Summer in the City

A visit to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park this summer is a great way to beat the heat or bask in the famous fog that rolls in through the Golden Gate. It is also the perfect place to learn about Pacific Coast maritime history. Located right on the water’s edge, the park offers a stunning variety of activities to please a frequent visitor or those just discovering the park.

Here are some highlights of this summer season.

Photos clockwise from top left:

FOURTH OF JULY
Celebrate the 4th of July at Hyde Street Pier. Enjoy the pier, visitor center and museum during the day, then as evening approaches, stake out a seat on the bleachers in the Aquatic Park Historic District for a first-class view of an amazing fireworks display.

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Throughout the summer Park Rangers and interpretive staff conduct a variety of programs. Adults and children can get a feel for the life of a sailor by engaging in hands-on demonstrations such as turning a capstan while singing a sea chanty. See page three for program descriptions.

MARITIME PUPPET SHOW
During July and August (July 30 through August 15) stop by Hyde Street Pier on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and join Inge and her motley crew of wisecracking puppets. Kids will learn and parents will laugh as the show sails through seafaring (and San Francisco) history.

FAMILY SHIPBOARD THEATER: “Two Years Before the Mast.”
In 1854, Richard Henry Dana set sail for the dark and deadly Pacific Coast. This summer, acclaimed actor Jeffrey Paul Whitehorn brings that adventure back to life at Hyde Street Pier with a captivating one-man performance aboard the 1888 sailing ship Balclutha. Whitehorn takes Dana from greenhorn to experienced sailor, and transports the audience back to the days when all a young man needed for adventure was a steady ship and a star to steer her by. See page three for details.

Welcome!

Summer in the City! There is no better place to experience San Francisco’s maritime past than San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. We have many new programs and activities this summer to help bring that history alive for you and your family.

In our Visitor Center, at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets, a new exhibit, produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, commemorates the 75th anniversary of the San Francisco Tide Station, the oldest, continually running station in the country. While you’re there, please take one last look at the stunning images of contemporary maritime industry in the “Deepwater Steel” exhibit by Stockton artist Steve Perera.

Across the street on Hyde Street Pier, there will be nighttime theater aboard the Balclutha during the month of July and a maritime puppet show on weekends in July and August. Also, beginning in September, be sure and catch the performances of talented singers and musicians during our annual Sea Music concert series.

The Maritime Museum, at the foot of Polk Street, and just two blocks from the pier, contains models, ship models, interactive exhibits, and demonstrations of a WWII Victory ship radio. Families can borrow a Sailor’s Ditty Bag and enjoy a fun group voyage as they navigate through the exhibits learning about communication and life at sea.

Have a great summer and enjoy your national park!

Kate Richardson
Superintendent

1 Summer in the City
Discover or rediscover the pleasures of the San Francisco Bay shoreline. The park offers an array of activities to delight and educate visitors of all ages.

2 Sea Music Concert Series
Now in its 16th year, the Park’s Sea Music Concert Series continues aboard the National Historic Landmark vessel Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier.

4 Boatload of Maritime Activities for Children
Sailors’ crafts, traditional music, puppet shows and a shipshapes Junior Ranger Program—perhaps fun for all ages, but this stuff is strictly for kids!

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Sea Music Concert Series 2004 Lineup

Experience driving chants, elegant instruments and delicate harmonies reverberating from the wooden decks of our historic fleet. The park again hosts four evening concerts featuring internationally-renowned performers for rare evenings of sailors’ songs, sweet ballads and working chanties.

Now in its sixteenth year, the park’s Sea Music Concert series has become a San Francisco music tradition. These performances keep a vital musical legacy alive for the next generation.

This year’s lineup begins with Jerry Bryant (Friday, 6/10, 8:00pm, $16), who will perform a special Patrick O’Brian night of Napoleonic era British naval songs, many from his recent CD, “Roast Bred of Old England.”

In October, John Connolly (Saturday, 10/22, 6:00pm, $16), a singer and songwriter from England, and composer of the notable song “Fiddler’s Green,” will perform accompanied by Pete Sumner on the mandolin.

One of Ireland’s most well-known folk-singers, Robbie O’Connell (Saturday, 11/20, 8:00pm, $16), will perform in November. O’Connell has been described as a songwriter of timeless, soulful, emotionally powerful and often hilarious songs.

Local heroes Dick Holdstock and Allan MacLeod (Fridays, 12/10, 8:00pm, $16) have been delighting international audiences with songs of their native England and Scotland for over twenty-five years. We are proud to have them return to the Ballroom for this year’s series finale.

All concerts are presented at 8:00pm at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park aboard the historic vessel Balclutha moored at Hyde Street Pier.

Tickets for each performance are $16. (Park Association members pay $14.) A money-saving season ticket is also available for $45. For tickets call 415-561-6662 or contact the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association at P.O. Box 470310, San Francisco, CA 94147-0310. Tickets are also available at the Maritime Store, 2905 Hyde Street, 415-775-2505.

