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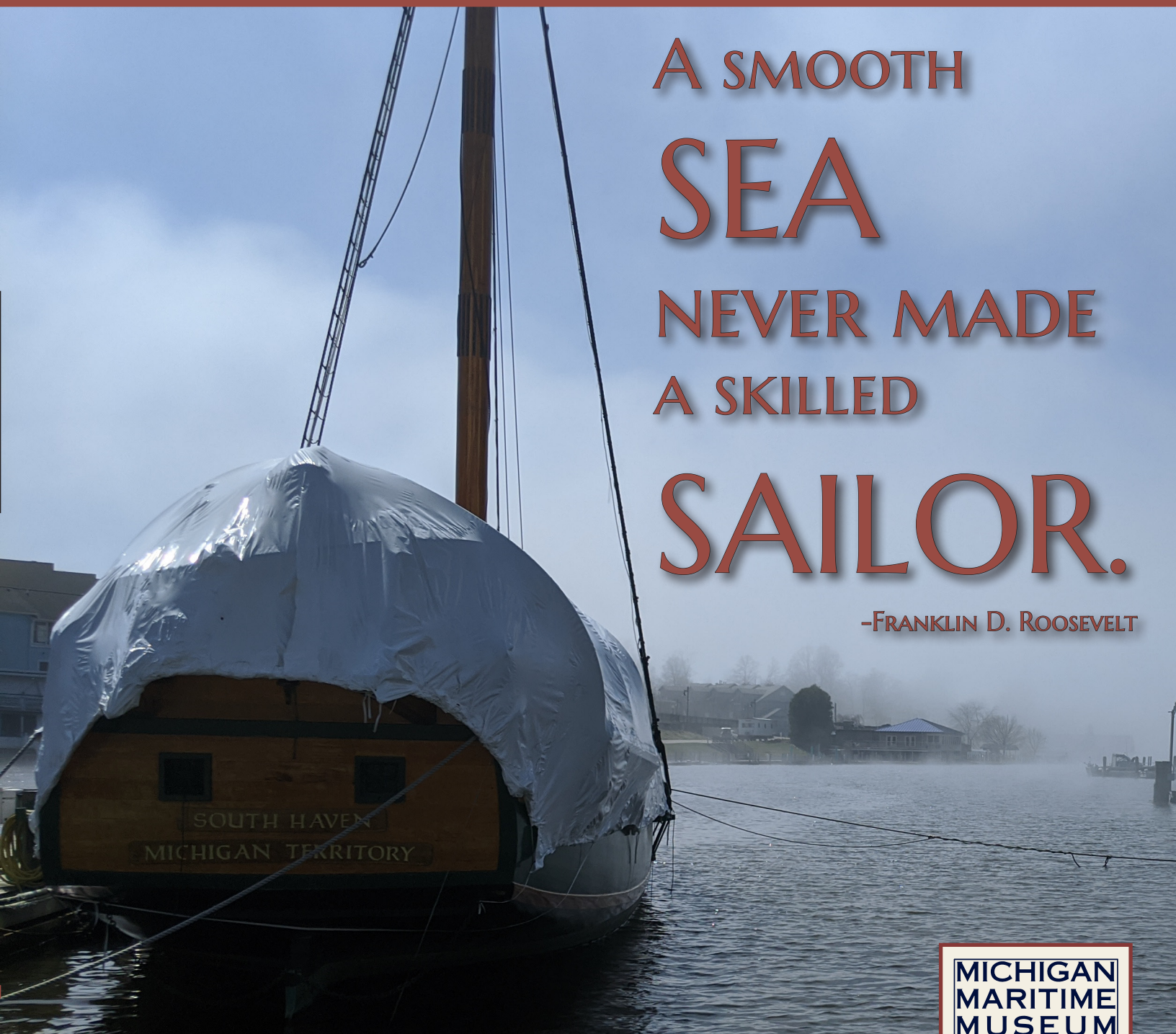
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A SMOOTH
SEA
NEVER MADE
A SKILLED
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-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



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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



Patti Montgomery
Reinert
Executive Director

Spring and Season 2020 are certainly anything but normal! I must admit, I have been struggling about what message I would like to share with you at a time when we are typically full of excitement and anticipation of another wonderful season on the campus of the Michigan Maritime Museum. Well, even though we are facing such unusual challenges, our team is working hard to be able to offer our members, volunteers, and visitors a chance to enjoy getting out, getting active, and getting on the water and celebrating our Great Lakes experiences!

