100

Benefits of all general memberships

Business \$300 Free admission for owner/ manager 10% off business events held on museum campus* (date exclusions apply)

Explore Great Lakes maritime history and heritage on our campus, in our exhibits, and at events all year.

Know that you are helping to secure the future of the Museum through your annual membership.

Members at all levels receive the following benefits:

- Free, unlimited admission to the Museum, including all exhibits, lectures, and selected programs, classes, and events all year*
- Invitations to Members-Only events
- Subscriptions to the Museum's newsletter, The Ship's Lamp & e-newsletter The Ship's Bell
- 10% discount in the Ship's Store
- Enjoyment on the relaxing waterfront campus in the Heart of the Maritime District at your leisure

*Must show valid card upon entry

Business Memberships

We believe in supporting those organizations that support us. These local businesses are truly invested in their community and we are so thankful for their continued support. Our business members not only get recognition for that support, but also discounts on business event bookings at the MMM. Become a Business Member today and start saving on your future bookings.

Andrea Olson-State All Season's Marine Farm Insurance

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AR ZOO Aerospace & Science Experience

After a successful partnership last season working with Air Zoo, we had thrown out the idea of adding in the Gilmore Car Museum. Discussions are in the works of how these three great museums can outline what a great partnership would look like. By Land, By Air, and By Sea seems too good of an idea not to incorporate into some types of collective marketing plan. The Michigan Maritime Museum is proud to work with and explore future collaboration with these fine organizations. Watch for more exciting news.....By Land, By Air, and By Sea!



Capt. Bob Joins the MMM as Commander of the Fleet



Captain Bob Harnish

I am proud and excited to be joining the Michigan Maritime Museum this 2018 season. I look forward to serving the community of the Museum, its membership and patrons. I hail from Western Michigan where I grew up in Grand Rapids. Our family spent warm sunny days on the shores of Lake Michigan. I was first inspired and enthralled with sailing when I was a young boy and watched a

young couple sail into a cove on South Manitou Island and drop anchor. I remember waking early and running down to the cove to see them and to my amazement, they were gone. They had set sail on the morning breeze to a destination unknown to me. I was captivated with sailing from that point on.

As a young adult I purchased my first sailboat and taught myself to sail on Lake St Clair and Lake Huron. You learn, develop and hone your skills and seamanship rapidly on an engineless boat on big water. The following year I purchased a cruising boat and spent many years sailing from my home port of Port Huron on Lake Huron. There I enjoyed the camaraderie and built the types of friendships that sailing brings, many of which last throughout one's lifetime. Since those days, sailing has always been a part of my Life. I met my wife Linda while working and sailing on Flathead Lake in Northwest Montana. Our Daughter Jazzmine could take the helm at age 4. Throughout our travels we have lived and sailed many waters. I began teaching sailing to inspire others and introduce them to the joys that wind and wave can bring in a safe, competent and confident manner. You are never too young or too old to learn and experience the Wonders of Sail.

Throughout my management career in the corporate grocery world sailing remained a constant passion in my life. As of late I have been a Captain and Sailing Instructor in Texas but now it seems, Life and the Love of the Great Lakes has brought me full circle. We plot our course, we cast off and we set sail...and for me...my course is home!

Meet New MMM Shipwright Francis Peet

Originally from Pennsylvania, I have lived in New Mexico, where I attended St. John's College. I later worked in Arkansas as an educational volunteer for Heifer International. At Heifer I coordinated educational programs for grades K - College. Two years ago, I decided to move to Michigan to attend the Great Lakes Boat Building School (GLBBS). I wanted a career that would involve my intellectual, artistic, and educational skill sets.

Through school I have learned everything from boat design and construction to repair and restoration. I am excited about transitioning these skills to the Museum and to assist in maintaining the wonderful vessels in their collection.

Before the GLBBS, my experiences at Heifer focused on community development. I have since become active in my local community and intend to continue this in South Haven.

