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Newsletter Spring/Summer 2009

Dear CCMM Members and Friends,

I am thrilled to be writing my first newsletter as the Director of the Cape Cod Maritime Museum. It was January and the weather was not much colder than it is today, when I began my journey here at CCMM. Mark Wilkins, CCMM's outgoing Director/Curator, left me with a hard act to follow. He had built and launched a replica of an 1886 Crosby Catboat, *Sarah*, a beautiful boat- well loved and respected, and he had sent her on a successful goodwill tour of the Cape's South Shore. He had renovated the museum, and designed and built several wonderful exhibits. Exhibits which today, a rainy Monday, when we are supposed to be closed, are open to visitors of all ages, who are so happy to have this museum to enjoy and maybe even learn something on this cold summer's day. It is so rewarding to see the faces of children as they wonder at the whale's tooth, the old "bones" of *Sparrow-Hawk*, and the beautiful lines of a ship model. Greater still, the reward when they ask you to check their answers on the Transformations Exhibit questions, the Pirates Scavenger Hunt or the Ship Wreck Crossword Puzzle, and claim their prize from the treasure box full of goodies. So it is that a simple chilly rainy Monday can inspire the fulfillment of a mission; to celebrate Cape Cod's maritime past, present and future and to inspire passion for the sea and how it continues to shape Cape Cod. Please join me as we look back over the last 6 months and even more importantly to the future of the museum and the beautiful maritime landscape it serves. I hope you too will be inspired to contribute, in your own way, to the mission of the Cape Cod Maritime Museum.

Thank you,
Janet C. Preston, Director

Education



Kate reads to Hyannis West Elementary Kindergartners

We continue to seek excellence in our outreach and educational programs both on site here at the Museum as well as with our visits to schools and organizations across the Cape. CCMM's Educator/Administrator, Kate Parker, is working with an impressive volunteer education committee to develop new program ideas for older students, as well as curriculum based programs to help schools meet the demands on excellence in history, language arts, math and science. Our early educational crafts and activities remain a favorite and this past year Kate has visited the Trinity Christian Academy, the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod and Orleans Elementary. We have also welcomed visits for tours, crafts and

activities from The Boys and Girls Club, Hyannis West Elementary and Marstons Mills Elementary as well as several Boy and Girl Scout troops. This spring the Cape Cod Maritime Museum partnered with the Cape Cod Gateway Regional Resource Center for Gifted and Talented Education at Barnstable Middle School in the fulfillment of a DESE 587 Grant. The students worked on science projects, sailed on *Sarah*, took water samples, and learned a bit of history of Lewis Bay from the E.D. of the Lewis Bay Research Center. They were inspired to learn more about Sea Captains from our own Captain Skip Hall, with whom some did an interview, for their final project report. The projects are currently on display here at CCMM. Kate also participated in Professional Development Seminars for Museum Institutes Teaching Science (MITS) this July, which the focused on water and energy. The teachers enjoyed sails on *Sarah* as well.

Education Committee and Volunteers: Dr. Joan Bentinck-Smith, Talbot Baker, Ruth Provost, Linda Tetreault, Carol Barrow, Linda Wiseman, Shirley Powell



Wreck Scene Investigation with the Boys and Girls Club

Sarah

Thanks once again to our numerous and dedicated volunteer captains, crew and ship builders, *Sarah* was in the water and sailing for the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Maritime Days in May and made a big splash at our Maritime Festival June 13th and 14th. This year *Sarah* made special sails for the FIGAWI start and the July 4th Fireworks in Hyannis. Don't miss your chance next year to bid on these very popular sails at the FIGAWI Ball and our very own 2nd Annual Pirates Ball.



Book a sail on Sarah

Her summer tour started in Woods Hole this year, and we are looking forward to July in Hyannis and Osterville, and August in Bass River, Harwichport and Pleasant Bay. Captain Skip Hall is serving as Sarah's Captain/Coordinator, and is busy making plans for her tour - making sure she is crewed with licensed captains and experienced crew, and that she is ship shape. We are always looking for more licensed Captains to round out our roster so come sail with us! Our 1886 Crosby Catboat replica *Sarah* is available for scheduled sails and charters from May through October. Sails are about 1 and ½ hours and the cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children and chartered at \$150. CCMM Members receive 25% off! Please check online or call us



Sarah at the Figawi start

for details on *Sarah's* schedule and ports of call. *Sarah Volunteers: Captains: Skip Hall, Lee Marchildon, Avery Revere, Dick Harries, Jim Jackson, Bill Gulliver, Crew: Ashley Packard, Bob Dussealt, Pat McCormack, Stephen Parks, Ron Parker, Maintenance: Skip Hall, Lee Marchildon, Diane Collatos, Bob Dussealt, Gerry Ross, Stephen Parks, Matt Fredericks, and John Daniels.*

Celebrating and preserving Cape Cod's maritime past and present.