For the first time in history, our tall ship *Friends Good Will* is still under wraps as we approach the middle of May. COVID-19 has changed the way all of us are living, working, and playing. We are making adjustments as we venture into these uncharted waters, and our hearts are filled with love, hope and compassion for one another. Safety is our number one priority always, and we are determined and confident that we can offer an experience that will give families a chance to find some adventure and make those summer memories to which we all look forward.

This will be a season unlike any other before. With big events canceled, we look for ways to adapt during this unbelievable time. We are modifying our numbers, we are preparing our campus with the tools we need to welcome our visitors, and we are getting used to life, for a while anyway, wearing face masks. Perhaps we won't be able to see the big smiles we see every summer, but we will know they are there, and they are safe.

After much thought and consideration, we have decided to operate our vessels in a little different way this year, thinking of what we can do to make our visitors feel comfortable and safe. Instead of sailing with full capacity and individual tickets, we are offering a private charter approach. As a nonprofit, this will be a financial challenge for us as we will be lowering the price considerably, but we feel if we can cover our costs, we can offer an experience that will include fresh air, sunshine, and the beauty of our lake and harbor so...we should do it! We will share the details in this issue and on our website. This is a chance for you to be together with your family or close friends and share an adventure that will bring a bright spot to a year that has brought us all such anxiety.

In closing, I would just like to give thanks to all our MMM family and friends! There are so many of you that support the Museum in so many ways. Be it a staff member, a board member, volunteers, and financial supporters, we could not do what we do without you. There are many needs as we go through this unprecedented time for so many meaningful causes. I feel so fortunate that we have one another, and that we will proceed with caution, optimism, faith, compassion, and cherish the life we are living.

I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Patti

Stay safe, stay well,
stay positive!
-The MMM Staff



TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!



We hope you are safe and well and looking forward to the summer as we are, even though it may be different than most! We always say that there is no better time to be a member and that could not be more true now. Our members are the keystone of the Museum and today, more than ever, it is important for you to realize what a vast impact your support offers the Museum.

The Museum's first priority is to the safety of its members, visitors, volunteers, and staff as we continue to look to calmer days ahead. COVID-19 has changed all our daily lives. As a leader in our community, we have taken steps to stay safe by postponing and cancelling events that would bring so many together. Events such as our annual Blessing of the Fleet, Fish Boil, and likely other events, will not take place on the campus this year. We look to planning bigger and better events in 2021.

We look forward to reopening our doors to bring members, visitors, and volunteers back onto campus in a safe manner. The Museum is still here and depends on your membership to do all that we do. Now more than ever we invite you to stay connected with us through our website and *The Ship's Bell* for updates on events and how you can join us for a safe, fun-filled summer. And, as a member, we thank you for making it all happen. Please *keep* it all happening by renewing your membership today. Together, We Can Do It!

www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/membership

OUR GENEROUS KEEL CLUB

The Michigan Maritime Museum would like to recognize the unwavering support of the Keel Club individuals and couples that provide the financial security to make so much possible. It is with your \$1000 annual investment that the Museum has become a cultural center and destination for many. You are a key contributor to the success of our Museum. Thank you!

