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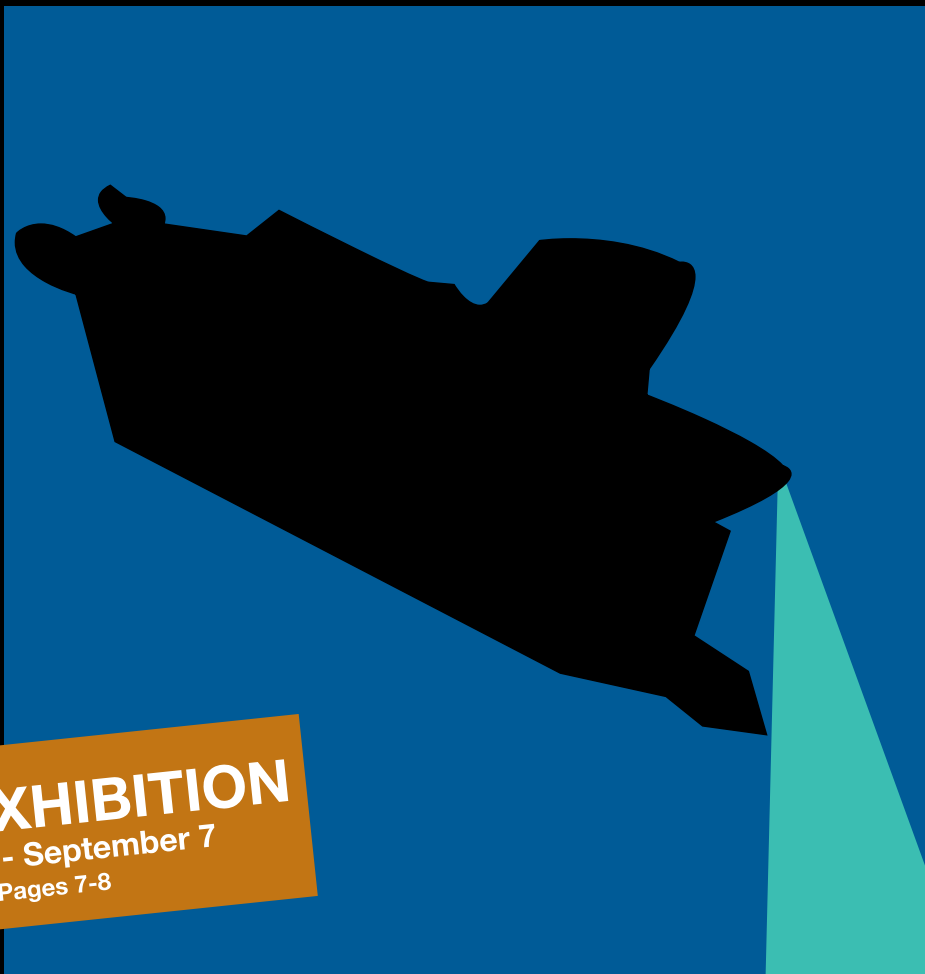
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DEEP

MISSION TO THE ABYSS

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AMERICA'S NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

Dear
Museum friends,

I hope you have been exploring the depths of the Museum and staying warm with us this winter! We are off to a strong start in 2015 with exciting events, programs, lectures and family-friendly activities. By being a Member, you help fund many of these great programs, like the stunning "Iron Circus" performance during Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend. We could not do it without your support, so THANK YOU!

In this issue of *Ahoy!*, you will read about the success of our newest exhibition *Coffee: The World in Your Cup*, which will be on display at the Museum through September 7, and our excitement for the May 16 opening of *EXTREME DEEP: Mission to the Abyss*. Guests will use modern technology and science to explore the wonders at the bottom of the sea in this traveling exhibition. Preview the exhibition with an enchanting evening at the Members' Opening on Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m.

The back page of this magazine has a full listing of Museum events for the next few months. You will see events including the Mariners' Craft Beer Festival on May 3, a screening of *The Real McCoy* with guest speaker Bailey Pryor on May 14 and a crowd favorite, our Thursdays by the Lake Summer Concert Series, which kicks off on June 4 with The Deloreans. Get your tickets early for the Bronze Door Society's International Wine Classic on June 20.

Load up the kids and bring them to the Museum for Maritime Adventure Camps this summer! Week-long camps start June 15 with dates through August, and each day will be a new adventure. If you're looking for a daytime summer program, bring your little ones to Maritime Mondays, gathering monthly through May and every Monday starting in June.

Explore the depths of your Museum membership this spring with special Members-only previews, new 3D films in the Explorers Theater, discounts on events and programming, free reserved seating at lectures and so much more.

Join us as we welcome back John Lawson to the Board of Trustees after a short break! Mr. Lawson served on the Board for nine years with an impressive track record including being Chairman of the Board for three years. Mr. Lawson is a true supporter of the community and the Museum is privileged to have him on the Board once again. In addition to his return, we have added three new trustees whose profiles you will find on page 4.

Think spring and we hope to see you at the Museum soon!

Elliot Gruber
President and CEO, The Mariners' Museum



Professional iron sculptors pour molten iron into blocks of ice during "The Iron Circus" Fire and Ice Performance at Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend
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Peter Ifland Collection of Navigating Instruments gains new artifact

A truly one-of-a-kind artifact will be entering the Museum's collection this year. Its story dates back to the first half of the 18th century, which was an era of intense experimentation and innovation in instruments of navigation. The back-staff and even the cross-staff were still in use, the octant was rapidly gaining in popularity and intense efforts were being made to find a way to determine longitude.