Online Research

Over 15,000 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 Archival of California database (www.oac.cdlib.org/), which provides access to finding aids posted by all California repositories.

New Exhibit

A tidal gauge was installed by the U.S. Coast Survey in San Francisco Bay 150 years ago. Since that day on June 30th, 1854, San Francisco tide gauges have provided the longest unbroken series of tide observations in the Western Hemisphere. This new visitor center exhibit, produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will feature the original gauge and float and a 8800-sec copper printing plate used to make nautical charts. An interactive computer screen will allow visitors to explore tides, gauges, and nautical charts. Accurate tidal records are vital for safe shipping. Depending on the tide, the depth of a harbor like San Francisco Bay can vary several feet a day and more, over the course of a month.

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

Boarding Pass Entrance Fee For Historic Vessels: $5.00
Free for supervised children under 17. Free with National Parks Pass or Golden Pass (Age 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: 415-775-2865
Maritime Library: 415-561-7036

USS Pampanito: 415-775-1943
Park Website: www.nps.gov/sanfr
Association Website: www.maritime.org
MUSIC
2004 SEA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES
September through December. For more information see articles at left.

CHANTLEY SING
Saturday, July 1, August 5 and September 4, 8:00-9:30pm. No fee. Absorb an historic vocal at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations required. Call 415-556-6435 or email pete_kias@nps.gov. Song traditional working songs aboard a floating vessel. Bring a mug for hot cider!

MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS
Saturday, July 17, August 21, and September 18, 2pm. Absorb Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.

These programs for kids in this special program, where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun. Ages 6 and up.

A SINGING TOUR OF BALCLUTHA
Sundays, August 1 and September 5, Noon. Absorb Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.

Walks 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
NEW!
CALIFORNIA’S COASTAL EXPLORERS
Saturdays, July 10, August 21, and September 4, 11am. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.

Come up close with California, maritime style. This hands-on presentation will explain the wonders of gear that carved California’s coast. Bring your imagination and a sense of humor to learn about California’s maritime explorers.

NEW!
THE FUN OF COMMUTING
Sundays, July 11, August 15, and September 12, Noon. Absorb Eureka at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission. Commute getting you down? Not on the ferries of yesterday! Learn how fun ferryboat commuting could be on this walking tour of the 1899 ferry Eureka.

NEW!
MOONLIGHT TOUR OF THE SHIPS AT HYDE STREET PIER
Saturday, September 5, 8pm-9pm. Fee $10. Limited to 30 people; reservations required. Call the Park Association, 415-556-6663 x13.

Experience the beauty of Hyde Street Pier under a full moon. Join a park ranger on a tour of the historic ships. Dress warmly.

SASSY CRAFT ON HYDE STREET PIER
Saturday, July 24, Sunday, August 22, and September 12, 2pm. At the Small Bear 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 SCHOFNER C.A. THAYER
Sundays, August 1 and September 5, 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 vanishing maritime traditions.

TOURS OF LUMBER SCHOFNER C.A. THAYER
Tours are every second and fourth Monday, from 11:30am-2pm (7:12 and 7:26; 8:9 and 8:23 and 9:31 and 9:27). No fee.

Travel to a giant suspense harbor at Alameda Point, Alameda, for a rear-guard tour of the section of the Park’s Lumber Schooner C.A. Thayer. Watch the “deconstruction” of this 109-year-old vessel, and learn about West Coast shipbuilding techniques. For more information about the project, visit the Thayer Project page at http://www.nps.gov/thayer/.

A map is available online at http://www.nps.gov/usa/
/local/thayer.htm or call the Park Visitor Center at 415-447-5000 for directions.

I.K. BRUNEL: THE MAN AND HIS SHIPS
Saturday, July 31, Sunday, August 15 and Saturday, September 26, 2pm. In the Maritime Museum.

A fascinating look at an engineering genius, and the three vessels he designed: Great Western, Great Britain and Great Eastern.

EUROPA ENGINE ROOM TOUR
Sunday, July 18, Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, September 19, 2pm. Meet on Europa’s gangway. Vessel admission.

Tour Europa’s engine room and get a close-up look at what makes a steam ferry run.

BIRDS OF THE BAY
Sundays, July 25, August 29 and September 19, 10:30am. Meet at Hyde Street Pier. Please enter.

No fee.

See shore, migratory, coastal and resident birds on this birdwalk. Bring binoculars, bird books and dress warmly.

BIRDS SURVIVE BY SHAPE AND SIZE
Sundays, July 11, August 1 and September 5, 9:30am. Meet at Hyde Street Pier Entrance. No fee.

Take a Bayside stroll focused on birds: shapes, sizes and adaptations. Peak into the world of the Bay’s most perfect flying, flying and killer machines.

HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR
Sundays, August 1, 8:30am. Meet at the gangway on the Pier. Vessel admission. Tour includes climbing moderately steep ladders and entering cramped spaces.

Explore the major engineering spaces and learn about steam piston technology and its effects on the working environment of the marine steam engineer.

LIFE IN NELSON’S NAVY
Saturday, August 6, Saturday, August 13 and Saturday, September 25, 10:30am. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.

Scuba dive at the bow of the British Royal Naval ship at the time of Nelson, featuring period food and clothing.

SHIP RADIO DEMONSTRATION
Saturday, July 1, August 28 and September 15, 10:00am and 1:00pm. In the Maritime Museum.

Inside a replica WWII ship’s radio room, docents interpret the technology and explain the vital role ship’s radiocommunicators played. They will also send a real eidogram message for you to anywhere in the United States!

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS: A SAILOR’S LIFE
Saturdays, July 24 (Signal Flag), August 28 (Sailor’s Valentine) and September 25 (Signal Flag), 1:00-2:00pm. Meet in the Visitor Center theater. No fee.

Learn a little about life at sea, and then use your new-found knowledge to make either a signal flag necklace (7/24, 9/25), or a sailor’s valentine (8/28), to take home.

For more details see the “Fun and Education for Younger Sailors” section on the back page.

VOLUNTEERS
HANDS NEEDED
Interested in woodworking, 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/usa/local/volunteer.html and join the crew!

THEATER
MARITIME PUPPET SHOW
November 24, December 7, 10 and August 15. Shows Saturday-Sunday at 1pm and 3pm. Hyde Street Pier. No fee.

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FAMILY SHIPBOARD THEATER: “TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST”
Two performances daily, 10:10 and 2:10pm, Friday July 16, Saturday July 17, Sunday July 18, July 24, Thursday July 31 and August 1. Tickets $3, $5. Available reservations suggested. Call 415-556-6662 for information.

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AGE OF SAIL
The San Francisco Maritime National Park Association’s education program, Age of Sail, is accepting bookings for the full 2004 school year. These programs offer hands-on, student-centered learning based on curriculum standards. Shipped aboard the park’s historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier, students develop skills in reasoning, team-work, listening and taking responsibility — all under the watchful eyes of the ships “officers.” Instructors use role-playing and problem solving activities to teach students about people who came before them in California. Programs range in cost from $25 to $60 per student and include Age of Sail: a multi-day program for schools on the Balclutha; Life’s on the Barbary Coast and Gold Rush: four-hour day programs; Explore: a three-hour program where students sail a vessel. For more information, call Patricia Clark at 415-561-6663 x10, pclarke@maritime.org or click on www.maritime.org/mmmsched.

WWII SUBMARINE USS PAMANITO
Open daily. At Pier 45, Fisherman’s Wharf. Adults $7.25, seniors $6.25, under age 12, $5. Active military, $4; family ticket $20. Information: 415-556-6662. The Ballyo-class USS Pampanito (SS-388), America’s only submarine to survive the war, is on display at a museum and docked, side by side with other ships in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour.

Music, Tours, Living History, Theater and Classes
Fun and Education for Younger Sailors

History comes alive in this special section of the Maritime News just for kids. Listed below are some opportunities at the park to create maritime crafts, to sing like a sailor and to become a Junior Ranger!

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Signal Flags
Before radio and satellite communication, when ship’s crews needed to send messages to land and to other ships, they would signal flags up the masts. It was a splendid display of color and design. You can make your own colorful necklace that spells your name out of paper signal flags.

Sailor’s Valentines
It was a lonely life at sea. Sailors were separated from their families and friends back home. Before there was Valentine’s Day, sailors created cards or presents to give to their loved ones when they returned from their long voyages. Create a valentine of your own to give to someone special.

Music
Music of the Sea for Kids
SATURDAYS, JULY 17, AUGUST 21 and September 18, 2:00, Absurd Balchutha at Hyde Street Pier. Velvex admission.

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Six weekends, July 10 through August 15. Shows Saturday/Sunday at 1PM and 2PM. Hyde Street Pier. No fee.

Join Hugo and his magic crew of wise-cracking puppets on Hyde Street Pier. Kids will learn and parents will laugh as the show sails through seafaring (and San Francisco) history.

CURRICULUM IS NOT JUST FOR TEACHERS
Are you interested in a painless way to teach your children about maritime history? Take a look at the new Voyager curriculum available on the park website. Each of the six lessons contains a “Seaside Story.” These historically accurate, fictional stories will capture the imaginations of your kids and help them walk in the sea boots of kids from the Age of Sail. Find the Voyager curriculum at www.marinereach.org/local/education/education.html

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 park. (A steward is one who takes care of parks.) Worksheets are available at the Visitor Center. Pier ticket booth and Maritime Museum. Good luck and have lots of fun!

FAMILY ACTIVITY DRITTY BAGS
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