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RISING UP TO MEET 2020 CHALLENGES

The challenging environment that we are faced with as we embark on our 2020 season means calculated planning and strategies, safety-first based decisions and procedures, and a combination of determination and positivity. We have been hit with quite a few challenges all at once; first with high water and now with a global pandemic. These events have challenged us to change how we operate and think outside the box to continue to function at our best. We must not surmise but act wisely. We shall work and sail with deliberate measures in place. Schedules will be adjusted and new protocols initiated. Decisions made today will carry beyond this season alone. We are living in historically obscure times and as conveyors of history, we must be prudent in how we prepare and deliver it. But deliver it we will.

We have risen to all these challenges, whether it has been creating alternative plans for operations and events, taking preventative measures to combat high water, creating new education outlets, or looking hard at our capital campaign strategy. We are thankful and appreciative of those who will join us as we continue to provide a guest experience like none other. Together, we can do it!

Forced to cancel our Basic Seamanship Training this season due to COVID-19, we will call upon our skilled and seasoned volunteer sailors whose dedication to the Museum and our vessels will see us through this challenging season.

For the first time, since her arrival, the MMM will not be launching FGW in May. We look forward to a launch later in the season when restrictions are lifted.

Blessing of the Fleet & SUMMER KICK OFF
6 pm - 8 pm
Fish fry, craft beer, music, food

18th Annual FISH BOIL

39TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

5pm to 8pm

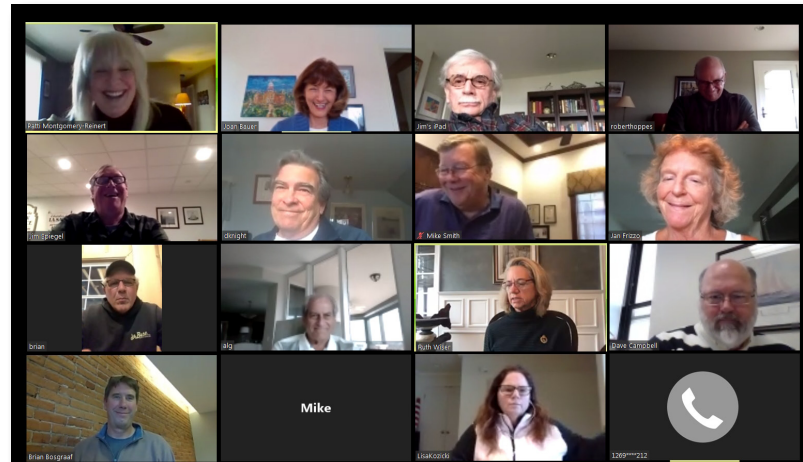
Adults \$10
Children \$5
(5 and under)

The Michigan Maritime Museum invites you to Annual Fish Boil Fundraiser! This fundraiser offers delicious food, great entertainment, and an unmatched view of the river. Proceeds go to helping the Museum launch a legacy into the future.

Tickets available at the door. For more information call (269) 637-8078 or visit michiganmaritimemuseum.org

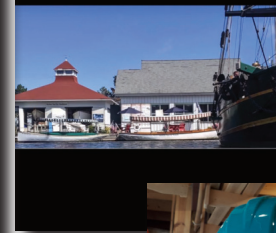
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Our Board of Trustees continue to work hard for the Museum behind the scenes. While they haven't met in person in nearly two months, they have mastered the art of the Zoom meeting.

These folks will meet again virtually at our Annual Meeting of the Membership on May 22nd. This meeting will be available to view by all current members via Zoom.



Left: Online education videos, like Maritime History of the Great Lakes with Amelia, are just one of the ways we are adapting to the challenges of 2020.

Capt. Bob Harnish practicing safety guidelines in the wake of COVID-19.



Above: Flooding behind the Padnos Boat Shed caused erosion damage. Left: Flood and storm surge began to undercut the building and docks.

