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**ALMA SAILS**

The park’s 1891 scow schooner received a new centerboard this winter, and will be putting it to good use visiting ports around the Bay. Alma will be on display at the Sail Expo in Jack London Square April 14-16, and participate in both the Berkeley Bay Festival (4/17) and Petaluma Butter and Eggs Days (April 23-25). Look for her to sail by the competition in the Master Mariner’s Regatta (4/29), then appear in the Master Mariner’s Boat Show, June 26-27.

**GRACE QUAN MAIDEN VOYAGE**

The traditional Chinese junk boat Grace Quan (at right), built by volunteers and park staff at China Camp State Park last fall, will set sail at 11am on Saturday, April 10. This 40-foot wooden vessel celebrates the men and boats of the San Francisco Bay Chinese shrimping fleet, an integral and under-remembered chapter of Bay Area history. Join us for music, tea, lion dancing, and a chance to see this community favorite raise sail and return to her heritage on San Francisco Bay.

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Join a Park Ranger on a Chinese Cannery Workers’ tour aboard Balclutha.

**4 Boatload of Maritime Activities for Children**

Sailors’ crafts, traditional music and a shipshape Junior Ranger Program — it may be fun for all ages, but this stuff is strictly for kids!
Chinese Workers’ Role in Maritime History

We reserve the month of May each year to highlight Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who contributed to the maritime trades.

You might know already that Chinese labor helped to build the Transcontinental Railroad across the United States. But you might not know that another employer of large numbers of Chinese was the canned salmon industry. Often exploited in the poorest-paid and most difficult jobs, the Chinese worker was still better off than in his homeland. There, tenent farming, failed crops, food shortages, and political upheaval were not uncommon.

The Chinese Cannery Workers tour on May 9th and 30th focuses on Chinese cannery workers whose work resulted in millions of pounds of canned salmon going to market each year from the late 1800s to the early 1900s under one of the largest salmon canning operations in the world, the Alaska Packers Association.

Chinese Cannery Workers, May 9 and 30, at 3:00pm aboard the Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier.

By Carol Kiser, Park Ranger, SF Maritime National Historical Park

National Park Passes

$50.00 admits pass-holder and all passengers in a private vehicle to national parks with an entrance fee. Valid for one year from date of purchase.

$10.00 Lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 years or older.

Free Lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents that are permanently disabled.

Coming Soon! Watch for the San Francisco Maritime NHP Annual Pass.

Boarding Pass (Entrance Fee For Historic Vessels): $5.00

Free for supervised children under 17. Free with National Parks Pass or Golden Pass (Age 80 or Access).

Reservations/Permits

Reservations for school groups and other educational groups must be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. At least one month’s notice and application for Special Use Permits is required. Filming permits are arranged on an individual basis.

Contact Information

General Park Information: 415-447-5000
Maritime Store: 415-775-2665
Maritime Library: 415-561-7030

USP Pampino co.: 415-775-1943
Park Website: www.nps.gov/safr
Association Website: www.maritime.org

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

Established in 1988, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park encompasses only 34 acres, but contains the most national historic landmarks of any unit in the National Park Service. In addition to the fleet of ships at Hyde Street Pier, the park includes the Aquatic Park Historic District (Maritime Museum, urban beach, picnic area and looce ball courts), a Visitor Center and a research library (in Fort Mason Center).

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Online Research

Over 19,000 catalog records of Park museum objects and archival collections can be accessed on the National Park Service Web Catalog (www.museum.nps.gov). Brief entries provide the object name (or collection title), catalog number and a digital image (when available). The Park’s library collections can be searched as part of the NPS library catalog (www.library.nps.gov). The Park has also uploaded a number of finding aids (guides to collections) to the Online Archive of California database (www.oac.cdlib.org/), which provides access to finding aids posted by all California repositories.

Visitor Information

Dates and Hours of Operation
Hyde Street Pier, located at Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30am-5:00pm – last entry at 4:30pm (October 2-May 30), and 9:30am-3:00pm – last entry at 2pm (Memorial Day-October 1). The Maritime Museum (Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building), located on Beach Street at the foot of Polk Street, is open 10:00am-5:00pm, year-round. The Visitor Center, located at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30am-5:00pm (October 2-May 30), and 9:30am-7:00pm (Memorial Day-October 1). The Maritime Library, located on the third floor of Bldg. E in Fort Mason Center (auto entrance at Buchanan Street and Marina Blvd), is open 1:00pm-8:00pm Tuesdays, 1:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday-Friday, and 10:00am-5:00pm Saturdays.

No-Fee Areas
Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, Aquatic Park Historic District (including the Maritime Museum) and the Maritime Library (Fort Mason Center).