Although the octant had been introduced 16 years earlier, prestigious London instrument makers Benjamin Cole and George Adams continued inventing and promoting improved back-sight instruments. In 1748, both gentlemen proposed designs for a new form of quadrant. Adams stated that his new instrument would correct the "inconveniences and difficulties" of using the back-staff and provide an instrument that wasn't as expensive as the new "reflecting quadrant" (i.e. the octant).

Despite intense competition between the two makers, the sea quadrant was never readily adopted by navigators. As a consequence, this instrument, like other innovative "failures," are extraordinarily rare. To date, only three surviving examples of Cole's sea quadrant have been found. There was only one

Pictured above: The only surviving example of George Adams' sea quadrant, which is now a part of the Museum's collection.

surviving example of Adams' sea quadrant, and it has been recently acquired by The Mariners' Museum.

Adams' sea quadrant is constructed of rosewood, boxwood and clear lacquered brass, with glass and mica optics. It is contained within a simple, shaped case that contains the earliest known advertising trade card for Adams. The instrument is pristine and in essentially unused condition. The piece also has significant provenance traceable back to 1774 when it was purchased by François Boyer, a professor of navigation and mathematics at the French Royal Navy school in Lorient.

This artifact was acquired as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Peter W. Ifland, a long-time friend and benefactor of the Museum. It will be one of the crown jewels of The Mariners' Museum's collection.

Stay tuned for more information on when the sea quadrant will be on display.

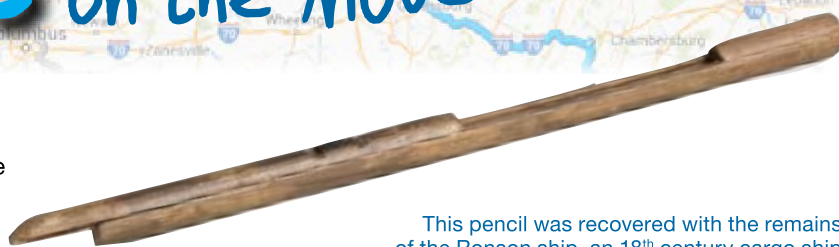
Artifacts on the Move

The Mariners' Museum's extensive collections are not only a valuable resource for its own programs, but also for the exhibitions of other institutions. The Museum has worked with the staff of numerous institutions on a variety of incoming and outgoing loans.

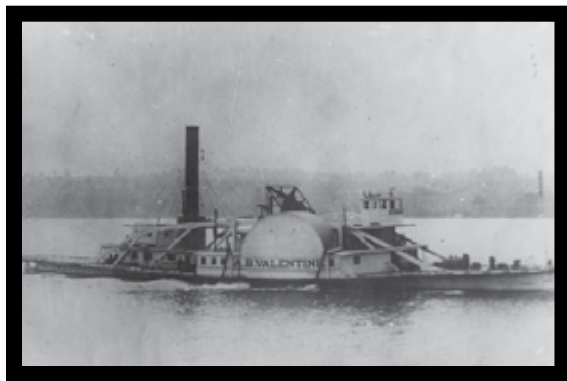
Over the past couple of months, Collections Management staff worked with the staff of the National World War II Museum on the possible loan of a liberty ship model. If loaned, the model of the *Zebulon B. Vance* will become the centerpiece of its new permanent exhibition, "Merchant Marine: We Deliver the Goods."

In May, a number of paintings and objects will travel to the Virginia Historical Society for display in its new "Ollson" and "Story of Virginia" galleries. In June, an 18th century French compass and back-staff will be traveling to the new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

The most recent project involved helping the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation locate an 18th century pencil for inclusion in a new gallery at Yorktown. Collections Management staff were able to locate the pencil within the archaeological materials recovered with the Ronson ship in New York City. Read more about the Ronson ship on page 6.



This pencil was recovered with the remains of the Ronson ship, an 18th century cargo ship buried underneath the street in New York City.



Photos from the Eldredge Collection:

Left: Starboard view of paddle steamer A.B. Valentine underway.

Right: Close up view of the steamship Acadia underway past New York City.

Mariners' Library receives grant to fund cataloging project

The Mariners' Museum Library at Christopher Newport University has received a \$325,500 grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR). The grant will fund over three years the cataloging of 22 collections of photographic negatives that are currently in the Museum's cold storage.

The Mariners' Museum Library is the premier resource for maritime research, housing the largest maritime history collection in the Western Hemisphere. The grant, Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives, will be used to bring to light photographic negatives that are currently concealed to the public due to inaccessibility. When the cataloging is completed, the public will be able to search the collections using key words, or with more advanced techniques that involve specialized maritime terminology, Library of Congress subject headings or standardized ship names.

"When dealing with more than 260,000 negatives in cold storage, we want to help patrons narrow their searches as much as humanly possible," Librarian Archivist Jay Moore said. "We are very fortunate to now be able to catalog the collections so that patrons can easily find what they are looking for."

The project, titled "The Maritime World in Photographs: Cataloging the Photo Negatives of The Mariners' Museum" is slated to begin June 1, 2015 and should be completed by May 31, 2018.

Summer Fun

New Exhibition

June 8 - August 24 at The Mariners' Museum Library. After a tough winter, come see this fun exhibition curated by The Mariners' Museum Library.