I am an avid fan of music and poetry. Having grown up around the Appalachian Mountains, I enjoy hiking and being outdoors. After living in the upper peninsula of Michigan, I anticipate having the opportunity to explore this area of Michigan.

I look forward to beginning my work with the Museum. It is gratifying to find work that aligns so well with my own personal goals. It is an exciting time for me and the Museum and I cannot wait to



New MMM shipwright Francis Peet

dig deep and build something amazing for the community.

Education at the MMM Steams Forward

Each year we strive to make our education program offerings better and better. This year is no exception. We are working hard to attach Michigan educational standards to all our existing lesson plans as well as develop new programming to help teachers meet these important goals for a variety of grade levels. We have reached out to schools to ask for their help so that we can provide an even better service to meet their needs.

The feedback has been incredible and aided us in making important personal connections with teachers in our region and beyond.

We are launching a targeted campaign to schools to make sure they are aware of our MAKE Education Happen Grant opportunity that can help them with funding by providing a 50% match to a sponsor donation.

In these ways and more, we are hoping to increase the number of schools and students that pass through our doors, ensuring our mission to preserve and interpret maritime heritage for generations to come.



2017 Quincy Elementary 5th Grade Visit



2018 Summer Internship Awardees



Amanda Owens 2018 Education & Outreach Intern

Amanda Owens has been awarded a 12-week internship placement as our 2018 Education & Outreach Internship. She is a senior in the Public History program at Western Michigan University. Amanda will be focusing her efforts on the development of new lesson plans, programs, and activities for our K-12 education initiatives. Amanda is interested in a career in a museum setting and feels this internship will help her on her path. Welcome aboard, Amanda!

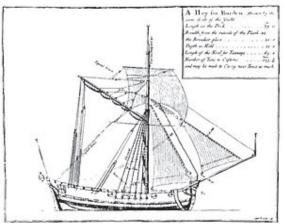


Dan Feenstra 2018 Archives & Collections Intern

A soon-to-be graduate of Northern Michigan University, Dan Feenstra has been awarded our 2018 Archives & Collection Internship position. His internship will begin in May and continue through August. Dan will be working with Collections Manager Emily Stap on various projects at the Marialyce Canonie Great Lakes Research Library located in the historic Light Keeper's House in South Haven. We look forward to having you with us, Dan!

FGW Heads to

Dutch Maritime Heritage



Dutch heritage is deeply intertwined with water, trade, and the art of sailing which is why it is such an honor to be able to share our sloop with the public at Holland's annual Tulip Time Festival.

The Netherlands was the leading sea power in Europe for more than a hundred years. During the Golden Age of the Dutch Republic, in the 17th century, 10% of adult Dutch men were sailors. The Dutch were skilled and efficient sailors.

The Museum strives to interpret, preserve, and teach

our maritime heritage here in the Great Lakes region. To bring the experience of our shared maritime heritage to the public, the Museum commissioned an authentic replica of the 1810 sloop *Friends Good Will* to be built.

Friends Good Will's merchant beginnings in the Great Lakes region have ties to the commercial trade that the Dutch thrived on. The small merchant vessels built by the Dutch that were utilized for regional coastal trading and on the canals of Holland were similar in size and construction to Friends Good Will. Similarly to the trade routes of Dutch merchant ships, Friends Good Will sailed along Great Lake coasts and waterways.

From 1820 to 1940, 250,000 emigrants left the Netherlands for North America. Most would pick a place that would remind them of home... often cloudy and never far from the water...Southwest Michigan. Many emigrants took advantage of the plentiful land available, but many would continue their Dutch maritime heritage and build boats and fish while starting a new life full of promise and freedom in America. Being on board the tall ship *Friends Good Will* will allow today's visitors to experience hands-on the art of sailing, which was such a vital aspect to Dutch heritage. A skill that many Dutch emigrants brought with them to America.