Scuttlebutt

CA PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park will play a prominent role in the 29th Annual California Preservation Conference, hosted by Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The conference, April 28-May 1, 2004, will bring together professionals, academics, and others interested in preservation from throughout the state. Educational sessions and workshops throughout the city will focus on architectural history, cultural landscapes, heritage tourism, preservation law, and planning.

The conference will be an opportunity for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park to share its resources with the California preservation community. The setting as well as several sessions will highlight both buildings and ships within the park. For more information - www.californiapreservation.org

TOURS OF LUMBER SCHOONER C. A. THAYER

The Park invites the public into a giant seaplane hanger at Alameda Point, Alameda, for a Ranger-led observation of the restoration of the Park’s landmark schooner C.A. Thayer. In addition to watching the meticulous “de-construction” of this 109-year-old vessel, and learning about West Coast shipbuilding techniques, visitors will be able to peruse panels, ship plans and view an historic video of Thayer’s last commercial voyage.

Tours are every second and fourth Monday through June, from 11am-2pm (4/12 and 4/26, 5/10 and 5/24 and 6/14 and 6/28). There is no charge for this program. For more information about the project, visit the Thayer Project pages at http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html A map (in Acrobat format) is available online at http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html or you can call the Park Visitor Center at 415-447-5000 for directions.

NATIONAL PARK WEEK: APRIL 17-25

Staff, volunteers and park friends will bring this year’s Partners in Stewardship theme alive with a full spectrum of special activities, including: music, tours of the Chinese Junk Grace Quan, a merchant seaman’s account of his trip through the Panama Canal and a chance to send a radiogram message using a WWII ship’s radio.
Music, Tours, Living History, and Classes

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

CHINESE CANNERY WORKERS

Sunday, May 9 and 10, 10am. Meet aboard Balclutha. Admission.
On this walking tour of Balclutha, you will learn about the lives and cultural contributions of Chinese laborers who sailed from San Francisco to Alaska (in less-than-luxurious accommodations) for the great salmon runs.

MUSIC

CHANTLEY SING

Saturday, April 3, May 1, May 6, 5pm
- 6:30pm.
Free. No fee. Aboard historic vessel at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations required: call 415-556-6435 or email peter_kaan@nps.gov.
Singing traditional working songs aboard a floating vessel. Bring a cushion and a mug for hot cider!

MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS

Saturday, April 7, 10am, 11am, 12:30pm, 1pm, 2:30pm.
Free. At Hyde Street Pier. No fee.
Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Admission.
History comes alive for kids in this special program, where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for kids of all ages. Ages 6 and up.

A SINGING TOUR OF BALCLUTHA

Sunday, April 18, May 6, Noon.
Free. Meet aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Admission.
Walk the decks of this 1886 sailing ship to locate places where shipboard songs were sung. Optional help turn a capstan and a binnacle while singing along.

PROGRAMS

SMALL CRAFT ON HYDE STREET PIER

Sunday, April 8, 10am; Saturday, May 29, and Saturday, June 6, 2pm. At the Small Boat shop on Hyde Street Pier. No fee.
Join a ranger for an interesting look at our small craft collection, and learn about its place in San Francisco Bay history.

THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE SCHOONER C.A. THAYER

Sunday, April 8, 3pm and 6pm, 2pm. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.
Adapting to multiple careers, the C.A. Thayer has survived for more than a century. Learn how the restoration of this 1895 West Coast schooner will preserve not only the vessel itself, but also a variety of vanished maritime traditions.

I.K. BRUNEL: THE MAN AND HIS SHIPS

Saturday, April 14, 3pm and June 5, 2pm.
In the Maritime Museum. No fee.
A fascinating look at an engineering genius, and the three vessels he designed: Great Western, Great Britain and Great Eastern.

EUREKA ENGINE ROOM TOUR

Sunday, April 11, May 23 and June 13, 12pm.
Meet on Eureka’s gangway. Admission.
Aboard Eureka’s engine room and get a close-up look at what makes a steam ferry run.

BIRDS OF THE BAY

Sunday, April 25, May 30 and June 13, 9:30am. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.
See shore, migratory, citified and resident birds on this birdwalk. Bring binoculars, bird books and dress warmly.

HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR

Sunday, April 11, May 2 and June 6, 3pm. Meet at the gangway on the Pier. Admission.
Explore the major engineering structures and learn about steam piston technology and its effect on the working environment of the marine steam engineer. Note: this tour includes climbing moderately steep ladders and entering cramped spaces.

LIFE IN NELSON’S NAVY

Sundays, April 25, May 30 and June 27, 2pm. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.
Slide show about life in the British Royal Navy at the time of Nelson, featuring period food and clothing.

SHIP RADIO DEMONSTRATION

Saturdays, April 24, May 29, and June 26, 10am-12pm. At the Maritime Museum. No fee.
Inside a replica WWII ship’s radio room, do- cuments the technology and explain the vital role ship’s radio operators played. They will also send a real radiogram message for you to anywhere in the United States!

