

# COUNCIL OF AMERICAN MARITIME MUSEUMS

## Annual Conference

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Proudly hosted by the  
Pensacola Lighthouse  
& Maritime Museum

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*Pensacola, Florida*

2025

APRIL 9TH 2025 - APRIL 11TH 2025



# HOTEL BLOCKS

Thank you to all of the hotels who partnered with us.  
Group rate links can be found at:  
[councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/annual-conference](http://councilofamericanmaritimemuseums.org/annual-conference)

## **LILY HALL**

415 N Alcaniz St, Pensacola, FL 32501

## **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN**

101 East Main Street Pensacola, FL 32502

## **COURTYARD PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN**

700 East Chase Street Pensacola, FL 32502

## **RESIDENCE INN PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN**

601 E. Chase Street Pensacola, FL 32502

## **HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON GULF BREEZE**

940 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

## **THE PENSACOLA BEACH RESORT**

165 Fort Pickens Road, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561





# PRE-CONFERENCE

Optional events happening in Pensacola  
pre-conference on April 8, 2025.

## BLUE ANGELS PRACTICE

The Pensacola Lighthouse is closed for private Blue Angels practice viewings during select practices throughout the show season. On Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 10:30 AM, there will be a scheduled practice, and the Pensacola Lighthouse team is offering exclusive access to CAMM conference guests.


If you're arriving early for the conference and would like to attend the practice from the top of the tower, please email [admin@pensacolalighthouse.org](mailto:admin@pensacolalighthouse.org) to reserve your spot. Capacity is limited to 15 people, and admission is free.

## PADDLE PUB

We've partnered with Pensacola Paddle Pub to offer a 45% discount per seat or per 2-hour tour with the code: LIGHTHOUSE45. Set sail on a fun and exciting adventure through the stunning waters of Pensacola with Paddle Pub. Our lively party boat tours take you through the heart of the Emerald Coast, offering breathtaking views of Pensacola Beach and the iconic Fort Pickens. Enjoy the vibrant nightlife at Seville Quarter and the serene beauty of Quietwater Beach.

## THE DISTRICT

Join us for a pre-conference social at The District's upstairs lounge on April 8, 2025. Located at 123 E Government St, Pensacola, FL 32502 in the heart of Seville Quarter, this event offers a great opportunity to network and mingle before the conference. Afterward, feel free to stroll across to explore the area's various jazz bars. Guests will be responsible for their own drinks.



# DAY 1 MORNING

## **Morning Location:**

J Earl Bowden Building Classroom 1  
120 Church St, Pensacola, FL 32502

### **8:00AM - 8:45AM**

Registration + Breakfast

### **8:45AM - 9:15AM**

Welcome + Annoucements

### **9:15AM - 9:45AM**

***Charting New Waters: Promoting  
Northwest Florida Maritime Museums  
through a Harmonized and Integrated  
Approach***

Sorna Khakzad-Knight, Michael Thomin, & Jess  
Cragg, Northwest Florida Maritime Landscape  
Alliance for Preservation, Inc

### **9:45AM - 10:15AM**

***Anchoring the Future: Education,  
Collaboration, and Community at the  
University of West Florida***

Christina L. Bolte & Jordan St. Croix, University  
of West Florida

### **10:15AM - 11:15AM**

***What the Canoes Can Teach Us: Unlocking  
the wisdom of ancient canoes***

Stormy Hamar & Jason Rucker, Haida Canoe  
Revitalization Group

# DAY 1 LUNCH

## **Lunch Location:**

Mustin Beach Club  
960 Radford Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32508

## **11:15AM - 11:45AM**

Travel time to lunch location.

## **11:45AM - 1:00PM**

Lunch

## **1:00PM - 1:15PM**

Travel time to Naval Aviation Museum.

## **Menu**

TBD

## **Transportation Information**

Trolley transportation will be provided to and from events at the Naval Air Station. Boarding is at Bowden Classroom 1 at 11:15 AM for lunch on base, with a 1:00 PM departure to the Naval Aviation Museum for Day 1 speakers.

If driving yourself, enter through the West Gate on Blue Angel Parkway. Civilian visitors must exit by 4:00 PM and cannot stay for the cocktail hour and dinner at the lighthouse.

# DAY 1 AFTERNOON

## **Afternoon Location:**

National Naval Aviation Museum  
1750 Radford Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32508

### **1:15PM - 1:45PM**

***Illuminating the Past: Utilizing New Technologies in the Documentation of Historic Lighthouses for the National Parks Service***

Avery Dunavant, National Parks Service  
Heritage Documentation Program

### **1:45PM - 2:15PM**

***Giving Context Back to Orphaned Shipwreck Artifacts***

Kevin Cullen, Wisconsin Maritime Museum

### **2:15PM - 2:45PM**

***A Guide to Repairing Harmful Language in our Catalogs***

Cipperly Good, Penobscot Marine Museum

### **2:45PM - 3:15PM**

***Mariners Hall: Overseeing a major capital project from ideation through construction***

Bruce Jones, Jeff Smith, & Caroline Wuebben,  
Columbia River Maritime Museum

### **3:15PM - 4:15PM**

***Modern Approaches to Legacy Resources***

Sarah Winner & Bryan Herling, SEARCH (Southeastern Archaeological Research)

# DAY 1 EVENING

## **Social Location:**

Pensacola Lighthouse & Maritime Museum  
2081 Radford Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32508

### **4:15PM - 4:25PM**

Travel time to Pensacola Lighthouse

### **4:25PM - 5:30PM**

Climb the Pensacola Lighthouse and explore the three story Maritime Museum.