Traditional Sailing Legacy

We are fortunate enough to have an incredibly dedicated volunteer crew for *Friends Good Will*. These people appreciate the uniqueness of this sailing opportunity and are truly preserving maritime history by continuing to learn traditional tall ship sailing techniques and skills.

The voyage to Holland allows qualified crewmembers to attend our Advanced Seamanship Training (AST) course to further their knowledge and proficiency in a variety of areas aboard. Not only has our program seen the advancement of many crew to new ratings, the MMM has had many volunteers go on to become captains of other vessels; some of whom have even returned to captain FGW.



Sulip Time Festival







This spring the Michigan Maritime Museum will set out on a new adventure adding a BIG splash to Tulip Time Festival! *Friends Good Will* has become an exciting new attraction for the thousands of visitors that come to Holland each year for this huge customary celebration.

As soon as Brian Bosgraaf, owner of Cottage Home, heard the news that this festival would like to include the Museum, Brian couldn't wait to come on board and sponsor this appearance, along with this great festival in the city of Holland, the home base of Cottage Home.

Thanks to all the Cottage Home team, the Museum will be participating in three parades, featuring our beautiful *Lindy Lou*, and offering daily tours and evening sails aboard *Friends Good Will*.

Thank you, Cottage Home for once again supporting the MMM and always making it so much fun! Also, a very big thank you to Boatwerks for your gracious hospitality, the use of your beautiful facility, and the generosity you have shown by having us as your guest.

BOATWERKS

Free entry
with Museum
admission
admission

Tours & Sails

Dockside Tours \$5

May 9th-12th 9am-6pm May 13th 10am-4pm



Sunset Sails \$55

Tall Ship Fireworks Party \$100

May 9th-11th 6:30pm-8:30pm

May 12th

8pm-11pm

www.tuliptime.com/events





Join the Michigan Maritime Museum for a celebration of the 2018 summer season! Festivities begin with the ever-growing annual Blessing of the Fleet where our own tall ship *Friends Good Will*, Museum vessels, and South Haven Yacht Club boats are part of a ceremony for a safe and successful season. The Blessing is followed by the kick-off fish fry on the picturesque Museum campus with live music from the legendary Lee Murdock. It is from these docks that guests can watch *Friends* sail off for the first public sail of the summer. Come celebrate with us!



Event Tickets

(food and beverage included, excludes cash bar)

\$15 Adults \$8 Kids (12 and under)

\$10/\$5 Museum Members

Lee Murdock
Photo credit: Chris Winters

Great Lakes Musician Lee Murdock Live at the MMM

Broadly acknowledged as "the premier interpreter of songs and tales about the GreatLakes," Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories in his home region. There is an amazing timelessness to this music. Great Lakes songs are made of hard work, hard living, ships that go down and ships that come in. The music is grounded in the work song tradition, from the rugged days of lumberjacks and wooden sailing schooners, Murdock comes alongside with original ballads of contemporary commerce and revelry in the grand folk style.

Bringing a deeper understanding of the folk process, Lee's repertoire combines historical research with contemporary insights. Making folk music for the modern era, Lee Murdock's work is an anthem to the people who live, work, learn and play along the freshwater highways of North America, and beyond.

Flashback & the Lightning Class 80th Anniversary

The Michigan Maritime Museum owns and sails an excellent example of a classic wooden Lightning Class Sailboat; *Flashback*, hull number 6228, from 1956.

In 1938, the Lightning was designed by the venerable Olin Stephens. At that time, the owners of Skaneateles Boat Works were searching for a comfortable, challenging racer to fill out their product line for their customers; the International Star Class was not comfortable for families and the Comet was too small and simple to challenge serious racers. Olin began the design in 1935, developed it for his commissioned customer and by the summer of 1938, Lightning #1 was at the New York Boat Show and the Skaneateles Boat Company received many orders. There are now more than 14,000 Lightnings, in fleets all over the world.