CHILDREN’S MARITIME CRAFTS

Sunday, April 24, May 22 and June 26, 1-3:30pm. Meet in the Maritime Museum. No fee.
Learn the arts and crafts of sailors at sea, and take home with you a sailor’s valentine or a signal flag necklace! For kids of all ages. For more details, see the “Fun and Education for Younger Sailors” section on the back page.

BART’S ENGINE ROOM TOUR

Join a ranger for an interesting look at our small craft collection, and learn about its place in San Francisco Bay history.

A DAY IN THE LIFE: 1901

Saturday, April 10, 11am. At Hyde Street Pier. No fee.
This 40-foot wooden vessel celebrates the lives and cultural contributions of Chinese men and boats of the San Francisco Bay. The public is invited to stop by and watch the models in action.

HALF-HULL MODEL MAKING

Two Wednesdays and two Saturdays, April 14, 17, 21, 24. Wednesdays 6-9pm. Saturdays 9:30am-5pm. In the Maritime Museum Building basement. No fee.
For information call 530-295-0752 or email jandy@direccon.net.

BOATBUILDING AND SAILING

GRACE QUAN MAIDEN VOYAGE

Saturday, April 10, 11am. At Hyde Street Pier. No fee.
Come aboard Balclutha and let her celebrate the creation of the Longshoremen’s Union.

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LIFEGUARD, MUSIK, TOURS, LIVING HISTORY, AND CLASSES

KNOTS AND FANCY ROPEWORK

June 26-27. 9am-4pm. Fee: $50.
This basic introduction to knots and fancy rope work includes the three strand eye splice (and variations), three strand grommet, turks’ head, french hitching (and other hitches), square and round knots (for a lanyard) and a star knot. The fee includes: instruction sheets, small Swedish fid, 1/4” and 1/2” manila line for practicing basic knots, grommets and splices, and seine twine in various sizes.

INTRODUCTION TO BRONZE CASTING

June 26-27. 9am-5pm. Fee: $100.
Learn how to build your own melting furnace, make patterns for hardware for boat and home and cast them in bronze. Construct a furnace suitable for melting most non-ferrous alloys as well as basic blacksmithing. Patterns for carvings, oilcarts, port lights, and other boat hardware will be made and cast in bronze. The casting session will focus on split-patterns and cope & drag sand casting. Skill level: No experience in working metals needed, moderate experience in woodworking helpful but not necessary.

VOLUNTEERS

HANDBS NEEDED

Interested in woodwork, rigging, library science or archives? Have we got the perfect challenge for you! Call the Volunteer Office at 415-556-1613 or visit www.nps.gov/saf/library/volunteer.html and join the crew!

EDUCATION ABOARD ALMA

AGE OF SAIL - EXPLORERS

Wednesdays thru May 31. Two programs daily: start 8:40am-12:35pm and 12:30-2:25pm. Meet aboard Alma at Hyde Street Pier. Fee: $35/cid, $28/child. Reservations required, contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org.
The Park’s 1891 Alma serves as a platform for early San Francisco and California history. The state standards-based curriculum has students taking field trips, running the log and using latitude and longitude to fix their position. Students can take a trip at the helm and trim the sails. Suitable for 4th-8th grade school groups.

WWII SUBMARINE USS PAMPANTO

Open daily. At Pier 45, Fisherman’s Wharf. Fee: adults, $7; $6, 2-12; $3 under 6 free with adult; over 62, $5; active duty military, $4; family ticket (20): information: 415-561-6662. The Balao-class USS Pampanito (SS-28), now a museum and memorial, made six patrols in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour.

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Music of the Sea for Kids

Saturdays, April 17, May 15 and June 19, 2pm. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.

History comes alive in this special program where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun!

CURRICULUM IS THE AGE OF SAIL. Find the Voyages curriculum at www.nps.gov/saft/local/education/education.htm

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Explore the park’s historic ships up close and earn your Junior Ranger badge! By completing the activities listed on a special worksheet you will learn about seafaring history and will become a steward of the national parks. (A steward is one who takes care of parks.) Workbooks are available at the Visitor Center, Pier ticket booth and Maritime Museum. Good luck and have lots of fun!

LOOK LIVELY AND LEND A HAND

Not sure what to do with the kids on a weekend morning? Head down to Hyde Street Pier! Just about every weekend we need able-bodied hands to help raise the staysail on the Balclutha. Greenhorns, landlubbers, and even parents, are welcome! The staysail program is scheduled between 11:00am and 12:00pm. Call the visitor center Saturday or Sunday morning (opens at 9:30am) for the exact time; 415/447-5000.

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