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on the Move

Local maritime news, events and history from the Chicago Maritime Museum



Celebrate the Holidays with the *"Christmas Ship Concert"*

Renowned folk musician, Lee Murdock, has uncovered a boundless trove of musical inspiration from the Great Lakes. His Christmas Ship song tells the true story of the schooner, Rouse Simmons, which brought Christmas trees to Chicago for years before sinking in November 1912. Despite the tragedy, the song ends on a note of renewal, recounting how the captain's widow assumed responsibility for bringing trees to Chicago by boat herself.

Join us on Sunday, December 15 starting at 3:00 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres, seasonal beverages and the concert. For reservations please call 773.376.1982 or go online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-christmas-ship-concert-tickets-83247071231>.

The cost for members is \$15 & non-members \$20. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Maritime Museum.

Volunteer of the Month

Graphic Designer Lorraine Freeman Helmsman of CMM Brand

Years ago, when CMM operations board member Lorraine Freeman was tasked to design the museum's logo, she pondered the importance of bringing together three important elements: The City of Chicago, our waterways and our history. With the eye of a seasoned graphic designer, Lorraine considered a simple, yet compelling illustration that could incorporate all three elements. A schooner passing the Chicago Harbor Light on Lake Michigan.

"The elegant four-masted schooner defined Great Lakes commercial shipping during the 19th century," says Lorraine. "The ship speaks to our maritime history, while the easily-recognized Chicago Harbor Light, stands as an iconic symbol of the city and its maritime past."

Having co-owned and managed a small advertising agency for years, Lorraine has used her skills as a graphic designer to produce compelling print advertisement for classic brands such as Yamaha and Steinway. Her keen, artistic eye has enhanced CMM branding with everything from newsletter design to signage to advertising.

In addition to her professional expertise, Lorraine is a seasoned sailor who once owned a forty-foot sailboat custom-made in Hong Kong. A longtime member of the Columbia Yacht Club, she was also the first female member of Chicago Yacht Club.

A seasoned world-traveler, Lorraine often visits local maritime museums in the cities she has visited. From Muskegon to Myanmar, she's learned that every museum has a unique story to tell.

"As a visual person, for me it's about presentation. Whether it's a naval ship museum or an exploration of commercial fishing, patrons must see and understand that focus the moment they walk through the door," says Lorraine.

Her travels have inspired CMM's strong brand message of the city's geographical, economic and cultural growth through our waterways.



In a new role, Lorraine also directs special events for the museum. She is managing the committee for CMM's first benefit gala, "Voyage through History," which will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at Columbia Yacht Club. (See more below.)

"We're hoping to establish CMM on Chicago's philanthropy radar," she says. "So many of our local foundations are supporting educational and historic outreach. In that mix, we want potential donors to recognize the value of supporting Chicago's rich maritime history, too"

If you love Chicago's maritime history, please help us tell our story. We need docents, data experts, event hosts and so much more. Please call us at 773-376-1982 if you would like to volunteer.

Executive Director Letter

We Do It with Your Support

Dear Friends of the Maritime Museum,

I know that at this time of year, you are deluged with requests for support and funds from political parties, schools, universities, and all other sorts of organizations. I know because I am too! As we approach Thanksgiving and the holidays of December, I hope that you will find some time to support the Chicago Maritime Museum. We provide a unique view of Chicago's history and how the city's character grew from its waterways. I think of the following quote of Sonia Sotomayor sometimes when I look at our exhibits:

"It is important for all of us to appreciate where we come from and how that history has really shaped us in ways that we might not understand."

While the museum is a child of three, we can look with pride at the activities of the past year, including:

- The launch of a new web site
- An active panel on Bubbly Creek attended by 155
- A holiday party and concert
- Numerous, well attended Third Friday lectures
- 175 guests for the opening of the Eastland exhibit expansion and preview of the new film (now available in our store) Eastland - Chicago's Greatest Disaster
- 800 Enthusiastic visitors over the recent Architectural Association Open House weekend
- Substantial progress in cataloguing and digitalizing the museum's large collection

All of this was made possible by your past support. Future growth and expansion (including perhaps a new, larger museum- more on this next year), including the development of new events, exhibits and lectures depend upon your continued support.

You can make a donation here:

https://donorbox.org/support-the-chicago-maritime-museum?fbclid=IwAR2iW5gqH-QG_9G6RE3-rEbhLmK9L-mMIHAiOSPDBPgVXxoueCTuitUk2bLg

With thanks for your continued support,

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Kellogg Fairbank
Executive Director





Cargo-hauling W.C. Kimball Discovered

Lake Michigan shipwreck from 1891 could be world's most intact wooden schooner ever found.

