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Third Annual Sips & Trips Event at Mariners' Museum June 22

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Sips & Trips, the premier food and wine event hosted by The Mariners' Museum and Park, returns this year. This signature experience will take place Saturday, June 22, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and offers guests a one-of-a-kind opportunity to view handwritten letters, photographs, and artifacts from USS *Monitor* and its men.

Alongside specially crafted food pairings from local restaurants and caterers, American and international wines will be featured and available for tasting throughout the Museum. Each guest will receive a commemorative beverage cup for tastings.

During this special evening, members of The Mariners' Conservation and Collections teams will showcase rarely-seen objects and artifacts as guests uncover stories behind USS *Monitor* and the famous Battle of the Ironclads.

“Within our 90,000 square feet of gallery space, only two percent of the total Collection is on display with the rest in on-site storage,” says Senior Director of Advancement Sabrina Jones. “That makes an event like Sips & Trips a vital part of expanding access to our broader community.”

Guests will voyage through USS *Monitor* gallery spaces exploring various cities and ports along the ironclad's fated journey. Destinations include:

- Gosport Navy Yard
- Washington, D.C.
- New York City
- Continental IronWorks: Greenpoint, Brooklyn
- Hampton Roads
- Craney Island
- Harrison's Landing/City Point
- Washington Landing
- Fort Monroe
- Cape Hatteras

Tickets are \$70 for guests, \$60 for Museum Members, and \$35 for nondrinkers. Purchase online at www.MarinersMuseum.org/Sips or by calling (757) 596-2222.

The Mariners' Sips & Trips is presented by [The Bronze Door Society](#), the only member-managed affinity group of The Mariners' Museum and Park. Event proceeds support the Museum's conservation and preservation efforts.

To inquire about sponsorships or to request a media interview, contact Senior Director of Advancement Sabrina Jones at sjones@MarinersMuseum.org.

The Mariners' Museum and Park connects people to the world's waters because through the water – through our shared maritime heritage – we are connected to one another. The organization is an educational, non-profit institution accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and preserves and interprets maritime history through an international collection of ship models, figureheads, paintings, and other maritime artifacts. The Mariners' Museum is home to the USS *Monitor* Center, and is surrounded by the 550-acre Mariners' Park, the largest privately maintained park open to the public in North America. The Mariners' Museum Library is the largest maritime library in the Western hemisphere. Because of the Museum's world-class collection and its reputation for high-level exhibits and programs, in 1999, the U.S. Congress designated The Mariners' Museum as one of only two maritime museums that comprise America's National Maritime Museum. The Museum galleries are open to the general public with \$1 admission, and the Mariners' team will continue to offer FREE virtual programs for those who prefer to engage online with us or through our social media platforms and blog posts. The Mariners' Park and Noland Trail is open for daily use. For additional information, visit MarinersMuseum.org, call (757) 596-2222 or write to The Mariners' Museum, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

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