### **5:30PM - 7:30PM**

Enjoy a island themed dinner and cocktails.

## **Menu**

Hawaiian TBD

## **Transportation Information**

The cocktail hour and dinner at the lighthouse following the final Day 1 speaker are exclusively available to those who took the trolley, as this portion is included in the conference ticket. Attendees who chose to drive themselves must exit the base by 4:00 PM per base regulations and will not have access to this event.

# DAY 2 MORNING

## **Morning Location:**

J Earl Bowden Building Classroom 1  
120 Church St, Pensacola, FL 32502

**8:00AM - 8:45AM**

Registration + Breakfast

**8:45AM - 9:00AM**

Welcome + Annoucements

**9:00AM - 10:00AM**

***Pull Together: The National Partnership  
We All Need***

Catherine Green, National Maritime Historical  
Society

**10:00AM - 10:30AM**

***Your Museum, Your Community:  
Welcoming in Community-Centered  
Interpretation***

Jill Ferris & Jen Dolde, Chesapeake Bay  
Maritime Museum

**10:30AM - 10:45AM**

Coffee Break

**10:45AM - 11:45AM**

***Traveling Exhibits- Sharing Our Knowledge  
and Expertise***

Greg Gorga, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum,  
Jeff Smith, Columbia River Maritime Museum, &  
Susan Sirota, National Maritime Historical Society

# DAY 2 LUNCH

## **Lunch Location:**

Voices of Pensacola

117 E Government St, Pensacola, FL 32502

## **11:45AM - 1:00PM**

Travel time to lunch location.

## **Menu**

TBD

## **Transportation Information**

The lunch location is within walking distance of Bowden Classroom 1.

Transportation will not be provided. Staff from the Pensacola Lighthouse & Maritime Museum will be available to guide you to the Voices of Pensacola building.

The Voices of Pensacola is within walking distance of most museums in the area. You are welcome to take your lunch to go and enjoy it in the museum plaza. Your conference badge grants you free admission to the museums operated by the Historic Trust. A map of museum locations is included in the program.

# DAY 2 AFTERNOON

## **Afternoon Location:**

J Earl Bowden Building Classroom 1  
120 Church St, Pensacola, FL 32502

**1:00PM - 2:00PM**

***WhalingHistory.org: Partnering Up to Connect the Public to Historical Data and Collections***

Michael Harrison, Nantucket Historical Association & Michael Dyer, Mystic Seaport Museum

**2:00PM - 2:30PM**

***Death of the Gala: Fundraising in a New Era***

Carrie Sowden, National Museum of the Great Lakes

**2:30PM - 2:45PM**

***Break***

**2:45PM - 3:15PM**

***Teaching on a Boat: Experiential Learning and Program Engagement at Calvert Marine Museum***

Erin Moss, Sabrina Riley, Shayna Zabiegalski, & Alice Merkel, Calvert Marine Museum

**3:15PM - 3:45PM**

***Ice Ship to Calcutta: Captain Pritchard and the Ultimate Ephemera***

Graham McKay & Bethany Groff Dorau, Lowell's Boat Shop

**3:45PM - 4:15PM**

***What's Next for the Nuclear Ship Savannah?***

Erhard Koehler, Maritime Administration

# DAY 2 EVENING

## **Afternoon Location:**

Cocktail Hour

330 S Jefferson St, Pensacola, FL 32502

Dinner

201 Zaragoza St, Pensacola, FL 32502

## **4:15PM - 5:15PM**

### ***Trader Jon's Exhibit Cocktail Hour***

*Join us for a lively cocktail hour at the legendary Trader Jon's. Nestled inside the Pensacola Museum of History, this memorabilia-filled space sets the stage for an unforgettable evening of drinks, laughter, and exploration. With the museum closed to the public, you'll have exclusive access to wander and discover its treasures. Cheers to history, adventure, and great company!*

## **5:30PM - 7:30PM**

### ***Museum of Commerce Dinner***

Step back in time for a unique dining experience at the Museum of Commerce! Surrounded by charming 1890s storefronts and historic artifacts, you'll enjoy a meal in a setting that brings history to life.

## **After Dinner Optional Activity**

### ***Seville Quarter***

Keep the conference vibes going with a night of music, laughter, and pure fun at Rosie O'Grady's Dueling Piano Show! Known for its high-energy performances, incredible talent, and top-notch service, this is Pensacola's ultimate entertainment experience. Grab a drink, sing along, and let loose with colleagues as the pianos duel and the good times roll!

