1967 - the 40 ft. Coast Guard rescue boat CG-40527 covered in ice.

Winter Frolics on the Great Lakes

by Jeff Lindstrom

In 1967 BMC Leslie Rex Henley was a boat coxswain at Coast Guard Station Mackinac Island, which was a unit in Group Charlevoix, Michigan. Back in those days the lighthouses were manned, and each year around the end of November, (which was the end of the shipping season) a logistics run was made to close the lighthouses for the season. This involved picking up and transporting the crews and their gear from the lights back to the station at Mackinac Island. The times of these runs varied according to ice conditions in northern Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, and in the Straits between those lakes. The weather conditions are hardly ever good at that time of the year. Many other units also conducted log runs to and from the lights, but this story is about one of BMC Henley’s experiences from CG Station, Mackinac Island.

At the end of the shipping season in 1967, BMC Henley was the coxswain of CG-40527 when the log run to close the lights was conducted. Three Lake Huron lighthouses were involved in this log run: Poe Reef, Spectacle Reef, and Martin Reef. Martin Reef was the last light to be shut down that day.

BMC Henley had about 15 people on board when he left Martin Reef light house. He had lost one engine during the operations at Martin Reef, and due to sea conditions

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View from the Wheelhouse

The Year of the Dragon

January 23, 2012 marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year. In keeping the 12-year cycle of Chinese astrology, 2012 will be the Year of the Dragon. This is important to me personally because the cycles of this lunar calendar places my birth date under the sign of the Dragon. While not overly familiar with the nuances of astrology, Chinese or otherwise, I do understand that 2012 is also a “water” year. That would seem to bode well for the director of a maritime museum. I’m anticipating a good year! For those who follow professional football, one wonders if the kicker for the Baltimore Ravens was born under the sign of the Goat. Sorry, that was cruel. But after the way the Packers performed in the playoff game against the Giants, I guess I’m a little grumpy.

Chinese astrology aside, it seems wholly appropriate that this is a “water” year. 2012 marks several important and interesting anniversaries in the maritime history world. Perhaps most important, this year commemorates the bicentennial of the start of the War of 1812. Sometimes referred to as the “Second Revolution”, most Americans would be hard pressed to tell you much about this dramatic conflict, particularly its importance in Great Lakes maritime history.

The causes of the war varied from region to region across the new United States. Coastal areas were deeply affected by British interference with American shipping and the “pressing” (seizure) of American sailors. Others saw this as an opportunity for the growing nation to add parts of British Canada. Still others, especially on the western frontier, used the war as an opportunity to end British support of the Native American alliance. Here on the Great Lakes, all three causes would be played out over the two and a half years of fighting.

One of the most important naval battles of the war occurred in Lake Erie near Middle Bass Island. Admiral Perry’s victory reins as the most significant naval engagement ever on the Great Lakes. The treaty that would follow at war’s end forever changed naval history on the inland sea.

While the Door Peninsula was still the remotest of western territories at the time, the war also had great impact locally. Influenced by a successful British invasion of Wisconsin in 1814, the United States decided to construct a fort at each end of the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway, an early route between the bay of Green Bay and the Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien. Establishment of Fort Howard on the banks of the Fox River in 1816 would see the French influence at the nearby settlement diminish as the area transitioned to the much more American community of Green Bay. Going back to football, the Green Bay Packers may never have come to be had it not been for the War of 1812, but I digress.

The Museum will explore the impacts of this sometimes

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forgotten war in a small temporary exhibit in the Reddin Bridge Room this summer. Appropriately, the exhibit is scheduled to open on the 4th of July.

Preceding the War of 1812 exhibit, we will utilize the Reddin Bridge Room to commemorate yet another significant anniversary in maritime history—the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Perhaps the most infamous passenger liner of all time, Titanic struck an iceberg near the Grand Banks of Newfoundland on her maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City, and sank on 15 April 1912, resulting in the deaths of 1,517 passengers and crew. The wreck of the Titanic remains one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in history. Our “Titanic’s Wake” exhibit will explore the impacts the loss of the great ship continues to have on maritime safety, even here on the Great Lakes. In addition to a wealth of fascinating information on the hearings that followed the sinking, the exhibit will feature a model of Titanic constructed by Mr. Jerry Guenther of Hartland, Wisconsin, that is over 9 feet long!

When next you visit the Museum, you may also notice that our Christmas tree is still up. The tree will adorn the second floor throughout 2012 to commemorate yet another important maritime centennial—the loss of the schooner Rouse Simmons. Better known as the “Christmas Tree Ship”, the Rouse Simmons was lost with all hands in a storm on November 22, 1912 as she made her way from Manistique, Michigan, to Chicago with a full load of 5,000 Christmas trees. The 100th anniversary of the loss of the “Christmas Tree Ship” affords the opportunity to pause and remember all the bold captains and brave seamen who perished plying the waters of the great inland sea.

