



The Mariners' Sips & Trips Returns for its Fourth Year on June 28

Celebrating 250 years of the US Navy and Marine Corps with an evening of international wines, decadent food, and captivating stories



NEWPORT NEWS, VA, June 11, 2025 – [The Mariners' Sips & Trips](#), the popular food and wine soirée hosted by The Mariners' Museum and Park, returns for its fourth year. This signature after-hours experience will take place in the Museum on **Saturday, June 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** with this year's theme highlighting the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

Alongside the specially crafted menus from local restaurants and caterers, nearly 100 American and international wines will be featured and available for tasting throughout the Museum. Each guest will receive a commemorative beverage cup for tastings.

The evening's hand-picked selection of rarely-seen artifacts and objects from The Mariners' Collection illuminates pivotal moments in U.S. maritime history, inviting guests to:

- explore the sites, events, and people connected to the birthplace of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps;
- discover powerful narratives of women who served in the Navy during World War II;
- trace Newport News Shipbuilding's vital role in constructing the "Great White Fleet", a group of battleships that exemplified U.S. naval power;
- dive into the story of USS *Richmond*, a warship built at Norfolk Naval Shipyard that served valiantly in the Civil War; and
- experience the artistry of dazzle camouflage, the bold, creative technique that confused enemies in World Wars I and II.

Collections Management Specialist McAllie Givens is particularly excited about the objects and artifacts being showcased during this year's Sips & Trips. "Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy and Marine Corps allows us to display several paper-based materials like posters, telegraphs, postcards, and books related to those branches," Givens said. "These materials are light-sensitive and can only be displayed for a limited time. At this year's Sips and Trips, our community has the opportunity to access and engage with a delicate part of our Collection."

Tickets are \$75 for guests, \$60 for Museum Members, and \$35 for nondrinkers. Guests can purchase online at www.MarinersMuseum.org/Sips or by calling (757) 596-2222.

Media interested in interviews or more information about this event should 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, private 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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 owned and maintained park that is free and 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 1998, 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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