Read more here:

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/11/lake-michigan-shipwreck-could-be-worlds-most-intact-wooden-schooner-ever-found.html>

The Chicago Maritime Museum is Now Open on Sundays!

Check out our new hours and admissions fees here:

Open hours:

Wednesday-Sunday 10am-4pm

Admission:

Adults- \$10

Students (with valid I.D.)- \$5

Senior 65+- \$5

Children 12 and under- Free

Military & teachers (with valid I.D.)- Free

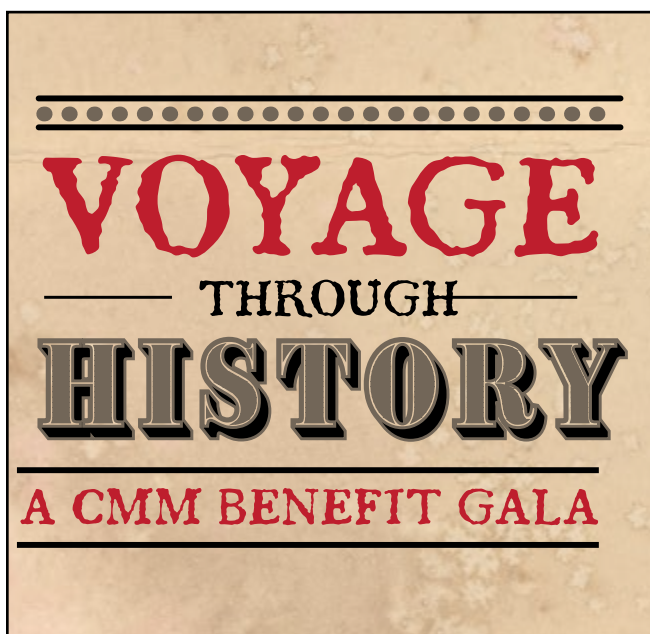
CMM Members- Free

**Entrance and Free Parking
on North Side of Building**



Facebook billionaires are changing the world of philanthropy. Read more here:

<https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/home/2019/11/22/status-update-how-facebooks-billionaires-are-changing-the-world-of-philanthropy>



"Voyage Through History" Gala Scheduled for April 30, 2020

Please save the date for CMM's first gala benefit. Our special events committee is busy working on Voyage through History, which will take place on Thursday, April 30 at Columbia Yacht Club. A festive fundraiser, the event will support CMM's expansion efforts through ticket sales, auctions, and advertising. More details to come.

Curator's Corner by Dylan Hoffmann



Chicago Maritime Museum Research Library

The Chicago Maritime Museum library is a collection of 5,500 books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets and maps relating to maritime history. Research and publications are essential to the Chicago Maritime Museum's mission. Original research for publications, lectures, academic conferences and educational programs are encouraged.

Highlights of the library collection include books on canoeing and the history of canoes, an Eastland Disaster research collection and guides to boat building and boat repair. Access to the research library is granted to museum patrons from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.



Harmful Algae Killing Great Lakes Fish

Algae-fueled dead zones in the Lake Erie are eroding livelihoods. Read more here:

https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/environment/great-lakes/ct-lake-erie-cmate-change-fish-20191114-rrkalm3kija2xhd4vjdoqg3ao4-story.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y1qT4-tQc7gA15F1G_9Hj6K50uDKq2F9WZInrWK-b3r6TwedAmdOTNXY

Don't Forget to Keep Your Membership Current

If you enjoyed all the benefits of your 2019 CMM membership – Third Friday maritime speakers, Eastland Disaster film preview, seminar on Bubbly Creek restoration, free and discounted maritime merch, and so much more -- now is the time to renew. Renew before the end of the year and receive a free maritime t-shirt, which may be picked up at the museum during your next visit.

If you are unsure if your membership needs to be renewed either contact us at 773-376-1982 or go to the Join Us page on our website at <https://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/support-us.html>



*Making your way to the
Chicago Maritime Museum!*

MARITIME EVENT CALENDAR

Check out local maritime events at the Chicago Maritime Museum website calendar page:

<http://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/events/month/>

Submit maritime events in the Chicagoland area to Mary Ann O'Rourke at maorourke@ameritech.net.

We hope you've enjoyed our monthly e-newsletter, On the Move.

If you have a Chicago maritime story idea please

forward it to maorourke@ameritech.net.