As I watched the drama and tragedy of the stricken Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia play out on television and in print, I was reminded of how relevant and important it is for us to commemorate the loss of Titanic and Rouse Simmons. They are poignant reminders that we are humans and our technology is no match for the power of the big water. When next we experience a howling gale, take the time to drive out to the shoreline and take in the awesome power of wind and waves—and say a little prayer for everyone at sea.

Bob Desh, Executive Director
In many ways, docents are the face of the Museum

I realize that I sound like a broken record when I keep using this space to try and recruit volunteers to fill our docent needs here at the museum, but just like that commercial on television that keeps playing over and over again I’m hoping I can dig into your subconscious and draw you to the museum.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to see a few people walk through the office door this spring and inquire about a docent position. With more people than ever before expected on the tug John Purves this coming season and an anticipated increase in bus tours, the need for docents at Sturgeon Bay remains a significant one.

With approximately 20 tug docents, it might appear as if our docent log is adequate. But with daily operation from May to October the demand often strains the schedule. A couple more docents would help enormously. Remember, you can set your own schedule and coming in just once a week would help a lot. Few in the thousands of people who visit the tug each summer express dissatisfaction with their tug experience. The vessel sells itself and all that is needed is somebody to guide the way and provide some basic background information. We have a guidebook we give each visitor to fill in some additional facts.

The demand is just as great for the museum docents who help me guide the roughly 80 bus tours that come to the museum each year. Again, it’s a fun experience to share the county’s rich maritime history with people. Most visitors have no idea that a relatively small community like ours has built so many boats, has so many lighthouses and contributed significant inventions to the maritime world. You get to tell them that.

What makes the experience so wonderful here at the Maritime Museum is the remarkable corps of volunteers we have to enhance the visitor experience. Ours is a community-built and run museum and would not be here without the contributions of both time and dollars that people willingly provide.

I’m reminded of a short quote that so well sums up the success of our volunteers and especially those who come face-to-face with our visitors through the docenting opportunities:

“No one cares what you know, unless they know that you care.”

Just give me a call at the Museum (920-743-5958) or drop me an email at jgast@dcmm.org if you’d like more information on volunteer opportunities.

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Expansion of the museum facility in Sturgeon Bay, including construction of a Maritime Observation Tower of over 100 feet in height, has been part of the Museum's strategic plan for many years. It was discussed briefly at several past annual meetings and planning has moved along slowly over the past 10 years or more. The Maritime Observation Tower would serve as a tribute to all the historic tower-like structures (signal towers, watch towers, lighthouses, etc.) and provide a dramatic view of Sturgeon Bay's working waterfront. More importantly, it is envisioned that the observation tower would be

...the Maritime Observation Tower would rapidly become an icon on Sturgeon Bay’s waterfront and would be a “must see” for visitors to Door County.

the signature structure on the waterfront, dramatically increasing visitor traffic to the museum.

The initial concept was presented to the Sturgeon Bay City Plan Commission in 2009. Based on their recommendations, several significant adjustments were needed to the initial plan, including ensuring that the expansion was wholly contained within the existing Maritime Museum property footprint and would not interfere with the scenic walkway integral to future waterfront redevelopment plans for Sturgeon Bay’s West side.

The project has moved forward slowly over the past couple of years as other more pressing issues such as parking and historic restoration at Cana Island Light Station took center stage. Believing the Maritime Observation Tower to be an important economic generator for the Museum, the Board of Directors recommended in 2011 that the project be taken back to the City Plan Commission through the preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) process to seek the needed height and set-back waivers (a waiver is required for any building over 45 ft.), acknowledging that if the Museum could not secure the needed height waiver, further planning effort was unnecessary. After two presentations to the City Plan Commission in November 2011 and January 2012, the Commission recommended approval of the preliminary PUD. The application will be considered by the Sturgeon Bay Common Council on February 7, 2012.

Preliminary approval by the City Plan Commission is an important and essential first step. However, much important work remains to be accomplished. The Board of Directors has authorized a committee to study the economic feasibility of the project and early conversations concerning fund-raising strategies are underway. Obviously, construction would not be possible unless the museum could raise sufficient funds. This is the largest and most important step in the process. The Board will be considering this and other tough questions as the planning process moves forward.

