Music Fills the Air on Hyde Street Pier During the Sea Music Festival

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park presents a one-day musical event featuring renowned singers, songwriters and instrumentalists who specialize in the unique and varied tradition of music of the sea, on Saturday, October 16, from 10am-5pm. Local artists, and performers from across the country and Europe, will bring the rich 19th century seafaring heritage alive on two stages on Hyde Street Pier, aboard the 1886 square-rigger Balclutha and in the Visitor Center theater. Over forty musicians from England, Ireland, Canada, across the United States, and the Bay Area, will perform centuries-old sea chanteys, mournful ballads and raucous drinking songs.

Sea chanteys, traditional shipboard work songs, were created and sung by sailors to lift spirits and maintain rhythm while working as a team. Other sea songs, like forebitters, ballads and drinking songs, were sung at leisure or ashore.

Today, these songs are a musical porthole into the past. Come experience maritime history by hearing songs, singing along and participating in demonstrations of shipboard work, such as raising a sail to the sea chantey beat and turning the capstan (winch) on the foredeck. Join in on a demonstration of rope making and learn how to tie a nautical knot. Also, children can participate by creating maritime-related crafts, such as sailors valentines, signal flag necklaces or “fish stick” puppets.

Please join us on the pier Saturday, October 16!
Small Craft Exhibit Opens in Visitor Center

From Lake Tahoe to the Russian River, from the Golden Gate to Sacramento, Californians have been seeking fun in boats since they began taking vacations. Come see some of the most exciting pleasure craft in the collection of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. The exhibit, “What’s Your Pleasure? Recreational Boats of California’s Past,” includes 1940’s Sacramento River Hydroplanes, a Russian River launch from the 19th century, and many more!

The exhibit will open on November 18, 2004, in the park’s visitor center located at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets in San Francisco.

Photo at right: The Arena, a 12-foot gas-powered launch used to carry passengers on the Russian River in the 1900s.

Sea Music Concert Series: Fall/Winter Lineup

Experience driving chants, instrumental and harmonies reverberating from the wooden decks of Balclutha. John Conolly, (Saturday, 10/23), a singer/songwriter from England, will perform with mandolinist Pete Summer. Robbie O’Connell, (Saturday, 11/20), has been described as a songwriter of emotionally powerful and often hilarious songs. Local heroes Holdstock and MacLeod, (Friday, 12/10), will return for this year’s finale.

All concerts are presented at 8:00pm at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Tickets for each performance are $16. For information and tickets call 415-561-6662 x33 or frield@maritime.org.

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 16-May 30), and 9:30am–5:30pm — last entry at 5pm (Memorial Day–October 15). 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 17–May 30) and 9:30am–7:00pm (Memorial Day–October 16). 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).

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

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

USS Pampanito: 415-775-1943
Park Website: www.nps.gov/safr
Association Website: www.maritime.org
MUSIC
SEA MUSIC FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 16, 6am-5pm. At Hyde Street Pier. No fee. Donation suggested. For more information see the article on the front page.

2004 SEA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES
October through December. For more information see article at left.

CHANTEY SING
Saturday, October 2, October 16, November 6 and December 4, 8pm-10pm. No fee. Aboard an historic vessel at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations required: call 415-561-6435 or email peter_kain@nps.gov. Sing traditional working songs aboard a floating vessel. Bring a mug for hot cider! An additional chantey sing has been added in October. Join us in the evening on 10/16 following the day-long annual Sea Music Festival on Hyde Street Pier.

NEW PROGRAM
CHANTEYING ABOARD AMERICAN SHIPS
Saturday, October 30, 8pm. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee. Discover the African American and Celtic roots of these work songs. The choruses are easy to sing and participants will be invited to sing along.

MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS
Saturdays, November 20 and December 18, 10am-5pm. At Hyde Street Pier. Free admission. Aboard an historic vessel at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission. Tour includes climb-the capstan. At 1:00 pm join a salon of Victorian women for afternoon tea in the old Pier 11 in the Ark houseboats. Listen as they discuss issues ranging from corsetry to voting rights. At 2:00 pm meet aboard the Balclutha for the Sailors’ Dogwatch. A dogwatch is a shortened or “docked watch,” when sailors relax, sing songs, swap stories and play card games. Join in on some songs.

