

11th Maritime Heritage Conference
45th Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships
55th Annual Meeting of the National Maritime Historical Society &
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The **11th Maritime Heritage Conference**, the **45th Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships**, the **55th Annual Meeting of the National Maritime Historical Society** and the **82nd Annual Meeting of the Steamship Historical Society of America** will come together for an information-packed joint conference encompassing a broad array of topics this coming February 14-17, 2018 in the historic port city of New Orleans.

The Maritime Heritage Conference, last held in 2014, brings together individuals and institutions of the maritime heritage community to discuss topics of common interest. Tall Ships America's Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships is held annually and has earned a reputation for its high take-away value, networking opportunities, and camaraderie. Join as many as 500 of your fellow maritime enthusiasts from the National Maritime Alliance, Tall Ships America, the National Maritime Historical Society, the Steamship Historical Society of America, the Council of American Maritime Museums, the Historic Naval Ships Association, the North American Society for Oceanic History, the US Lighthouse Society and so many others!

For more information and to register today, please visit the [Maritime Heritage Conference Page](http://www.sailtraining.org/events/conference/Conference2018.php) (at www.sailtraining.org/events/conference/Conference2018.php), where you'll also find up to date information on the [Conference Schedule](#), [Accommodations](#), [Sponsorship Opportunities](#), and the [Call for Presenters and Guidelines](#).

REGISTRATION

The full conference price is \$395 per person, which includes all sessions, continental breakfasts, coffee breaks & lunches (February 15-17), the Saturday Gala Awards Dinner (February 17), and all meeting materials. There are also individual day options. The full Conference price increases to \$495 per person after December 15, 2017. **Register today by clicking [HERE](#)**. [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 are encouraged and will be formally recognized.

Note that all cancellations must be in writing; email is acceptable. Substitutions are accepted at any time, but must also be requested in writing. Cancellations will be refunded up until 5:00 PM EST December 31, 2017 minus a \$50 cancellation fee. After December 31, 2017, no refunds will be issued.

[ACCOMODATIONS](#)

The conference venue is the beautiful New Orleans Marriott in the French Quarter – 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. A block of rooms has been set aside for conference attendees at the special rate of \$164 per night (plus tax) for the nights of February 14-17, 2018. Rooms will be held at this rate, while available, until **January 22, 2018**. Click [HERE](#) to book your room using the Conference Passkey, or call (504) 581-1000 and provide the discount code “MHC.” Should the block of rooms be filled, we will make every effort to block additional rooms at the above rate, however that may not be possible and we recommend you book as early as possible!

[CALL FOR PRESENTERS](#)

Please see the 11th Maritime Heritage Conference page for the [Call for Presenters & Guidelines](#) page, which includes details on conference topics as well as information on focus sessions, maritime heritage papers, the application process, deadlines and the selection process, and presenter policies. Individual paper and session proposals should include a one-page abstract and a one-page biographical statement about each presenter emailed to Dr. David Winkler and Jonathan Kabak at: proposalsmhc@gmail.com. The deadline for papers and session proposals is **December 1, 2017**.

Topics and focus sessions include, but are not limited to: Maritime and Naval History · Maritime Art, Literature, and Music · Education and Preservation · Underwater Archaeology · Trade and Communications · Maritime Libraries, Archives, and Museums · Marine Science and Ocean Conservation · Historic Vessel Restoration · Maritime Heritage Grant Program · Maritime Landscapes · National Marine Sanctuaries · Inland Waters · Commerce and Seaport Operations · Small Craft · Shipbuilding · Marine Protected Areas · Crew and Staff Training and Development · Tall Ships, Sail Training, and Education Under Sail · Vessel Operations and Safety · Tall Ships® Events and Host Ports · Not-for-Profit Administration · Fund Development · Media and Publications · Marketing and Social Media

Don't miss this unique opportunity to gather with individuals from all segments of the maritime community! [Register Today](#), email nmhs@seahistory.org or call (914) 737-7878 Ext. 0 with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

The National Maritime Alliance was established in 1988 as a non-profit organization to promote America's maritime heritage. The Alliance serves as an umbrella organization to represent the interests of all segments of the maritime heritage community. A principal goal is to bring together members of that community to work toward the shared objective of increased public support for America's maritime heritage. It led the effort to create the National Maritime Heritage Act (1994). Advocacy efforts recently secured \$9.5 million for the national maritime heritage grant program provided for in the Act, and administered by the National Park Service. The Maritime Heritage Conferences are organized by the National Maritime Alliance and partners.