The Board and the Executive Director wholeheartedly believe that the Maritime Observation Tower would rapidly become an icon on Sturgeon Bay’s waterfront and would be a “must see” for visitors to Door County. It would also add needed exhibit space and expand the square footage of the museum store and entrance lobby. There are a host of exciting options for the additional space, including a dedicated children’s exhibit area.

Again, City Plan Commission approval is an important first step...many more steps, including details on fundraising, remains. Onward and upward!
Family Day Celebration - Sunday, April 15, 2012

The Door County Maritime Museum and the Family Centers of Door County will again jointly host a Family Day celebration on Sunday, April 15, from 1-5 pm at the Museum in Sturgeon Bay.

The two organizations launched the event four years ago and it proved to be a tremendous success. Families may tour the Museum free of charge and participate in a variety of events. Family Day hopes to foster family fun and interaction for community members.

Numerous children’s activities are planned for a variety of ages. Tickets are free and must be reserved in advance. In addition to the Maritime Museum, free admission includes the Tug John Purves. Other activities include a scavenger hunt throughout the Museum and an assortment of craft projects. Refreshments will be available for a minimum charge.

Community members may reserve free advance tickets by calling us at (920) 743-5958. Reservations are strongly recommended by Thursday, April 12, to ensure admission and adequate craft supplies, and must include at least two generations of family members.

The Family Center has provided family-oriented programming in Door County since 1998 while the Maritime Museum has been preserving the county’s rich nautical past for over 40 years through its museums at Sturgeon Bay and Gills Rock and its historical interpretation and preservation efforts at the Cana Island Lighthouse.

Maritime Speaker Series Underway

The Door County Maritime Museum Speaker Series program is well underway.

The initial program on Nov. 29 featured speaker Richard Purinton, who serves as the CEO for the family-run Washington Island Ferry Line. His presentation was about life on Washington Island during the winter months. The program on Jan. 5 featured Ken Westcar speaking on the repowering work of the 1,000-ft. ore carrier Edwin H. Gott at Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay. We had a full house for both presentations.

Bay Shipbuilding retains center stage on Thursday, Feb. 2, when company personnel will be on hand to update the public on the activities going on at the yard.

With 2012 being the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, Door County Maritime Museum Executive Director Bob Desh will present a program on the war’s impact on the Great Lakes on Thursday, March 1.

The series concludes on Thursday, March 29, with a program on the Museum’s hugely popular boat building program by Bill Freyman.

All of the programs begin at 7 pm at the Sturgeon Bay museum.

For more information contact the Museum at 920-743-5958 or visit www.dcmnm.org.
Lighthouse Festival Ticket Sales for Members Begins March 19

The 19th annual Door County Lighthouse Festival returns to the second weekend in June this summer with activities planned from Friday-Sunday, June 8-10. As always, the lighthouses are the focal point of the weekend with special land-based tours and boat excursions planned to make the most of the experience.

The festival will be offering an assortment of land-based and boat tours spotlighting the second largest collection of lights of any county in the United States. There are four land-based tours, three making stops at the five mainland accessible lights. Most fun of all may be the Friday and Saturday evening Ghost/Mystery tours leaving from the Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay which will offer a unique opportunity to visit Sherwood Point Lighthouse.

As for the boat trips, the day-long Island Clipper tour on Saturday will take visitors past a couple of Michigan lights before stopping at Rock Island. Coveted trips to Plum Island are again being offered as are the return of the popular trips to Chambers Island Light. Plum Island is again expected to sell out early, and although a higher capacity boat will permit more people to visit Chamber’s Island, it will continue to be a hot ticket. Tours will also be leaving to circle Plum and Pilot islands from Gills Rock as well as a shipwreck trip to Cana Island from Baileys Harbor.

The annual Friday evening Keeper’s Kin event returns with its traditional dessert buffet cruise at 8 pm. Again, relatives of Door County lighthouse keepers will be on board the beautiful cruise boat Harbor Lady to share stories and answer questions. The cruise yacht will also host a Sunday brunch cruise to the two Sturgeon Bay lights after a successful debut last year.

A special members-only ticket sale will begin March 19 with the general public getting in on the act April 2.

Lighthouses will maintain regular seasonal hours in the county through the Lighthouse Festival weekend. Both the Sherwood Point Lighthouse and Canal Station light in Sturgeon Bay are operated by the U.S. Coast Guard and will offer free admission over the weekend. However, the Saturday and Sunday of Lighthouse Festival weekend are the only days the Sherwood Point property and lighthouse are open to the public. The range lights on The Ridges Sanctuary will also welcome visitors with a donation appreciated.

A fun raffle has been added to this year’s event with 10 lighthouse birdfeeders and bird houses (5 each) being offered. The decorated handcrafted wooden pieces will be painted by Door County artists. Tickets will sell for $5 each and 5 for $20.