Just 24 hours to GIVE LOCAL 757

GIVE LOCAL 757 is a part of the national Give Local movement. The local campaign, hosted by the Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia, is a 24-hour crowdfunding event designed to empower every person to give back to their local communities.

Last year the Museum's loyal donors came through during the May 2014 GIVE LOCAL 757 campaign. The Museum even had support from individuals who had never given to The Mariners' Museum before! With \$3,150 raised in the inaugural event, it far exceeded expectations.

This year the event will start at noon on May 5 and continue through noon May 6. There are two options for accepting donations, either online via www.givelocal757.org or through any Langley Federal Credit Union location, making it easier than ever to give.

Please consider donating to the Museum on May 5 or 6 to make your dollar go further! Each donation that comes in during GIVE LOCAL 757 makes us eligible to receive matching cash prizes. We can also win competitions such as First Donation of the Day or Most Online Donations to receive additional cash prizes.

Your gift to The Mariners' Museum Annual Fund allows us to offer exciting exhibitions, events and enlightening

educational programs for guests of all ages to enjoy year after year. Annual Fund gifts also support the Museum's Library and Archives, as well as our beautiful 550 acre, privately owned and maintained Park and Noland Trail. We are proud and fortunate to share these treasures with thousands of people each year.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Make plans to donate that day; a gift of just \$10 or more will make a world of difference.



Museum Board of Trustees welcomes new members



Keith VanderVennet
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.
Senior Vice President of Sales

Keith VanderVennet grew up in Newport News, spending many days at the Museum and in the Park. He attended Hampton Roads Academy, Hampden-Sydney College and Harvard Business School. He is currently serving at Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. as Senior Vice President of Sales, and has been with the company since 1987. He currently serves on the boards of Hampton Roads Academy and Habitat for Humanity.

Q&A:

What made you want to be a member of The Mariners' Museum Board of Trustees?

After living in a number of different places, I realize what a special place we have here on the Peninsula. We have a sense of community that I have not seen elsewhere. I believe that The Mariners' Museum is a cornerstone institution and I want future generations to learn from the Museum and enjoy the facility as much as I have.

What do you remember from your first visit to the Museum?

How scared I was to get close. The exhibits were wonderful and larger than life but also somewhat intimidating based on their craftsmanship and scale. I used to let my imagination run wild as I looked at the model ships and the displays. Today, the Museum is much more interactive and family friendly. My 12 year-old daughter loves the 3D movies and can't wait to get back to try her sleuth skills in *B is for Buttersworth*.

What is your favorite exhibition?

I have really come to appreciate *Abandon Ship*. Some of the stories are tragic and absolutely horrifying, but yet the indomitable human spirit is captured in heroic rescues and survival against great odds. The exhibit also puts the power of the sea, and nature in general, in perspective.



John Biagas
Bay Electric Co., Inc.
President & CEO

The youngest of 14 children, John Biagas comes from a family of entrepreneurs, many of whom work in the electric trade industry. He relocated to Newport News, Virginia from Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1997 when he bought Bay Electric and expanded its operations to include design build, renovation/repair general construction and engineering as well as electrical, technology, security, and fire alarm systems and services.

Q&A:

What made you want to be a member of The Mariners' Museum Board of Trustees?

I think The Mariners' Museum is a gem in our area. It's a great opportunity to both educate people and also continue a unique resource in this area. I'm honored to be a part of it.

What do you remember from your first visit to the Museum?

First, the size of the Museum—looking from the outside, you'd never think it is that large. Secondly, I remember that the tanks that house the turret, the guns and other items from the USS *Monitor* were very impressive. Finally, the *Crabtree* exhibition is just incredible.

What is your favorite exhibition?

My favorite part is behind the scenes of the *Monitor* Center. It's mind-boggling the amount of parts and pieces that they have to categorize and keep up with, and also preserve. I don't think people have an appreciation for the amount of work that goes into something like that.



Edward A. Heidt, Jr.
The PENROD Company
Chairman/CEO

Mr. Edward A. Heidt, also known as Buzz, has 40 years of experience in international trade, manufacturing and distribution. He serves as the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of The Penrod Company and The PENROD Group. Mr. Heidt has held membership in an array of professional associations, including the US Department of Commerce Industrial Trade Advisory Committee and Vice Chairman of the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

Q&A:

What made you want to be a member of The Mariners' Museum Board of Trustees?

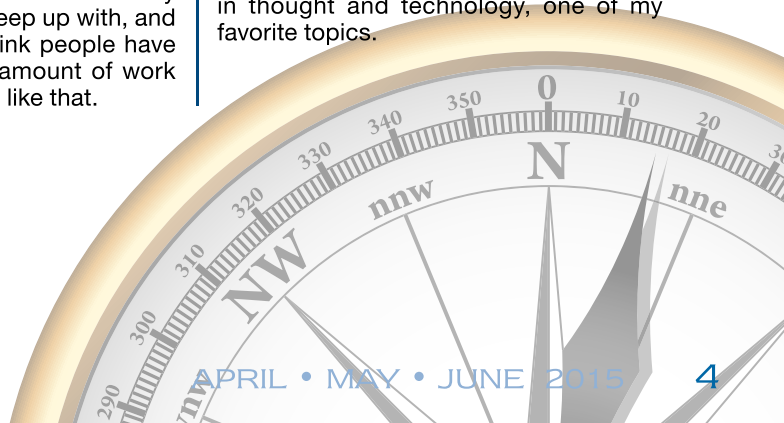
The Museum is a treasure both regionally and nationally. As my work career is becoming less time consuming, I have enjoyed expanding my volunteer career; the Museum is a natural extension of that path.