The South Haven Yacht Club was the headquarters for the Lightning Class in the early 1940's. Many Lightnings raced off of the South Haven pier, often towed by the local Coast Guard 36' Motor Life Boat.

Flashback actually raced in the Lightning 40th Year Anniversary Regatta, held on Lake Skaneateles, in 1978, taking second place in the Wood Boat Division, behind Zig Zag (which while a wooden hull, sailed with a modern aluminum rig). Olin Stephens



South Haven Lightning Class sailboats circa 1940. (Michigan Maritime Museum McCrimmon Collection)

was the guest speaker and, in all good humor, denied that 40 years before he had been under the influence of alcohol when he drew the size of the spinnaker!

Flashback still sports her canvas deck and wooden spars and is as much fun to sail today as she was in 1956.

Maritime Museum Concert Series

Continuing the success of the Wednesday evening lecture series, the Museum is hosting an ongoing monthly concert performance focused on maritime music and interpretation at the Fish Tug Stage on Museum Campus.

Music was and is a vital and dynamic part of the maritime history and culture of the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes and other waterways have inspired songs for centuries. Maritime

Last Wednesday of Every Month
June-August
The Fish Tug Stage
Michigan Maritime Museum
260 Dyckman Ave.
South Haven, MS

music plays a major role in life on the water, through its ability to entertain, motivate, and pace sailors and fishermen in their work. Sailors and fisherman would sing rhythmic songs calls chanteys while pulling in nets, hauling anchors, and setting sails in unison. Other songs were written to memorialize battles at sea, storms, and other historical events. Many maritime songs rejoice in and celebrate particular bodies of water dear to the artists' heart;

while others remind crewmen who and what waits for them back on land. These original songs continue to be composed today, many by the artists scheduled to perform at the concert series. What better place to experience this genre of music than in the heart of the picturesque Maritime District!

The concert series begins with The Buoys of Bay City, who put on an entertaining show of traditional and original songs about the Great Lakes and days of sail and tall ships. International award-winning band and musical comedy act Bocca Musica is scheduled to entertain our large July crowd with their original and traditional sea shanties!

The concert series will be the last Wednesday of the month (June-August) from 5 pm to 7 pm. To learn more about the groups and artists performing, please visit www. michiganmaritimemuseum.org/events/. Concerts will be included in regular Museum admission and are free to Museum members...making these unique, high-quality performances accessible to all. We look forward to a summer of celebrating maritime heritage through music. After a successful first summer series under our belt, the Museum hopes to continue these maritime music performances year after year.

37th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show





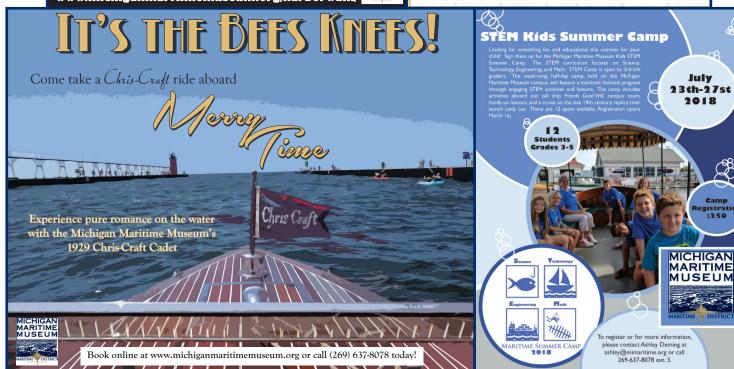




July







Six Years of Service!

The Michigan Maritime Museum Annual Meeting is just around the corner. Friday, May 25th, the Museum will conduct this annual meeting of the trustees and membership as is done every year at this time. This year we will be turning over five board positions as they will be termed out. These individuals have served the Museum and have contributed endless volunteer hours for the past 6 years!