For more information on schedules and pricing or to request a brochure, visit www.dcmn.org. Tickets can be ordered on the website or by calling 920-743-5958.

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I Get a Kick Out of Cole (the Music of Cole Porter)

Join mezzo soprano Cynthia Stiehl for an evening of Cole Porter classics with pianist Judith Jackson at a Museum benefit concert, "I Get a Kick Out of Cole" on Tuesday, April 24. When asked about her inspiration for this recital, Ms. Stiehl cited an earlier performance of theatre music at Birch Creek when a group of friends requested a medley of Cole Porter music. This request prompted an earlier "I Get A Kick Out Of Cole" performance at Birch Creek.

Ms. Stiehl "Hopes the audience will be delighted with the music's variety and some of the songs being sexy and romantic." Bring your date! For this concert, you may expect a mixture of boats and water music, too. Did you know that Porter's Anything Goes (lyrics and music) is set on a cruise ship?

This 7:30 pm benefit concert will be at Third Avenue Playhouse. Tickets are available at the Museum or TAP: $15 Adults or $10 Students.

Ms. Stiehl's recital is part of Third Avenue Playhouse (TAP) Series, Tuesdays at Tap, which matches local artists with some of Door County's non-profit organizations to create benefit concerts. The Tuesdays at TAP lineup includes: February 28, Envie; March 6, Katie Dahl; March 13, Craig Konowalski; April 24, Cynthia Stiehl; May 1, Jeanne Kuhns & Lost Mothra; and May 8, The Gazebo Guys.

Mari-Time Quiz

1. Port refers to the:
   a. right side of a boat looking forward
   b. top of the boat
   c. left side of a boat looking forward

2. The flat surface at the stern of a vessel is called:
   a. transom
   b. aft
   c. deck

3. The upper edge of a side of a vessel is known as the:
   a. bow
   b. gunwale
   c. chine

4. The short deck built across the back of a ship is the:
   a. poop deck
   b. second deck
   c. aft deck

5. A lazarette is:
   a. an anchor
   b. a storage space in the ship's stern area
   c. nautical term for a kitchen

6. The helm is:
   a. the tiller or wheel
   b. the bottom of a ship
   c. sleeping quarters aboard a ship

7. The color of the starboard navigation light is:
   a. white
   b. green
   c. red

8. The draft is:
   a. passage way
   b. ship's width
   c. depth of water a ship draws

9. A fathom is equal to how many feet?
   a. 3
   b. 6
   c. 8

10. A knot is a measure of:
    a. distance
    b. depth
    c. speed

(Answers on page 11.)
Member Road Trip –
EAA Aviation Museum

During last year’s Member Cruise to the historic town of Fayette aboard the Island Clipper, members requested more day trips to other museums and historic sites. Lynn Steiner, Member Road Trip volunteer, has planned a fun daytrip excursion to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Aviation Museum for Friday, March 23.

Members will board the motor coach beginning at 7:45 am. at the Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay for an 8 am departure. Once at the Aviation Museum, we will see a brief overview video and proceed on an hour-long guided tour. Guests may then independently explore the interactive areas, museum, and shop in the store. We’ll have lunch and then return to the Museum between 4:30-5 pm.

$39 per member cost includes roundtrip transportation; museum admission, video and guided tour; and a sandwich lunch. Reservations are limited to the first 54 members and are due by March 2. Lynn Steiner has many other future Museum Member road trip ideas in mind for you!

The Stewart J. Cort was the first of the winter fleet to come into Bay Shipping on Dec 30, 2011.

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Santa came to the tug John Purves on Dec. 10, 2011. The Coast Guard brought him in and the children lined up to tell him their wishes.

Third Annual Holiday Ornament Showcase culminated with the Member Mixer and Silent Auction on Dec. 13, 2011. There was good food, holiday sweets and lots of beautiful decorations to bid on.
The Spotlight feature regularly recognizes members of our Board of Directors, Museum staff and volunteers. This issue introduces two of the Museum’s dedicated volunteers, Janet and Dick Grota.

It’s easy to understand the passion Janet & Dick Grota share for the water and the important role it plays in the lives of so many people who live and vacation on the peninsula. The couple lives in Sturgeon Bay on Memorial Drive and thus not only enjoy the view of the bay and its repeated maritime traffic, but dock their own sailboat that has provided many days of enjoyment on Great Lakes excursions.

Their involvement with the Maritime Museum was a natural progression that dates back to Dick’s youth. He was a year old when his parents built the house they currently live in and Dick’s father, Dr. Herbert (H.D.) Grota, helped infuse a passion for everything maritime.

