



The Mariners' Museum and Park Recognized Locally and Internationally as Best Place to Visit



Newport News, VA, July 25, 2025 - The Mariners' Museum and Park is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by Tripadvisor® and *Coastal Virginia Magazine* as a top destination for locals and traveling visitors. For the second consecutive year, The Mariners' is a Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice® Awards recipient, ranking them among the top 10 percent of listings worldwide. *Coastal Virginia Magazine's* Best of Readers' Choice Awards 2025 also designated it as best on the Peninsula across five categories:

- Best History Museum - Gold
- Best Science/Nature Museum - Silver
- Best Local Attraction - Bronze
- Best Place to Picnic - Bronze
- Best Place to Hike/Walk: The Noland Trail - Gold

Recognition for both awards is determined by public voting and feedback, showcasing the positive impact The Mariners' has on not only the local community, but also the national community and beyond. Tripadvisor bases its award on genuine feedback from visitors who left authentic, first-hand reviews on the platform over a 12-month period. *Coastal Virginia Magazine's* results arose from more than 232,000 votes cast from January 2 to March 4, 2025.

Mariners' President and CEO Howard Hoege is thrilled the institution received these accolades, noting that the positive feedback fuels The Mariners' mission to connect people to the world's waters. "Our entire Mariners' Team truly feels so grateful for the opportunity to serve our local, national, and global communities," he said. "The affirmation of our work through Tripadvisor and *Coastal Virginia Magazine* from the actual people we serve will only inspire us to keep getting better at our work."

Media interested in interviews or more information about this event should contact Senior Director of Advancement Sabrina Jones at sjones@MarinersMuseum.org.

About The Mariners' Museum and Park

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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