



THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN MARITIME MUSEUMS

## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

### **I. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

To become a Full Member of CAMM, an institution must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a maritime museum or museum with significant maritime collections, located within the United States and holding 501(c)(3) status, or museum with significant maritime collections, located outside the United States and meeting all requirements of Sec. 170(c)(2), [except Sec. 170(c)(2)(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.];
2. Be open to the general public on a regular basis for a minimum of 120 days per year, for at least two years from the time of nomination;
3. Be an institution which abides by CAMM By-laws and Code of Ethics, the policies of AAM, the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Heritage 2001. (See [www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/join-us](http://www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/join-us) for copies of these documents.)

### **II. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

To become an affiliate member of CAMM, an institution must meet the following criteria:

1. Museums with maritime collections which are not predominantly 'maritime museums' or which do not qualify for full membership;
2. Emerging maritime museums, as a preliminary to full membership;
3. Historic vessels, lighthouses, or lifesaving stations;
4. Maritime preservation societies;
5. Oceanographic, marine biological, and scientific organizations with historical interests harmonious with the maritime preservation interests of CAMM;
6. Accredited educational entities regularly engaged in fields related to maritime preservation;
7. Maritime museums and preservation institutions elsewhere in the Americas and outside the United States;
8. Publishers.

### III. INDIVIDUAL AND STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The CAMM welcomes individuals and students of maritime history to join the North American maritime museum community and attend our annual conferences. Individual and student members receive a CAMM reciprocal admissions card, which entitles them to free admission at all CAMM member institutions. Applicants for individual or student membership should complete [the appropriate form](#). Students should include a copy of their current student ID badge.

#### Membership Dues:

Dues for full and affiliate members are \$175 per year. Dues for individual membership are \$75 per year; for students, \$25 per year.

**Application for Affiliate and Institutional Membership** *(Please note that not all questions are relevant to all applicants, answer all that are applicable to your organization or institution.)*

Name of Applicant Institution:

Street Address:

Phone:

Email:

Web Address:

Name and Title of Director or Chief Executive Officer :

Person, title (and contact information) to whom correspondence concerning application should be directed:

The guidelines for Membership in the Council of American Maritime Museums state:

*An applicant must be an organization concerned essentially with the preservation and interpretation of maritime history and technology. Primary source material including original works of art, half models, photographs and films, manuscripts, prints, drawings, maps, vessels and small craft, artifacts, and rare books are suitable collections for members.*

Type of Institution:

Staff Nos.

Professional:

Volunteer:

Type of Primary Support:

Hours:

Admission Fees:

Institutional Mission:

How does the institution fulfill its mission?

**PERMANENT COLLECTION(S)**

Approximate Size:

Description of Collection(s):

Significance of Collection:

Number and Type of Vessels:

Current & Ongoing Projects:

Does the institution have legal title of ownership to artifacts and documents in the collection?

Does the institution abide by the CAMM By-laws and Code of Ethics, the policies of AAM, and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Heritage 2001? (See [www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/join-us](http://www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/join-us) for copies of these documents.)

## **TYPE OF INSTALLATION/BUILDING(S)**

Fixed:

Changing:

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Does your institution offer special exhibits from sources other than its permanent collection?

What kind and how often?

Do you regularly sponsor other programs within the institution? Lectures?  
Concerts? Other?

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Does your institution offer interpretive tours or classes?

by special appointment?

for adults?

for children?

Is there space in your institution for group programs?

Size of space?

Hours of availability?

## **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Does your institution have an archive or library that is open to non-staff researchers?

Does your institution have an internship program? Please describe:

The following must be included with this application:

\_\_\_\_\_Proof of tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or if a government institution the statute, public law, or other legislation or directive establishing the institution.

\_\_\_\_\_Statement of proof of ownership of collection or a sample deed of gift.

\_\_\_\_\_By-Laws, policy statement, collections policy, or other proof that the institution abides by the policies of the CAMM, AAM, and UNESCO (documents are downloadable at [www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org](http://www.councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org)). Please provide documentation that this compliance has been approved by the institution's Board of Trustees or equivalent governing council. (You are welcome to use the attachment "Endorsement of CAMM Archaeological Standards" as your template.) If you have questions, please contact the CAMM Membership Chair.

\_\_\_\_\_An application fee in the amount of USD \$175, payable by check to "CAMM."

Please forward any additional information on your institution that could be helpful in determining your eligibility including brochures, pamphlets, annual reports or other descriptive material.

Application for full membership generally includes an on-site inspection by representatives of the Council. Upon preliminary acceptance of the written application, the Council's Membership Chairman will contact you to arrange for this visit.

**Please print completed form and mail to:**

Pete Leshner, CAMM Vice President & Membership Chair  
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum  
213 N. Talbot St.  
St Michaels, MD 21663-2103

**Or email the form (with scanned attachments) to:**

[pllesher@cbmm.org](mailto:pllesher@cbmm.org)