“I grew up in Sturgeon Bay, sailing on the bay and cruising with my parents on a 45-ft. Chris Craft,” remembers Dick. “Dad was district commander of the U.S. Power Squadron, active in the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club and dad’s stepfather, Ted Jacobson, was assistant lighthouse keeper on Chamber’s Island.”

“The history in the museum was the story of (his dad’s) life in Door County,” said Janet. “He was a friend of Capt. (John) Roen and as a teenager spent summers living on Chamber’s Island. Dick had the same experience as Ted Jacobson’s grandson.

“We were married in 1966 and vacationed in Door County for 40 years,” added Janet, who along with Dick graduated from Marquette University. Dick graduated with a degree in engineering and Janet in elementary education. Work limited trips to the county to weekends and vacations until the retirement brought the couple back to Sturgeon Bay within the past decade.

Dick’s evolution as a sailor began with sailing prams. He raced lightnings and then tech dingys at Marquette. At the relatively tender age of 18 he qualified for a 100-ton Merchant Marine license.

“I spent college summers working on several yachts – two seasons on the Aria (a 60-ft. yawl) and one summer I delivered a 65-ft. Chris Craft to New Jersey via the Erie Canal and Hudson River,” remembers Dick.

Janet grew up in the northeastern Milwaukee suburb of Whitefish Bay and she, too, was introduced to sailing at an early age.

“I was introduced to sailing on Okauchee Lake where my family had a summer cottage,” said Janet. “I crewed on our family “C” scow,” said Janet. “Dick introduced me to keel boat sailing on the Great Lakes. Cruising on a boat was a whole new concept for me and we have enjoyed 45 years of it. Our children were a capable crew. I have taken on more responsibility without them on board.”

The couple has three adult daughters and six grandchildren. They plan to continue their more recent tradition of sailing their Tartan 3500 sailboat back to the North Channel and Georgian Bay in 2012.

“After moving to Sturgeon Bay it seemed only natural that we would become members at the Maritime Museum,” said Dick. “We enjoy many of the museum activities. Twice I have been one of the builders in the boat building class. It’s very interesting to build a classic wooden boat using modern tools and materials.”

“We are Lifetime members of the museum,” said Janet. “As volunteers we have both participated in the Keeper’s Kin program. I have also volunteered by bringing refreshments for the museum’s events and by helping children assemble the boat kits at special events. The volunteer work is rewarding as are the Speaker Series and social gatherings. At all the events we enjoy meeting people with a common interest in the maritime history of Door County.”

Mari-Time Quiz Answers

1. c. left side of a boat looking forward; 2. a. transom; 3. b. gunwale; 4. a. poop deck; 5. b. a storage space in the ship’s stern area; 6. a. the tiller or wheel; 7. b. green; 8. c. depth of water a ship draws; 9. b. 6; 10. c. speed
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and freezing temperatures the boat started to ice up. He called the station on the radio and advised them of his situation, and then the boat’s radio failed and he lost all communications.

When the station lost communications with BMC Henley, BM1 James Rambus got underway with a 36-footer to search for the 40-footer. Due to terrible sea and icing conditions, BM1 Rambus also lost communications with the station, and he had to return to the station. Upon his return, he learned that BMC Henley had called the station via telephone after he made it to Cedarville, on the shore of Lake Huron in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Fortunately, two years before this incident, BMC Henley had set and pulled the buoys around Cedarville prior to being transferred to Mackinac Island, so although the buoys had been pulled for the season, he remembered where the shoals and rocks were and made it safely into Cedarville. They headed toward lights they saw at a dock and were in the process of tying up the boat when the owner - who happened to be a retired Coast Guard Captain - saw them and rushed down to the dock to find out what was happening. He brought everyone into his home. The time was about 2200 hours, and the Captain had been shutting off the lights to retire for the night. The Captain’s wife fed everyone hot coffee and bacon and eggs.

When BMC Henley called the station to report this situation, he learned that CG Air Station Traverse City had launched helicopters to search for them because they were so long overdue.

The Captain then called the Sheriff’s Office, and they sent a deputy to take everyone to a motel for the night. But not everyone went to the motel. Boat crewmember George P. Ness, an Engineman, along with the engineers off the lights, spent most of the night making successful repairs to put the engine back in service. They could not, however, fix the radio.

The next morning, BMC Henley and his passengers got underway in the 40-footer. After leaving Cedarville they encountered heavy seas, fog, and icing conditions. BM1 Rambus also got underway in the 36-footer so he could locate them and lead them back to Mackinac Island. The 40-footer still had no radio.