BIRDS OF THE BAY
Birds are in season all year long, but March, April and May are especially productive months. If you have never been birdwatching before, you can join a group of experts and get started. They will help identify birds and point out the best areas to see them. You can bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair from us.

SMALL CRAFT ON HYDE STREET PIER
Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, November 14 and Sunday, December 19, 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 SCHONNER C.A. THAYER
Sundays, October 3, November 7 and December 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 1899 West Coast schooner will preserve not only the vessel itself, but also a variety of vanishing maritime traditions.

TOURS OF LUMBER SCHONNER C.A. THAYER
Tours are every second and fourth Monday, from 10am-2pm (10/15 and 11/12 and 12/11 and 12/27). No fee. Travel to a giant seaplane hanger at Alameda Point, Alameda, for a Ranger-led tour of the restoration of the Park’s Lumber 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 plans, ships and view an historic video of Thayer’s last commercial voyage. For more information about the project, visit the Thayer Project pages at www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html or call the Park Visitor Center at 415-447-5000 for directions.

EUKEA ENGINE ROOM TOUR
Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, December 26, 2pm. Meet on Eukea’s gangway. Vessel admission. Tour Eukea’s engine room and get a close-up look at what makes a steam ferry run.

HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR
Sundays, October 17, November 21 and December 5, 2pm. 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 technology and its effects on the working environment of the marine steam engineer.

LIFE IN NELSON’S NAVY
Saturday, October 2, November 28, 2pm. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.side show about life in the British Royal Navy at the time of Nelson, featuring period food and clothing.

SHIP RADIO DEMONSTRATION
Saturdays, October 30 and November 27, 10AM-2PM, 1-4PM. In the Maritime Museum. No fee. Inside a replica WWII ship’s radio room, docents interpret the technology and explain the vital role chip’s radio operators played. They will also send a real radiogram message for you to anywhere in the United States!

A DAY IN THE LIFE 1901
Saturday, November 13, 10am-4pm. Aboard the historic vessels. Vessel admission. At the officer’s command, watch the Maritime History crew aboard Balclutha go aloft to set the topmast. They need help with other work ashore and on the ship, so lend a hand raising the staysail and turning the capstan. At 1:00 pm join a salon of Victorian women for afternoon tea in the old Pier 11 in the Ark houseboats. Listen as they discuss issues ranging from corsetry to voting rights. At 2:00 pm meet aboard the Balclutha for the Sailors’ Dogwatch.

A RESEARCHER’S DREAM: PACIFIC MARITIME ROYAL NAVAL HISTORY
Saturday, November 13, 6pm. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: $4 ($3 Library Friends and SFMPN) Reservations: 415-564-7040. Former crew members Stephen Cartright and Tim Przygocki will show slides and discuss their time aboard the replica of the famous ship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the globe.

A RESEARCHER’S DREAM: PACIFIC MARITIME RESOURCES IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Saturday, November 13, 6pm. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: $4 ($3 Library Friends and SFMPN) Reservations: 415-564-7040. The Pacific Region of the National Archives and Records Administration includes in its holdings over 10,000 cubic feet of Federal records relating to Pacific Maritime history dating from 1848 to the 1960’s. Regional Archivist Director Daniel Neeland will present a “show and tell” of audiovisuals and samples from the collection including records from the Collector of Customs, the 12th Naval District, the Coast Guard and the San Francisco Federal Court.

BOATBUILDING
WOODEN BOAT REPAIR METHODS
Monday through Saturday, October 4-9. Fee: $600. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org. Open daily at Pier 45, Fisherman’s Wharf. Fee: adults, $9; 6-12, $4. Under 6 free with adult over 62, $5; active duty military, $4; family ticket, $20. Information: 415-775-0483. The Balao-class USS Pampanito (SS-383), a museum and memorial operated by the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, made six patrols in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour. Open daily at Pier 45, Fisherman’s Wharf. Fee: adults, $9; 6-12, $4. Under 6 free with adult over 62, $5; active duty military, $4; family ticket, $20. Information: 415-775-0483. The Balao-class USS Pampanito (SS-383), a museum and memorial operated by the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, made six patrols in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO BOATBUILDING
Monday through Saturday, October 11-16. Fee: $600. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org. Students will build a 15’ Kari Stambaugh Classic thinking team’s phylobad epoxy, using a modified glued-and-screw type construction. Students will progress step-by-step through the building stages: stem, transom and frame construction, breatherbox and quarterline installation, thwarts and interior trim, daggerboard and centerboard operation, and rudder assemblies. No prior boatbuilding experience is required.