How did you first come to know the Museum?

I grew up here and had the occasion to visit, not as often as I have liked, over the years. A few years ago, I was able to do some research in the Museum Library, and found it to be a great resource. That further developed my interest.

What is your favorite exhibition?

The *Monitor* Center is intriguing in that it represents significant directional change in thought and technology, one of my favorite topics.



Coffee

THE WORLD IN YOUR CUP

New exhibition open now through September 7

In this traveling exhibition, go on the expansive journey of coffee's history, processing and brewing. Guests can see the evolution of coffee, from its origins in Ethiopia, to the hand-picked coffee berries in Costa Rica, all the way to roasting centers across the globe. Try to lift a 125-pound coffee sack, smell the unique coffee aroma we all know and love and discover how coffee affects cultures, economies and habitats around the world.

Coffee Days

Every 2nd Saturday through August, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Join us for coffee tastings from local roasters, and coffee-related art workshops for both adults and children. Coffee tastings are free for Members or with Museum admission until supplies last. Coffee art workshops allow guests to work with a local artist to create beautiful artworks from coffee in 45 minute sessions. Each workshop will cost \$5 plus Museum admission for non-members and \$3 for Members.

Coffee Bar: Cooking With Coffee

Thursday, April 16, 7-9 P.M.

The Coffee Bar has been a caffeinated success, bringing together music, coffee and fun to The Mariners' Museum's main lobby on select Thursday evenings. The final Coffee Bar invites guests to cook with coffee! Enjoy coffee with a food pairing workshop, live music, light refreshments and access to *Coffee: The World in Your Cup*. There will also be a cash bar with a signature coffee drink! Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or online. Limited tickets available. Advance purchase recommended.

Cupping Workshop

Saturday, April 25 • 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Participants will see how coffee makes its way from the tree to the coffee shop while they learn how professionals evaluate coffee's flavor and quality. Registration required. \$25/non-member, \$20/Member.

MarinersMuseum.org/Coffee



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MEMBERS' OPENING HIGHLIGHTS

Many thanks to all the Members who helped unveil the new traveling exhibition *Coffee: The World in Your Cup*! We hope your senses were engaged at the Members' preview and you left with a better understanding of one of the world's most popular beverages.



1. Massimo Zanetti Senior Manager of Green Coffee John Kobus; Museum President and CEO Elliot Gruber; Massimo Zanetti Vice President of Green Coffee George Kniesel; and Museum Development Director Terry Soska. 2. A group of guests learn proper cupping technique from a Massimo Zanetti representative 3. Guests enjoy coffee tastings from Starbucks. 4. A guest examines the wall of burlap coffee sacks from every coffee-producing country in the world. Photography: Will Burch

Spring Lecture Series

The Sinking of the USS *Thresher*

Presented by Joe Yurso

April 4 • 4:30 P.M. • Explorers Theater
FREE for Members or with Museum admission

When it was built, USS *Thresher* was the most advanced submarine in the world. It was faster, quieter and dove deeper than any other. But on April 10, 1963, *Thresher* sank during dive trials off the New England coast. 129 submariners and shipyard personnel lost their lives in the worst submarine disaster in history.

Joe Yurso was the watch officer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire on that fateful day. As such, he was a first-hand witness to one of the Navy's great tragedies. For over 50 years, he has devoted his life to making the US Navy and its ships safer for the men and women who serve. Mr. Yurso will speak about his experience with the *Thresher* and those men who gave their lives in service.

The Ship that Held Up Wall Street

Presented by Warren Riess

April 23 • 7 P.M. • Main Lobby
FREE for Museum Members, \$5 for non-members

In 1982, developer Howard Ronson was preparing to begin construction on a new project in Lower Manhattan when the site's archaeological survey turned up something intriguing: the remains of an 18th century cargo ship were buried underneath the street! A team of archaeologists, led by Warren Riess, excavated the ship and began a long process of analysis and discovery.



The ship, *Princess Caroline*, is now recognized as the first major discovery of a colonial merchant ship in America. The bow timbers and artifacts from the site are now a part of The Mariners' Museum's permanent collection. Dr. Riess will discuss the process of uncovering the ship and discovering her long history. His new book, *The Ship that Held Up Wall Street*, will be available for signing.

The Real McCoy

Presented by Bailey Pryor

May 14 • 7 P.M. • Main Lobby
FREE for Museum Members, \$5 for non-members

The 1920s were a pivotal time in American history. This decade was the age of flappers and private eyes and organized crime. It was an age of both increasing personal freedom and, ironically, the age of Prohibition. One of the most intriguing characters of the period was Bill McCoy, gentleman crook and pioneering rum runner. A teetotaler himself, he imported over 2 million bottles of rum to the United States. By sidestepping ill-conceived maritime regulations, he was able to bring illegal liquor to America without breaking the law himself.

The Real McCoy is the story of Bill McCoy's rise from modest boat builder to public enemy. It is the story of the US government's "War on Rum," and it is a fascinating chronicle of the Prohibition era. Filmmaker Bailey Pryor was the first documentary filmmaker to win five Emmy awards for the same film (Writing, Directing, Editing, Cinematography, and Best Documentary, 2013). Enjoy a special screening of this celebrated film, followed by a Q&A session with Mr. Pryor.



Civil War Lecture Series

SAVE THE DATES!