The station contacted the last southbound lake freighter, which was headed for Chicago and had cleared Detour Island at the lower end of the St. Mary’s River. They asked the freighter for assistance. The freighter picked up the 40-continued page 13
footer and the 36-footer on radar and directed BM1 Rambus to the 40-footer. Although BM1 Rambus’ 36-footer was also icing up badly, he found them and led them back to Mackinac Island.

When they arrived at the station, BMC Henley was covered with ice from head to toe, and he had to be pried off the helm of the 40-footer.

Rex Henley recently stated: "I remember that I was way the heck off course, and without the help of the steamer, their radar, and communications with Rambus, I figured I would have been between a rock and frozen hard place. Seems like I had about 12 personnel on board and no Boatswains Mate to relieve me. Anyway, when we made it to the dock, I remember docking with my elbows as my hands were so cold they would not function, and when we got inside the station they had to cut the hood off my coat so I could talk to Lt. Luedke, Commander, Group Charlevoix. Mr. Luedke was shouting over the phone to... 'put Chief Henley on!'

Because of the ice, they were really having a hard time getting the hood off in order for me to get the telephone to my ear.

"I was young at that time, and I thought I was tough and

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didn’t need any medical attention. Well, I should have done that so this would have been documented. This was one (probably the worst) of many incidents of this nature during my eight years in the Ninth CG District, and four years at Mackinac Island & St. Ignace as Officer in Charge of both stations.”


Jim Rambus and I have remained friends throughout the years. I was a Group Yeoman at Charlevoix at the time of this incident, and he contacted me via e-mail to ask if I remembered anything or knew anyone who could help Rex, who was having problems with medical conditions that resulted from his exposure to the ice and cold temperatures during this incident. Through a cooperative effort of several people over the Internet, we were able to connect Rex with Mr. Luedke, who provided Rex with statements and documentation to help him present his claim to the Veterans Administration.

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Abenaki Boat-Building Class

The Museum’s 2012 Boat-Building Class is hard at work on their project for the year, a 16-foot cedar strip Abenaki canoe. Under the tutelage of our talented instructors Bob Schottmuller and David Morgan, we know that the finished product will be a work of art. As with past boats produced by the class, we’ll be conducting a raffle this fall to choose the lucky winner of this wonderful little watercraft. Watch for details on purchasing raffle tickets in future newsletters.

The canoe is a boat design steeped in history going back to the earliest of recorded boat builders. They’ve been crafted from all manner of materials and have transported humans in every corner of the world from ancient times to modern day. Here is how the canoe was defined by the American Canoe Association in 1880:

A canoe, in order to be placed in the association list and be entered in races, must be a boat sharp at both ends and not more than 36 inches in width on deck. She may be propelled by sails or paddle, or both; but she must be capable of being efficiently propelled by double paddle.

Class I. Paddling canoes propelled only by paddle.

Class II. Sailing paddling canoes, with paddling qualities predominant.

Class III. Sailing and paddling canoes, qualities equally divided.

Class IV. Paddleable sailing canoes, sailing qualities predominant, but adapted to cruising and capable of being paddled.

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Office supplies

Frykman Studio Gallery
Discount of sailor figurine for mariner award

David Hunt, II
Boat Storage

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Our Wish List

- Flip Cameras
- Six narrow plastic tables (6’ x 18”) $60 each
- Laptop computer
- Telescope (for Reddin Bridge Room)

Neighborhood Pub & Grill
14th Avenue & Egg Harbor Road • Sturgeon Bay
across from Maritime Best Western Inn
www.neighborhoodpubandgrill.com
Walk of Fame Architectural Bricks
(Characters include punctuation and spaces; text lines will be centered.)

Get creative: use a favorite boat image, lyrics or poetry; capture your connection to maritime history; design a memorial to a loved one; or honor a special occasion!

4x4 Brick (3 lines, up to 14 characters per line) ............... $150
8x8 Brick (6 lines, up to 14 characters per line) ............... $250
8x16 Brick (6 lines, up to 28 characters per line) ............... $500
12x12 Brick (9 lines, up to 21 characters per line) .......... $1,000*
20x20 Brick (18 lines, up to 35 characters per line) ........ $2,500*

* May include artwork

_____ Artwork is enclosed. ______ Artwork will be forwarded.

Your Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________
City, State, Zip ___________________________ Daytime phone # __________________

Mail to Door County Maritime Museum and Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc., 120 N. Madison Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Sponsor A Day of Amazement At the Museum

On an average day, the cost of operating the Museum is greater than income from fees, membership, and store sales. For a $250 donation, you may personally sponsor a Day at the Museum.