# DAY 3 MORNING

## **Morning Location:**

Florida Public Archaeology Network Classroom  
207 E Main St, Pensacola, FL 32502

### **8:00AM - 9:00AM**

Registration + Breakfast + Annoucements

### **9:00AM - 9:30AM**

***Beacons Of Light In Your Own Backyard:  
Connecting Diverse Communities Through  
the History of the Maritime Underground  
Railroad***

Kathryne Peterson & Sam Heed, Kalmar Nyckel  
Foundation

### **9:30AM - 10:00AM**

***Keeping the Lilac: Revitalizing America's  
Oldest Lighthouse Tender***

Mary Habstritt, Lilac Preservation Project

### **10:00AM - 10:30AM**

***Opportunities, Errors, and Successes: A  
New York City Capital Projects Story***

Martina Caruso & Jonathan Bouleware, South  
Street Seaport Museum

### **10:30AM - 11:30AM**

***The Mariners' Museum and Park  
A Beacon for Information Sharing***

Jennifer Anielski

***Shining Light on Collections, Access and  
Visible Spaces***

Erika Ellis

***Shining a Light on Exploration Through  
Images in Rare Books***

Jennifer Anielski & Erika Ellis

***A Beacon of Engagement: Creating Impact in  
the Community***

Jennifer Anielski & Erika Ellis

# DAY 3 LUNCH

## **Lunch Location:**

The Fish House Deck  
600 S Barracks St, Pensacola, FL 32502

**11:45AM - 1:00PM**

Lunch

## **Menu**

Enjoy a relaxing lunch on the beautiful deck of The Fish House, overlooking the water and serving up Gulf Coast classics. The menu will highlight fresh seafood and shellfish, bringing the best flavors of the region to your plate. If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, please contact the Pensacola Lighthouse team in advance, and we'll be happy to accommodate your needs.

## **Post-Lunch**

If you're not attending the afternoon annual meeting and museum updates, feel free to relax and enjoy the deck, which is reserved for CAMM guests until 3 PM.

## **Transportation**

The Fish House is within walking distance of the FPAN classroom, so transportation will not be provided. If you prefer to drive instead of walk, please note that the parking lot directly in front of The Fish House is free.

# DAY 3 AFTERNOON

## **Afternoon Location:**

Florida Public Archaeology Network Classroom  
207 E Main St, Pensacola, FL 32502

### **1:00PM - 2:00PM**

Annual Meeting

### **2:00PM - 3:00PM**

Museum Updates

## **Post Speaker Optional Activities**

### ***Kayak Tours***

- Max 15 participants, advance registration with Pensacola Lighthouse Team
- Explore the Gulf Coast by kayak and learn about Pensacola's maritime history

### ***Museum Exhibits***

- FPAN Museum: Free post-conference
- Museum of Art, Museum of Industry, Pensacola Museum of History, Pensacola Children's Museum: Free for conference guests (must show badge)

### ***Paint the Lighthouse***

- Partnered with Painting with a Twist for a "Paint the Lighthouse" class
- Max 15 participants, advance registration with Pensacola Lighthouse Team

# DAY 3 EVENING

## **Dinner Location:**

Seleven Palafox

511 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32501

**6:00PM - 8:00PM**

End of Conference Banquet

## **Menu**

***TBD***

## **Transportation**

This venue is located downtown, within walking distance of several hotels on the room block list. Ubers and Lyfts are familiar with the area and provide convenient access. If you prefer to drive, there are numerous paid parking lots nearby.



# POST-CONFERENCE

Optional post-conference events happening in  
Pensacola April 12-April 13, 2025.

## **REGETTA**

*Information Pending*

## **CITY FERRY PASS**

*Information Pending*

## **BLUE WAHOOS**

*Information Pending*





Dear CAMM Conference Guests,

On behalf of the Pensacola Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for visiting us during the Council of American Maritime Museums Annual Conference. It was an honor to welcome you to Pensacola and share our rich maritime history with fellow stewards of our nation's seafaring heritage.

As an institution dedicated to "Preserving the Past to Enlighten our Future," we were thrilled to connect with professionals who share our passion for maritime history and preservation. We hope you enjoyed exploring our historic lighthouse, learning about Pensacola's deep naval and maritime roots, and experiencing the beauty of the Gulf Coast.

A special token of gratitude goes out to all of the local businesses, nonprofits, staff, and volunteers who helped make this entire conference possible. Your dedication and hard work ensured a meaningful and memorable experience for all, and we deeply appreciate your support.

Your commitment to preserving maritime heritage inspires us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be part of this year's conference. Thank you again for including us in your experience—we look forward to seeing you again and continuing to work together in celebrating and safeguarding our shared history.

Safe travels and fair winds!

**The Pensacola Lighthouse & Maritime Museum Team**