MARINE SURVEYING AS A BUSINESS
Monday through Friday, October 18-22. Fee: $600. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org. While the instructor includes the basics of marine survey inspection focusing on wood, fiberglass, aluminum and steel vessels, the content focus is on how to set up a business, establish contacts, do fieldwork and research, conduct surveys and write comprehensive reports. Guest lecturers from insurance, repair and survey industries, along with fieldwork at local boatyards promises a busy and informative five days.

VOLUNTEERS
HANDS NEEDED
Interested in woodwork, rigging, working with the public, library science or archives? Join us! Bring a tool, a tool and a tool to work on the San Francisco Maritime. Contact Patricia Clark at 415-556-1633 or visit www.nps.gov/safr/local/vip1.html and join the crew!

Holidays
CHRISTMAS AT SEA
Saturday, December 11, 2pm-3:30pm. At Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 17 free). Reservations required: 415-561-6662 x33, or freede@maritime.org. Bring the whole family down to Hyde Street Pier for an old fashioned holiday aboard our historic ships!

AGENCIES
The San Francisco Maritime National Park Association’s 4th – 8th grade Age of Sail programs are accepting bookings through June 2004. These programs offer hands-on learning based on California State Content Standards and take place aboard the park’s historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier. Students develop skills in historical reasoning, critical thinking, teamwork, active listening and taking responsibility. Programs range in cost from $25 to $60 per student. Take your class aboard for a voyage into history. For more information, call Patricia Clark at 415-561-6662 x30, ageofsail@maritime.org or click on www.maritime.org/mmnaedu.
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Singing Tour of the Balclutha

This is a 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!

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS: A SAILOR'S LIFE

Saturdays, October 23 (Sailor's Valentine), November 27 (Signal Flag Necklaces) and December 18 (Sailor's Valentine), 1:30pm. Meet in Visitor Center theater (Hyde and Jefferson). No fee.

Signal Flag Necklaces
Before radio and satellite communication, when ships' crews needed to send messages to land and to other ships, they hoisted 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.

Sailors' 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.

Fun and Education for Younger Sailors

MUSIC
Music of the Sea for Kids
Saturdays, November 20 and December 18, 2:00pm. 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 NOT JUST FOR TEACHERS!
Are you interested in a painless way to teach your children about maritime history? Take a look at the new Voyages curriculum available on the park website. Each of the six lessons contains a “Sea 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 Voyages curriculum at www.nps.gov/safr/school/local/education/education.htm.

FAMILY ACTIVITY DITTY BAGS
Grab a rope handle and explore the Maritime Museum. Good luck and have lots of fun!

At the Park Association

FOURTH ANNUAL MARITIME HERITAGE AWARDS AND GALA
Thursday, October 14, Palace Hotel, San Francisco.
“Celebrating the Works of Jack London.”
We honor this unique and extraordinary sailor and author and celebrate the 150th anniversary of “Sea Wolf” and other great stories of the sea. We will also be honoring three extraordinary individuals who have made significant contributions to education and preserving our maritime heritage. Don’t miss the splashiest event of the year! For more information, call Darlene Plumtree at 415.561.6662, extension 15 or e-mail: dplumtree@maritime.org.

COMMODORE CLUB EVENT:
AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES (APL) CONTAINER SHIP TOUR AND RECEPTION
November 2004 (Date to be announced).
Tour a state of the art container ship at the APL shipyard in Alameda. This is a fascinating look at shipping in the Bay Area today. For more information, call Darlene Plumtree at 415.561.6662, extension 15 or e-mail: dplumtree@maritime.org.

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.) Workshops are available at the Visitor Center, Pier ticket booth and Maritime Museum. Good luck and have lots of fun!

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