Sincere thanks and appreciation to Dave Bugge, Bob Tolpa, Jim Spurr, Mark Odland and Andrea Olson! The past six years have been monumental years of progress for this organization. You each have contributed and shared your individual talents and leadership skills that have been instrumental in our success and the path we are on today.

Often, our members do not realize the amount of effort and dedication involved in accepting these significant leadership roles. Our Museum has been bestowed with people who are remarkably unselfish and share a desire to help make the Michigan Maritime Museum the best it can be. Thank you, each of you, for all that you have done!



L to R: Board of Trustees Members Dave Bugge, Bob Tolpa, Jim Spurr, and Mark Odland (Not Pictured: Andrea Olson)

Remembering a Life Well Lived

What an amazing woman! She wanted to make 100 years of age, and if you knew Betty, you knew that if she set her mind on something... she would make it happen! And she did.

Betty Davis was well known in our community and within our membership. She was a remarkable, intelligent woman who marked the way for woman of our area, being the first to hold positions such as Mayor



Betty Davis 1917-2017

of South Haven, and the first female president of the Michigan Maritime Museum. Her energy and enthusiasm seemed to never falter, even as she aged throughout the years. Her contributions too many to name!

As a longtime member of the Museum, she loved to pave the way for a brighter future and shared her appreciation of our maritime history. Many evenings she would sit on her porch and enjoy seeing Friends Good Will sailing by full of passengers. She once said, "It's something that I never get tired of. What a view!"

Betty also had a passion for education. Through her generosity, she would donate for the children of St. Basil School to experience our education program aboard Friends Good Will. It was important to her to give to the children and to also help the Museum. And so

In the memory of Betty Davis, the Museum extended an invitation to the 4th-6th graders of St. Basil School to experience history aboard our tall ship. It is with great pride that they have scheduled their visit this fall as our guests.

Thank you, member Betty Davis, for being a leader and friend to so many of us!

Keel Club Flourishes with New Members

The following Keel Club members contributed nearly \$60,000 in membership dues alone, not to mention very generous annual appeal donations. We are very fortunate that in the past year we have added eight new members!

What a difference these people make to our financial stability. Every membership making us \$1000 stronger in our efforts to grow and flourish. It's with your help that the Michigan Maritime Museum can offer such a significant role and has become such a unique contributor to our community, our region, and our "Pure Michigan!" Thank you!

TOM & MARY ASKEW **EDWARD & NEVA ASPLUNDH** Joan Bauer **JOAN BEMIS** DAVID & HELEN BERGMAN *Peter Bergman *JAMES BERGMAN Brian & Lori Bosgraaf NORRIS & CAROL BRYSON DAVID & MARY LYNN BUGGE John & Barbara Busch **GUY & BARBARA CALHOUN** DAVE & MARY CAMPBELL *CLARK & CATHY CARMICHAEL Dave & Susan Cooper

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 18 WWII Lecture Series

April 21 Coast Guard Clean Up Day

May 9-13 FGW @ Tulip Time in Holland, MI

Board of Trustees

May 25 Annual Blessing of the Fleet & Season

Kickoff Event (Live Music from Lee Murdock!)

May 26 Harbor Walk to Fitness

June 14 Pirate Chaser Sails Begin!

June 16 Antique & Classic Boat Show

June 27 Maritime Concert Series

July 3 Fireworks Sail

July 14 Fish Boil Fundraiser

July 23-27 STEM Kids Summer Camp

July 25 Maritime Concert Series

May 25 Annual Meeting of the Membership & July 28 Rembering the Keepers of the Light Event

August 18 Boat Walk

August 29 Maritime Concert Series

September 15 Black River Open Paddle

September 28 Membership Appreciation Picnic

October 19-20 Morbid Maritime Museum Event

October 31 Kids' Trick-or-Treat

Make sure that you're staying up to date with all of the exciting things going on at the Museum throughout the year! Information is available on our website, social media, and our bi-monthly member e-newsletter The Ship's Bell. If you are a not receiving the Bell, please contact us with your email address.

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