Sponsor A Day is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, recognize a birthday, an anniversary or a memory!

You will be recognized at all three Museum locations, on our website and in the Museum newsletter. You will also receive a support decal for your car window or business entry.

To select your date, contact us at (920) 743-5958.

Sponsor A Day Commitments

October 14, 2011 – Raymond James Financial Services
Sponsored this Day. Jon Blahnik, Mike Stephani & Marci Spude

October 20, 2011 – Sponsored by Roen Salvage Company – In Memory of Captain John Roen

November 8, 2011 – Sponsored by Celcom – We Support a Day of Amazement at the Maritime Museum!

November 14, 2011 – Sponsored by Midwest Distributors Association – In appreciation of Paul Kasriel for sharing your thoughts and perspective on this day with the assembled members of the Midwest Dist. Assoc.

November 25, 2011 – Sponsored by Roy & Betsy Gill – In Thanksgiving

November 26, 2011 – Sponsored by Roy & Betsy Gill – In Thanksgiving

December 6, 2011 – Sponsored by Celcom – We Support a Day of Amazement at the Maritime Museum!


February 14, 2012 – Sponsored by Trudy & Jay Herbst – Volunteers are the Heart of the Museum

March 6, 2012 – Sponsored by an Anonymous Friend of the Museum

March 13, 2012 – Sponsored by Katie Malvez – In Memory of My Parents Mary & Clarence Malvez


April 29, 2012 – Sponsored by the Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center – Groovin’ Sisterhood Weekend. Enjoy a weekend escape that caters to women!

April 30, 2012 – Sponsored by the Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center – Groovin’ Sisterhood Weekend. Enjoy a weekend escape that caters to women!

May 2, 2012 – Sponsored by Bonnie Connolly – Best Wishes for Another Great Year to the Museum Family.

May 17, 2012 – Sponsored by Katie Malvez – Remembering My Mother, Mary Malvez, on Her Birthday


June 15, 2012 – Sponsored by Carol Ballie – In Memory of the Ultimate Skipper!

Call us today to reserve YOUR special day!
Fun! New Friends! Worthwhile Endeavor! Volunteer Here!

You need not be a member to volunteer. Fill in the form below. No need to duplicate your contact information, if you filled in the bottom portion.

Name:  
Address:  
City:  
State & Zip:  
Phone:  
E-mail:  

I'm interested in volunteering:  
- Help at Museum events
- Docent on the tug John Purves
- Docent at the Museum
- Docent at Cana Island Lighthouse
- Help with mailings
- Help with general office work
- Events Committee
- Finance Committee
- Development/Fundraising Committee
- Membership Committee
- Marketing Committee

Questions? Call Jon Gast at (920) 743-5958. Send to: DCMM, 120 N. Madison Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235-3416

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership:  
- New
- Renewal
- Gift
- Gift?  
- Send to Me
- Send to recipient

LIFETIME Includes 5 Guest Passes/year; portion of payment supports the Endowment  
- Individual ($750): One Adult  
- Family ($1,000): Two Adults & children

TWO YEARS Good for 24 months  
- Captain ($75): One Adult  
- Mate ($115): Two Adults
- Crew ($135): Two Adults & children aged 5-18 in same household
- Sustaining ($495): Two Adults, includes $380 donation

ONE YEAR Good for 12 months  
- Captain ($40): One Adult  
- Mate ($60): Two Adults
- Crew ($70): Two Adults & children aged 5-18 in same household
- Sustaining ($250): Two Adults, includes $195 donation

Guest Passes: Pack of 5 for $40  
- Pass includes Cana Island Tower or Tug Tour
- Exclusive Discount Offered to Members Only!

Mail Form and Payment to DCMM, 120 N. Madison Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Questions? Please contact Susan Zeyher, Administrative Coordinator: (920) 743-5958 or szeyher@dcmm.org
Your support is greatly appreciated!

Treat a relative, friend, or employee to a Museum membership. Great benefits, including free admittance to the Museum's three locations, three great issues of the Mari-Times newsletter, and 15% discount in the Museum Store!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
(from 10-10-11 to 1-16-12)