Some events like the Blessing of the Fleet and Fish Boil have been cancelled, but the Museum is hopeful about late summer events such as the Antique & Classic Boat Show

EROSION PREVENTION

The Museum has been no stranger to the high water and storm surge that has affected so many along the Great Lakes coastline. We have sustained a significant amount of erosion occurring along our campus, especially undercutting our Padnos Boat Shed building. Repairs and preventative measures have been completed and the Padnos foundation is secure as is a portion of our shoreline. We will continue to monitor and get out in front of the erosion/high water issues. We will take action to do everything we can to combat Mother Nature. No matter what the water brings, we'll be ready.



Shoreline erosion protection measures and new concrete under the Padnos Boat Shed to prevent further erosion and structural damage. Huge thanks to the teams from Cottage Home, deBest, and Ron Miedema Poured Walls for their excellent work on our shoreline and foundation.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND COVID-19

With the challenges of the last few months, the campaign Steering Committee and the Michigan Maritime Museum Board of Trustees have decided it might be best to amend the timeline of our Launching a Legacy campaign, which has experienced strong member, friends and local support, raising nearly \$4.5 million of the \$8 million goal. The initial campaign "plan" had the hard-hitting public phase to start in the spring of 2020 with construction to begin the fall of 2020. Unless we are fortunate enough to be blessed with a foundation grant approval or a generous donor enabling us to come up with another \$1 million in the next couple of months, securing the funds needed, the new goal will be to secure all Phase I funds by summer of 2021, with start of construction the fall of 2021.

This September we plan to finalize the closing of the Jensen property and evaluate what can be done in the interim to protect our new campus from rising waters. We will continue to seek grants and funding from our government and institutional partners. These are unprecedented times, but soon the waters will calm. We are committed to the success of this project and the positive impact it will have for our community, region, and state at a time when we will all need it even more! We want to thank all those who continue to support the MMM and the Launching a Legacy campaign. We will get through this together.

LINDY LOU RECEIVES A LITTLE TLC

From the late 1890s through the 1930s, Truscott river launches plied South Haven's Black River delivering guests to the resorts and river parks for picnics and recreation. Steam ships brought these visitors across Lake Michigan from Chicago. In 2011, the Michigan Maritime Museum devised a plan to replicate those Black River excursions offering Museum guests a unique opportunity to experience a bygone era. That spring the Museum took delivery of a fiberglass hull formed from an original Truscott fantail river launch. Finish work was completed under the direction of professional shipwright Andy James with Museum volunteers in the Padnos Boat Shed. In July 2011, the vessel was christened *Lindy Lou* after Linda Lou Winkle who, with her husband Mike, were instrumental in the project.

In the fall of 2019, after nine years of service and having taken over 20,000 guests on cruises up and down the Black River, *Lindy Lou* was showing signs of her advancing years. After discussion with the Museum's consulting shipwright Andy James, it was confirmed that *Lindy Lou* needed refreshing. Side decks needed replacement, decks required stripping and refinishing

along with interior, and a new canvas top needed to be fabricated. Quite an undertaking. Upon hearing the extent of the project, Mike and Linda Winkel were quick to respond and offered to finance the project. *Lindy Lou* was once again brought into the Padnos Boat Shed where Andy, volunteers and staff brought her back to her glorious self. Thanks to the generosity of Mike and Linda, thousands of guests will continue to enjoy a trip on the Black River aboard the beautiful *Lindy Lou*.



Right: *Lindy Lou* with fully completed woodworking and paint.



Left: Shipwright Andy James and father Frank working *Lindy Lou*.

Above: *Lindy Lou* with a portion of her deck removed.

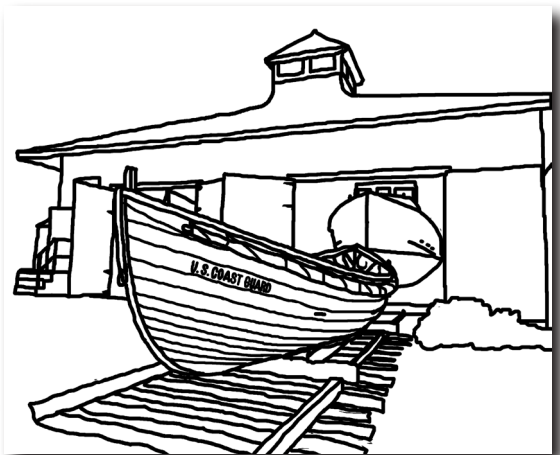


A completed *Lindy Lou* sporting her new canopy ready for the 2020 season.