May 9 • July 18 • September 12

This series highlights important dates surrounding the USS *Monitor* and CSS *Virginia*, presented by Mariners' Museum staff and volunteers. These lectures are free for Museum Members or with Museum admission and take place in the Explorers Theater.

Check MarinersMuseum.org/Lectures for updates on topics and speakers.

Special thanks
to our lecture
sponsors:



ENJOY DINNER BEFORE THE LECTURE!

The Grey Goose Cafe at The Mariners' Museum will now be open before evening lectures. Come early and enjoy a meal before the program begins.





EXTREME DEEP

MISSION TO THE ABYSS

Improve Your Depth Perception!

New exhibition opens May 16!

Dive into the ocean depths this summer! *EXTREME DEEP: Mission to the Abyss* is an interactive exhibition that highlights the adventure of deep-sea exploration and discovery. It will be at The Mariners' Museum from May 16 through September 7, 2015.

Children of all ages will love this hands-on exhibition with many chances to explore life at the bottom of the sea. With multiple interactives using modern technology, visitors will learn firsthand about the geologic forces deep within the earth and the magnificent engineering feats of Mother Nature.

Interactive activities allow guests to become a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) pilot and investigate a model of the *Titanic*'s deck; step inside a full scale mock-up of the interior of *Alvin* and use a joystick to explore a worm colony; operate *Alvin*'s robotic arm to pick up lava rocks and clams from the sea floor; build a submarine; examine other-worldly creatures; and so much more.

EXTREME DEEP is a traveling exhibition presented by Evergreen Exhibitions in collaboration with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Though *EXTREME DEEP* is presented by another institution, Mariners' Museum staff have found a way to add their own touch.

LED lighting and wall projections "create an immersive environment that sets the mood to travel down deep where there is no sunlight," Museum Curator Marc NuCup said. As visitors move through the gallery, lighting will make it seem as if they are traveling deeper and deeper underwater. Deep-sea discoveries will be projected onto the walls to further create the feeling of traveling to the deep.

EXTREME DEEP brings the mysteries of the oceans' greatest depths to the surface. This exhibition teaches guests about biology, chemistry, geology, history, exploration and the critical role that technology plays in understanding our world and its future. For more information on the exhibition and related events, visit MarinersMuseum.org.

MEMBERS'-ONLY Preview Party

**EXTREME DEEP:
Mission into the Abyss
Friday, May 15 • 6 P.M.**

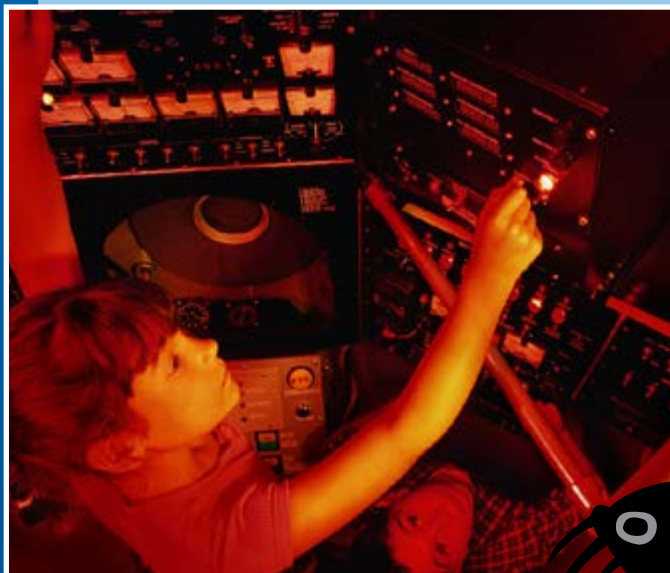
Find out what's lurking in the depths of the ocean during this deep-sea adventure. Immerse yourselves in the wonders of the bottom of the sea. Featuring hands-on activities for the entire family.

Details and mail invitations coming soon!



Model of the shipwrecked RMS *Titanic* on the sea floor.

EXPLORERS THEATER



Guests prepare for a dive in the interior of an *Alvin* Personnel Sphere.

Plenty of ways to explore the EXTREME DEEP!

- Prepare for a dive inside a recreation of the interior of an *Alvin* Personnel Sphere.
- Operate *Alvin*'s robotic arm through a 4-inch viewport window. Use a video monitor to compete with your friends to see who can do it best!
- Touch and manipulate the claw of a real *Alvin* arm.
- Create a high-tech submersible vehicle using colorful puzzle pieces.
- Build a 3D submarine.
- Watch astonishing video footage of three different vent sites.
- Examine real deep-sea life such as five-foot tube worms and see-through crabs.
- Explore the wreck of the *Titanic* as the pilot of a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). Work in teams to spot and identify surface details on the deck of the sunken vessel.

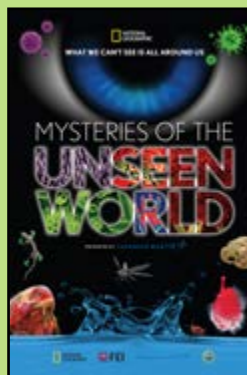


Deepsea Challenge 3D

COMING SOON: May 16

Jump inside the *Deepsea Challenger* and take a thrilling voyage to the deep sea to witness things you've never seen before! On March 26, 2012, James Cameron (best known for *Titanic* and *Avatar*) went on a record-breaking solo dive to the deepest known place on Earth—The Mariana Trench. Watch this breathtaking footage as Cameron and his team explore the depths.