Exhibits and Collection

The remains of the 1626 shipwreck, *Sparrow-Hawk*, and the *Transformations – from Farmers to Seafarers* exhibits continue to thrill our new visitors as well as returning members and their friends and family. New to the west wing is our Charles S. Fox exhibit, a temporary ship models and paintings exhibit on loan from the artist's personal collection. Thanks to our volunteers and our IYRS intern, Ron Parker we are on our way to completing a new working Boat Shop Exhibit. Once finished we will have projects in boat building and restoration, year round. Visitors will be able to experience boat building as they view master shipwrights, boat builders and apprentices,



Charles S Fox Model of Herzigon Cecile



President of the Board of Trustees, Bill Cook and Dr. Robert Bauer with Swee' Pea

restore or replicate small vessels of historical significance using traditional methods, or get their hands dirty building a new boat from scratch. One of our first projects will be the restoration of a 12' Lawley Tender, newly donated to CCMM by Dr. Robert Bauer. Already near pristine, dated between 1915 and 1920, and with her original engine- she is a wonderful addition to the Museum. We are currently exploring other restoration opportunities and small boat plans for our first projects. Classes in boat building, and lofting, half hull models, and celestial navigation, will resume with the completion of the boat shop and adjacent classroom. Please be sure to let us know if you have any special interests in classes or wish to underwrite an important vessel for restoration. *Boat Shop Committee: Tony Davis, Chris Kelly, Craig Ashworth, Barry Sturgis, Bruce McPherson.*

Our Exhibits and Collections Committee is busy researching new and exciting exhibits as well as developing a new focus for the collection of artifacts considered important to Cape Cod maritime history. *Exhibits and Collections Committee: Bill Cook, Carol Barrow, Lee Marchildon, Dr. Joan Bentinck- Smith, Bob Eldred, Alan Granby, Richard Hawkins, George Bryant*

Events

The Cape Cod Maritime Museum was pleased to participate in the Cape Cod Marine Trades Association Boat Builders Show in Hyannis, MA in February, the Catboat Association Boat Show in Mystic, CT in February, and the Wooden Boat show in Mystic, CT in June. The Cape Cod Maritime Days in May saw the launch of *Sarah* and her first sails of the season as well as lectures, book signings, demonstrations and special exhibits here at the Museum. This year we kicked off our 8th Annual Maritime Festival with the 1st Annual Pirates Ball, a great success for the first of our annual "fun-raisers" for the Museum. The Pirates Ball in combination with the two day Maritime Festival netted about \$7000 in support of the Museum its programs and its exhibits. Thanks to our sponsors support of our efforts we anticipate an even bigger success next year.



Caryn Ritchie and Lauren Wolk of Cape Cod Cultural Center at the 1st Annual Pirates Ball



Bill Cook, Annie and Robert Morris, and Toni Cook at the Pirates Ball.

Festival Participants and visitors alike were impressed with the turnout and the quality of the exhibits and the entertainment as well as the food. Of course, the tall ships, *Peacemaker*, *The Black Dog Tall Ship Alabama*, the Gannon and Benjamin Schooner *Charlotte* and the Museum's own *Sarah* were event favorites. We are looking forward to even more in the water exhibits next year.



Dory and Lee Marchildon at the Pirates Ball



Sturgis Boat Works and Old Warf Dory at the 8th Annual Cape Cod Maritime Festival



Ralph Krau in the CCMM Booth at Hyannis Marina, Peacemaker and Alabama in background



Up close with a fish at the Hook Fisherman's Association Booth



Peacemaker arriving in Hyannis, crew aloft

This year's sponsors: Hy-line Cruises, TD Banknorth, FIGAWI charities, Hyannis Marina, JBS Enterprises, Linda Wiseman, Town of Barnstable with the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce and Steamship Authority, and donors: Cape Cod Bank, Hyannis Chamber of Commerce, and the Hyannis Business Improvement District. We must also thank our Festival volunteers whose efforts year round made a huge contribution to the success of the festival and the ball. Please consider joining the Committee this year to help in organizing the 9th annual Festival which is scheduled for June 12 and 13th, and the 2nd Annual Pirates Ball June 11th. *Festival and Pirates Ball Committee: Bob Frazee, Deb and Ralph Krau, Linda and Leon Billman, Bev and John Dunn, David Scudder, Bill Cook, Craig Ashworth. Volunteers: Greater Hyannis Civic Association and many friends of CCMM.*