EDUCATION

Our museum has always been proud of the fact that we are a hands-on facility that can offer unique place-based education experiences. COVID-19 has certainly changed the way we provide education to students. The Museum has risen to the challenge even though we are not able to have students on our campus. We were excited to dive head first into virtual educational activities that students could do right at home. Still with lots of hands-on fun! We created our own content as well as collaborated with others to make sure that we could continue to bring maritime education to all our Mini Maritimers out there. We used our website and social media to help.

We started the shutdown with a virtual scavenger hunt of our campus through social media and followed with our new Education Resources webpage that features coloring pages, activity sheets, and links to activities and educational videos. This has been a wonderful experience to take us outside of our comfort zone and create some really great educational material we will continue to have available after this crisis is over. We'll come out of this Ship Shape!



WWW.MICHIGANMARITIMEMUSEUM.ORG/LEARN/EDUCATION-RESOURCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are so honored that the legacy of Michigan Maritime Museum continues to flourish and have a promising future because of the many generous and caring individuals who have partnered with us for the Launching a Legacy campaign. From the strong support of members, friends and our community, we have raised nearly \$4.5 million of the \$8 million goal. On behalf of our Board of Directors, campaign committee members and staff, we would like to thank you for your incredible support of our Museum. The journey is continuing with you.

Currently Raised Nearly \$4.5 Million of \$8 Million
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A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Maritime Museum for seven years. It's been my honor and privilege to serve as President of the Board for the past three. I have been continually impressed by our amazing organization. Our board members provide wise and steady leadership. Our dedicated volunteers are an integral part of the Museum as they share their time and talents. Our staff led by the amazing Patti Montgomery Reinert is top notch and makes the Michigan Maritime Museum come alive each and every day. And we are so fortunate to have a large and strong membership base that provides such critical support.

I have been fortunate to serve as President during an exciting time in our history. We are laying the foundation for a new and vibrant future and I thank everyone for your help and support, no matter how large or small, as everyone is critical to the growth and success of the Museum. Even though we are facing the challenges of the coronavirus, our future is bright.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President these past three years. Best of luck to our new President!




Joan Bauer
President, Board of Trustees



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Your ADVENTURE Is Waiting



2020 ON-WATER EXPERIENCES

The health and safety of our passengers and crew is our number one priority. It is for this reason that we have chosen to change how we operate our On-Water Fleet for the 2020 season. We will be offering on-water experiences as private charters only (no individual ticket sales) and have reduced the number of passengers allowed aboard. All guests must follow health and safety guidelines set forth by the Museum (such as wearing masks) aboard our vessels and while on our campus. We thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support during these trying times.



PRICE: \$500

LENGTH: 90-MINUTES

MAX. PASSENGERS: 12

AGE RESTRICTIONS: 4+

**DEPARTURE TIMES: 11 AM, 1:15 PM,
3:15 PM, 5:30 PM**



PRICE: \$100

LENGTH: 1-HOUR

MAX. PASSENGERS: 6

AGE RESTRICTIONS: ALL AGES

**DEPARTURE TIMES: 12 PM, 1:30 PM,
3:00 PM, 4:30 PM**



PRICE: \$75

LENGTH: 30-MINUTES

MAX. PASSENGERS: 6

AGE RESTRICTIONS: 4+

**DEPARTURE TIMES: 11:45 AM, 12:45 PM,
1:45 PM, 2:45 PM, 3:45 PM**

**Please note our Museum operations and ticket sales have been greatly impacted by COVID-19. Call us or visit us online for the most up to date information on operations, tickets, and events.*

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