NOW SHOWING IN 3D:



Now through July 3



Now through April 30

Visit website for movie descriptions, pricing and showtimes:
MarinersMuseum.org/ExplorersTheater

Letter from The Bronze Door Society Co-Chairs

The Bronze Door Society followed its successful Annual Dinner and Project Selection in October 2014 with a wine and cheese reception for current and former Members in December 2014. The reception featured a screening of the new 3D National Geographic film *Jerusalem*, as well as invited former Members to consider once again re-joining the society.

December also marked the creation of a short film dedicated to describing the Society's activities and its impact on the Museum, produced by Museum staff. You can see this excellent film online at BronzeDoorSociety.org. Thank you to each new Member for your enthusiasm and participation.

The Bronze Door Society funds desired projects which the Museum itself may not be able to afford. The funds raised last year totaled \$41,000, and supported a Teacher-in-Residence program to develop a STEM professional training program for Museum staff, a pH Monitoring system for the collection of USS *Monitor* artifacts and development of a commemorative guide for sale in the Museum Shop available late Spring 2015. As the premier donor organization for The Mariners' Museum and Park, we are honored to fund these exciting endeavors.

The Bronze Door Society has welcomed six members as of February 2015, resulting in 12% increase since the 2014 Annual Dinner and Project Selection. With a \$1,000 minimum yearly membership you, too, can be a Member of this exclusive donor society! You can have a voice in choosing projects to fund, plus the privilege of attending private Members-only receptions and behind-the-scenes activities. Our annual formal dinner will be in October and we hope to see you all there.

For more information about The Bronze Door Society membership or to join, visit BronzeDoorSociety.org or call (757) 591-7715.

Mary Sherwood Holt and Sandy Armstrong
Co-Chairs, The Bronze Door Society



Watch this video on BronzeDoorSociety.org to learn more how the society has impacted the Museum.



Proceeds benefit The Mariners' Museum and Park.

Superior Wines in a Spectacular Setting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

6-9 P.M. • Main Lobby

Enjoy a selection of unlimited tastings of international & domestic wines.

Listen to live music by the Jae Sinnett Trio.

Coffee: *the World in Your Cup* and *EXTREME DEEP: Mission to the Abyss* exhibitions will be open to guests.

Dine with hearty hors d'oeuvres and an expanded food station.

Ticket prices:

\$60 before June 15 • \$70 on and after June 15 • \$25 for non-drinkers
Tickets include unlimited tastings, a commemorative wine glass, complimentary buffet, live music, and access to the front gallery exhibitions.

Visit BronzeDoorSociety.org to purchase tickets.

Upcoming Exhibition - *Liquid Light: Photography Beneath the Sea*

The oceans remain distant and mysterious, even though they occupy nearly three-quarters of our planet's surface. Opening August 22, *Liquid Light: Photography Beneath the Sea* features nine California photographers who have captured a quality of light that only exists underwater.

"Their work portrays the beauty of light and the mystery of life under the sea," Chief Curator Lyles Forbes said. Their photographs each bring an awareness of the fragility of this amazing world and the crucial importance of natural balance to its very existence.

Like the 19th century landscape photographers before them, these photographers are documenting our last frontier. Each of these underwater artists brings their own distinctive eye to the creation of images that are unique, stunningly beautiful, meditative and exceptional in the way that they record the world around them—the world that is under the oceans.

Liquid Light features work by Ernest Brooks, Scott Campbell, Martha Casanave, Chuck Davis, Ryuijie Douglas and Camille Lenore, William Giles, Arthur Haseltine, Wayne Levin and Robin Robinson.

Acquisition of the photographs in this exhibition was made possible in part by The Bronze Door Society.



Blue Rockfish #3. Artist: Chuck Davis

Meet a Member

Meet Stuart and Cynthia Katz



Tidewater natives Stuart and Cynthia Katz have always shared a love for museums and a zest for knowledge. They were involved in Norfolk's Chrysler Museum and Hermitage Museum beginning in the early 1970's, and happily joined The Mariners' Museum after moving to Newport News in 1996. The Katz's have kept their zest for knowledge alive; they have been Members of the Mariners' for more than 19 years.

While at an event, Cynthia and Mariners' Board of Trustees Member Ann N. Hunnicutt discussed the idea for a support group for the Museum. That idea became a reality with the creation of The Bronze Door Society in 1997, thanks to the invaluable help of other Museum Members and Museum staff.

Aside from being founding Members of The Bronze Door Society, the Katz's also love to walk the Noland Trail with their beagle, Penny, especially the path leading from the Museum to the Lions Bridge. Seeing the Trail being used by so many individuals, families and their dogs brings them such joy.

Whether it's just the two of them, or bringing friends, Stuart and Cynthia really appreciate learning and getting to know people through the Museum. They are especially happy to see the Museum moving forward in such a positive direction.

Share your Member photos and stories with us! Please contact your Membership Coordinator at (757) 591-7715 or email membership@MarinersMuseum.org.



New Members' SATURDAY

Saturday, April 18

If you're a new Member or even if you've been a Member for many years, The Mariners' Museum would like to help you start your exploration!

Join us Saturday, April 18 for New Members' Saturday! New Members are encouraged to attend, but all Members are welcome. The Mariners' Museum will be offering docent-lead tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All registering Members will receive 20% off Museum Shop purchases and a chance to win a free Mariners' Museum print from our extensive photo gallery. You'll also have an opportunity to ask questions about our latest exhibitions and events.

Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Get a sneak peek of the Museum's storage to see new artifacts that are entering the collection. The tour will begin at 1 p.m. Limited space available, registration required.