Derek Anderson............................Fairfield, IA
Sara Bliss.................................Fairfield, IA
Mike Bohman............................Algoma, WI
Nancy & Bill Carpenter..............Milwaukee, WI
Edward S. Carpenter...............Sturgeon Bay, WI
Amy J. Duffield.......................Sturgeon Bay, WI
Amy & Lance Elieson.............Sturgeon Bay, WI
Janet & Sonny Estes.............Sturgeon Bay, WI
Stewart Fett..........................Sturgeon Bay, WI
Andrea Fruszyn....Sister Bay, WI
Christina L. Gaeth..............Sturgeon Bay, WI
Shannon & Joe Haberli.......Egg Harbor, WI
Nancy & Ed Hamilton.........Saint Louis, MO
Brian Hansen......................Algoma, WI
George S. Hoppa.................Fish Creek, WI
Mike Joly.........................Sturgeon Bay, WI
Pam & Ethan Jorns.............Sturgeon Bay, WI
Cenati Kayacan....................Sturgeon Bay, WI
Tammy & Tim Kroll............Egg Harbor, WI
Sara & Bob Larsen..............Sister Bay, WI
Becca & Kevin Laughlin.....Sturgeon Bay, WI
Jamie LeCloux......................Sturgeon Bay, WI
Roland Littlewood..............Madison, WI
Aneta & Eric Lundquist..........Sister Bay, WI
Holly & Jerome Malvitz........Forestville, WI
Andrew Michaud.............Sturgeon Bay, WI
Maureen Murphy...............Slinger, WI
Janet & Michael Peters.......Sturgeon Bay, WI
Paula & Dan Reichel.........Sturgeon Bay, WI
Ronnie & Jim Robinson.......Ellison Bay, WI
Kathy & Fred Shumway........Sturgeon Bay, WI
Cheri & Jim Stockinger......Cedar, MN
Thomas J. Szopicravy........Milwaukee, WI
Tracy & Brian Teske........Kewaunee, WI
Jennifer & Steve Truesdale.....Whitewater, WI
Cathy & John Wiese.........Sturgeon Bay, WI
Dale Zaroff.......................Slinger, WI

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS
Andi & Terry Connelly.........Marietta, GA
Judy & Dave Ward...............Sturgeon Bay, WI

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS – SINGLE & FAMILY
Kay & Dale Lyndahl........Sun City Center, FL
Deborah & Ryan Wubben.......Middleton, WI

Curator Departs for the Great Cypress Swamp

The Museum’s Curator, John (“Jack”) Moga, has traded the fresh breezes of Lake Michigan for the muggy stillness of the Great Cypress Swamp. Jack accepted a position as the Curator at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki (meaning “a place to learn”) Museum in the Florida Everglades. Operated by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki is located on the Big Cypress Reservation between Naples and Ft. Lauderdale.

Jack was a big part of the success of the Maritime Museum over the past 5 ½ years, developing numerous high quality exhibits, including “Pirates!”, “Freshwater Fury”, and “Ghost! Haunted Lighthouses of the Great Lakes”.

Jack will be missed but the new position is a wonderful career opportunity. We wish him “fair winds and following seas” as he embarks on this new and exciting chapter of his professional life.
Calendar of Events

Mar. 1 – Maritime Speaker Series - War of 1812 and its impact on the Great Lakes, with Bob Desh
Mar. 19 – Lighthouse Festival tickets on sale to Museum members (public on April 2)
Mar. 23 – Member Road Trip to EAA Aviation Museum
Mar. 25 – “Titanic’s Wake” exhibit opens
Mar. 29 – Maritime Speaker Series - Building a Pooduck Skiff by Bill Freyman
April 13 – Member Reception for “Titanic’s Wake”
April 15 – Museum Family Day
April 24 – Benefit Concert for the Maritime Museum with Cynthia Steihl
May 5 – Shipyards Tours
May 19 – “Pirates—Ship to Shore” exhibit opens
May 27 – “Pirates—Ship to Shore” Member Reception
June 8-10 – 19th Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival
June 21-22 – Dennis Hale tells his story “Sole Survivor” from the Great Lakes Shipwreck, Morrell
July 4 – “The War of 1812 - Naval Battle for the Great Lakes” exhibit opens

July 12 – Annual Meeting
July 26-Aug. 4
– Sturgeon Bay Maritime Week - A Salute to the Coast Guard
July 26 – Sturgeon Bay Sidewalk Sale - Sail Though the Avenues
July 27-29 – Sturgeon Bay Maritime Regatta - Sturgeon Bay Rowing Competition
July 28 – Sturgeon Bay Maritime Week - USCG Past & Present Family Picnic
July 28 – Mariners and CG Person of the Year Dinner
July 31 – Children’s Maritime Parade 5:30 pm
Aug. 1 – Sturgeon Bay Concert in the Park 7 pm
Aug. 2 – Coast Guard Day Golf Outing
Aug. 4 – Evening on the Bay with Boat Parade, Fireworks, Dinghy Races
Aug. 4-5 – 22nd Annual Classic and Wooden Boat Festival featuring the tall-ship Denis Sullivan