

**Council of American Maritime Museums
Annual Conference Program
Los Angeles Maritime Museum**

Sunday, April 12, 2015 (*Museum open from 10am – 5pm*)

7:00pm *Unfurling The World: The Voyages of Irving and Electa Johnson*, 77-minute film, hosted by Steve White, President, Mystic Seaport. (Shown at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Salon A)

Monday, April 13, 2015 (*all activities at Museum unless indicated*)

7:30 – 8:45am Check in and Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00am Welcome and Announcements – Dave Pearson, CAMM President

9:00 – 10:00am “Overcoming Disaster: Rebuilding the Maritime and Seafood Museum after Hurricane Katrina”

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in Biloxi, Mississippi, washing away artifacts and leaving only a portion of the building intact. This session will document the rebuilding of the Museum and the establishment of a new collection featuring the schooner *Nydia*.

Chair: Daria Pizzetta, Partner, H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture

Panelists: Ariel Fausto, Partner, H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture and Robin Krohn-David, Executive Director, Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

10:00 – 11:00am “Show me the Money: New Exhibits and Their Impact”

The National Museum of the Great Lakes opened in April, 2014. Executive Director Chris Gillcrist will discuss the impact of a new facility in categories such as membership, annual fund campaigns, capital campaigns, and special event fundraising.

Presenter: Chris Gillcrist, Executive Director, National Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes & Great Lakes Historical Society, Toledo, Ohio

11:00 – 11:15am Break

11:15am – 12:15pm “*Kalmar Nyckel*: A 17th-Century Ship with a 21st-Century Mission and a New Maritime Center”

Kalmar Nyckel is the full-scale and faithful re-creation of Peter Minuit’s original flagship that founded the colony of New Sweden on the Delaware River. With the opening of the new Copeland Maritime Center, the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation is able to offer a year-round destination and education center. This session will explain how the *Kalmar Nyckel* is being transformed into a “Tall Ship with a Broad Reach.”

Presenter: Samuel W. Heed, Senior Historian and Director of Education, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, Wilmington, Delaware

12:15 – 1:30pm Lunch (*served at the Museum*)

1:30 – 3:00pm “*Charles W. Morgan* 38th Voyage: Restoration and Collaboration”

The 38th Voyage of the whaling bark *Charles W. Morgan* was a success largely due to the tremendous collaboration between museums, marine science organizations, municipal governments, port authorities, and educational institutions. Additionally, the voyage pulled together a number of institutions as a result of the whaleboat project and the 38th Voyager program. The panel will detail how the partnerships worked, the commitments that each made to the Voyage, and how critical effective collaboration was to the overall success of the Voyage.

Chair: Steve White, President, Mystic Seaport, Mystic Connecticut

Panelists: Dana Hewson, Vice President for Watercraft Preservation and Programs, Mystic Seaport; James Russell, President, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Massachusetts; Kurt Voss, 38th Voyage Marine Ops Manager and independent consultant; Robert Schwemmer, West Coast Region Maritime Heritage Coordinator, NOAA

3:00 – 4:00pm Updates and News from Maritime Museums

4:00 – 5:00pm Free time

5:00 – 7:00pm Opening Reception on board *Triumphant* for a narrated cruise of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. (*Guests board at the downtown harbor, north of the Museum. Refreshments included.*)

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 (*all activities at Museum unless indicated*)

7:30 – 8:45am Check in and Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00am Welcome and Announcements – Dave Pearson, CAMM President

9:00 – 10:00am “Two 1849 Gold Rush Journals at the Smithsonian”

The Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History possesses two Gold Rush-era journals. Though both journal keepers left the East Coast in January of 1849, their journeys, time spent in California, and subsequent lives were very different.

Presenter: Paul F. Johnston, Curator of Maritime History, Smithsonian American History Museum, Washington, D.C.

10:00 – 11:00am “Ranking Historic Ships”

This session will invite discussion as what CAMM can do to help ensure that ships of great historic significance get the necessary recognition for successful fund-raising on the national stage by creating a “Top 10 List” of vessels based on historic significance.

Chair: John Brady, President & CEO, Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Panelists: Ray Ashley, Director/CEO, Maritime Museum of San Diego; Paul DeOrsay, Past President, CAMM; Kurt Voss, 38th Voyage Marine Operations Manager and independent consultant; and Dana Hewson, Vice President for Watercraft Preservation and Programs, Mystic Seaport

11:00 – 11:15am Break

11:15am – 12:15pm “Connected by Sea”

The Australian National Maritime Museum’s USA Programs were established in 1988 through a Bicentennial gift to the people of Australia from the people of the United States. The presentation will review the history of the

programs and profile recent, future, and prospective projects including travelling exhibits and collaborative projects.

Presenter: Richard Wood, Manager, USA Programs and Gallery, Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, Australia.

12:30 – 2:00pm Lunch in the wardroom of battleship *Iowa* (*the USS Iowa is within walking distance of the Museum*)

2:00 – 3:00pm CAMM Annual Meeting (Wardroom, USS *Iowa*)

3:00 – 3:15pm Attendees return to the Maritime Museum

3:15 – 4:15pm “Maritime Museums in the 21st Century”

What does it mean to be a maritime museum in the 21st century? How are the changing needs and expectations of diverse audiences affecting the ways in which maritime museums fulfill our programmatic and curatorial missions? Wisconsin Maritime Museum addresses these issues via a case study bridging three legitimate but often competing parts of its mission: the submarine USS *Cobia*, Great Lakes maritime history, and Great Lakes environmental education.

Presenter: Rolf E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

4:15 – 6:00pm Break

6:00 – 7:00 pm Trolley shuttles guests between Crowne Plaza Hotel and Los Angeles Yacht Club

6:00 – 9:00pm Closing Dinner at Los Angeles Yacht Club. (Cocktails 6:00-7:00 pm, Dinner served 7:00 pm) Yacht Club is located at 285 Whalers Walk, San Pedro, CA 90731 (behind the Doubletree Hotel)

9:00 – 10:00pm Trolley shuttles guests between Yacht Club and Crowne Plaza Hotel

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

9:00am – 3:00pm Optional Field Trip to Huntington Library, San Marino (*Board charter bus from Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9:00am, return to hotel at approximately 3:00pm*)