NEW FEATURE!

Register by contacting your Membership Coordinator at (757) 591-7715 or membership@MarinersMuseum.org.

Mark your Calendars:

Spring Break for Hampton Roads Public Schools

April 6-10

Looking for something to do during Spring Break? Be sure to visit The Mariners' Museum to enjoy special spring break education stations in the Museum galleries. We'll have a special LEGO® station set up where visitors of all ages can build a ship, among other activities.

Thursday, April 9 • 3 p.m.

The Mariners' Museum will offer a special program as we join the National Park Service in a ringing for "Bells across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox."

Friday, April 10 • 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All families are invited to participate in our Civil War Homeschool Day. See below for more details. Registration is encouraged, and you don't have to be a homeschool student to enjoy this special day.



Civil War Homeschool Day

Friday, April 10, 2015 • 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The impact of the American Civil War can be felt and seen in the nation's culture, its defenses, and society as a whole. During this special homeschool day, participants will enjoy making period crafts as they learn about life during the 1860s. Scheduled sessions will allow for a more in-depth study of various aspects of this national conflict.

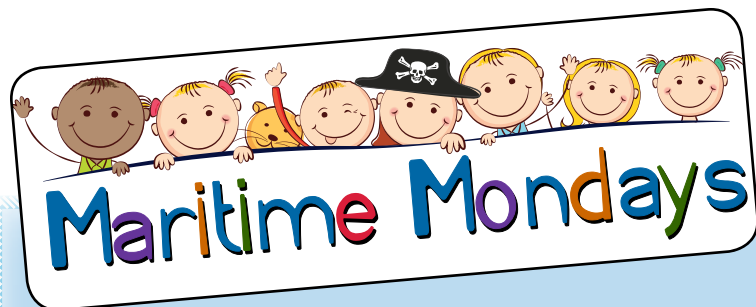
While younger students are learning about life onboard a Civil War-era ironclad and exploring the life of our 16th president, students in middle school will gain a better understanding of the events leading up to the Battle of Hampton Roads. Older students will enjoy exploring the American Civil War through an investigation of primary sources and so much more. Register online at MarinersMuseum.org/Homeschool.

World Oceans Day

Saturday, June 6

Since 2008, the United Nations has recognized June 8 as World Oceans Day. Around the world, museums, non-profit organizations, businesses and everyday people celebrate the many ways that the oceans connect us all and explore what we can do to keep our waterways healthy.

Please join us for a special day filled with ocean-themed family activities, film screenings, guest speakers and other surprises! World Oceans Day events will be free for Members or with Museum admission.



Monday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

FUN for Children! Join us every Monday morning this Summer at The Mariners' Museum for a morning of engaging, learning activities for children ages 18-months to rising 5th grade.

MarinersMuseum.org/MaritimeMondays
\$2 plus Museum admission, or only \$2 for Members.



Upcoming topics include:

18 month - pre-k only

April 13
Let's Celebrate the Earth

Happy Earth Day!
Let's celebrate our wonderful planet with Earth-themed crafts and games!

Maritime Adventure Camps

at The Mariners' Museum and Park



Do you think the sea influences your life on a daily basis? If you answered "no" you are in for a surprise! Join The Mariners' Museum this summer for a week-long camp as we explore the rich history and science of the maritime world!

Mini Mariners

Rising K through rising 2nd grade

Dates: July 13 – 17 or July 27 – 31

Cost: \$100 for Members
\$125 for non-members

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Maritime Explorers

Rising 3rd and 4th grade

Dates: July 6 – 10 or August 10 – 14

Cost: \$175 for Members
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Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Voyagers

Rising 5th and 6th grade

Dates: June 15 – 19 or July 20 – 24

Cost: \$175 for Members
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Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MarinersMuseum.org/Summer

SPACE LIMITED! Reserve online or call (757) 591-7745
Cost includes a t-shirt for each student. Lunch is not included.
Activities and content for the week designed for the grade level indicated.

Each **DAY** will be a new adventure!

Enjoy activities such as...

A Trip Around the World

- Listen to music from around the globe
- Make crafts from distant lands
- Play games enjoyed by children in other countries

EXTREME DEEP

- Learn about bioluminescence in sea creatures
- Create an R.O.V. arm to recover objects
- Discover creatures living near the bottom of the sea

A Pirate's Life for Me

- Dress like a pirate
- Go on a treasure hunt
- Find out about life aboard a pirate ship

Monsters and Mermaids

- Create sea creature masks and mermaid puppets
- Explore stories and myths about famous mythological creatures
- Play under the sea limbo

Titanic

- Make a vintage travel journal
- Become a 1912 ocean traveler
- Become a wireless operator as you learn how to receive and decipher Morse code

May 11

Going to the Aquarium

We'll take an imaginary trip to the aquarium where we'll see what creatures live under the ocean waves!

June 8

Life's a Beach!

Summer is the time to play in the sun. Play beach games and explore one of our favorite places to visit during the summer.

June 15

Forest Friends

Learn about the animals that live in The Mariners' Park as we explore the great outdoors. Which one will be your favorite?

18 months - 5th grade

June 22

At the Water's Edge

If you stroll along any body of water, you'll find unique plants and animals living nowhere but there. Discover what lives at the water's edge.

June 29

Ship Shape

Learn about all the shapes they can find on a boat while older students discover how the use and location of a boat makes a difference in its shape.



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Spring into the Museum Shop!

It feels like spring in the Museum Shop with all the new, brightly-colored apparel and gift items. Get in the sunny spirit with the new t-shirts, tank tops, hats and running apparel. The nautical colors will inspire you!

Any wine lovers out there?

During your next Museum visit, make sure to check out the new wines featured in the Museum Shop! A variety of wines from James River Cellars, including the exclusively-made USS *Monitor* red blend, is available for purchase.

Buy our blends!

The Museum Shop is now selling its very own blends of coffees roasted exclusively for the Museum by The Rogue Elephant in Hampton, Va. Guests can purchase Deep Brew Sea (dark roast) and The Mariners' Blend (medium roast) in ground or whole bean.



Museum Shop Hours

Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is not required to shop. Museum Members receive 10% off purchases!



Boat Dock opens April 11

Spend a day on Lake Maury with friends and family while fishing, exploring and enjoying the beautiful weather. Visitors can rent paddle boats with rates per hour and half hour, and jon boats and canoes by hour or day. Rentals available on Saturday and Sunday only. Please contact The Mariners' Museum at 757-596-2222 with comments and questions.

BOAT DOCK HOURS

Saturday & Sundays:
7 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Weekends
April - July



2015 Thursdays by the Lake

at The Mariners' Park

FREE CONCERTS

Every Thursday night this summer, 6-10 P.M.

Load up your blankets and lawn chairs and come to the Museum's front lawn for FREE evening entertainment this summer! Listen to Hampton Roads' hottest bands, enjoy local food vendors, sip on beer and wine (tickets available for \$4 each), explore *Coffee: The World in Your Cup* and *EXTREME DEEP: Mission to the Abyss* for only \$5 until 8 p.m., or rent the patio and party like a VIP!

Concert Schedule

JUNE:

June 4: The Deloreans
June 11: Snack Bar Jones
June 18: Borderline Crazy
June 25: The Janitors

JULY:

July 2: Slapnation
July 9: Karnivale
July 16: The Deloreans
July 23: Hey! Hey! Hooligan
July 30: Snack Bar Jones

AUGUST:

August 6: Party Fins
August 13: Audio Sauce
August 20: Speak Easy/Butter
August 27: Hey! Hey! Hooligan



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USO Military Appreciation Day

Sunday, April 19

The Mariners' Museum

11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

FREE Museum admission for all past & present Military.

Fun for families on the Front Lawn!

Food and beverages available for purchase.

In partnership with:



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The Mariners' CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, MAY 3

12 - 5 p.m.

Great Beer & Live Music in a Unique Setting

New this year!

A "cask-off" featuring small batch brews and cask-ale tastings

Live music by Hey! Hey! Hooligan and Esoteric Ramblers.

**MEMBERS
SAVE \$5**

WITH ADVANCE PURCHASE

Ticket prices:
\$35 in advance
\$45 day of the event

Tickets include 20 four-ounce tastings, a commemorative beer glass, live music, food vendors and admission to The Mariners' Museum.

BREWERIES:

- New Belgium
- St George
- AleWerks
- Devils Backbone
- Bold Rock
- Goose Island
- O'Connor
- Starr Hill
- Smartmouth
- Heavy Seas
- Legend
- SweetWater
- LoneRider
- Shocktop
- Evolution
- Center of The Universe



MarinersMuseum.org/BeerFest

MUSEUM CALENDAR

APRIL

April 3
6 P.M.

Titanic Overnight Adventure
MarinersMuseum.org/Overnights

April 4
4:30 P.M.

Lecture: Joe Yurso, *The Sinking of the USS Thresher*. See page 6.

April 9
3 P.M.

Bells Across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox, See page 11.

April 10
9 A.M.

Civil War Homeschool Day, See page 11.

April 11
9 A.M.

Coffee Days, See page 5.

April 11
9 A.M.

Lake Maury Boat Dock Opens
Weekends, April 11 - July 26. See page 17.

April 13
10 A.M.

Maritime Mondays: Let's Celebrate the Earth
See page 11.

April 16
7 P.M.

The Coffee Bar: Cooking with Coffee.
See page 5.

April 18
11 A.M.

New Members' Saturday, See page 10.

April 19
9 A.M.

Military Appreciation Day, See page 18.

April 23
7 P.M.

Spring Lecture Series: Warren Riess, *The Ship That Held Up Wall Street*. See page 6.

MAY

May 3
12 P.M.

Mariners' Craft Beer Festival, See page 18.

May 9
10 A.M.

Coffee Days, See page 5.

May 9
2:30 P.M.

Civil War Lecture, See page 6.

May 11
10 A.M.

Maritime Mondays: Going to the Aquarium
See page 11.

May 14
7 P.M.

Spring Lecture Series: Bailey Pryor, *The Real McCoy*. See page 6.

May 15
6 P.M.

EXTREME DEEP Members-Only Preview
See page 7.

May 16
9 A.M.

EXTREME DEEP Exhibition Opens
See page 7-8.

JUNE

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10 A.M.

Maritime Mondays, See page 11-12

June 4, 11, 18, 25
6 P.M.

Thursdays by the Lake Summer Concert Series
See page 17.

June 6
6:30 P.M.

World Oceans Day, See page 11.

June 13
10 A.M.

Coffee Days, See page 5.

June 15
9 A.M.

Maritime Adventure Camp: Voyagers
See page 12.

June 20
6 P.M.

BDS International Wine Classic, See page 9.

June 22
1 P.M.

Teacher Professional Development Workshops
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