



MISSISSIPPI MARITIME MUSEUM

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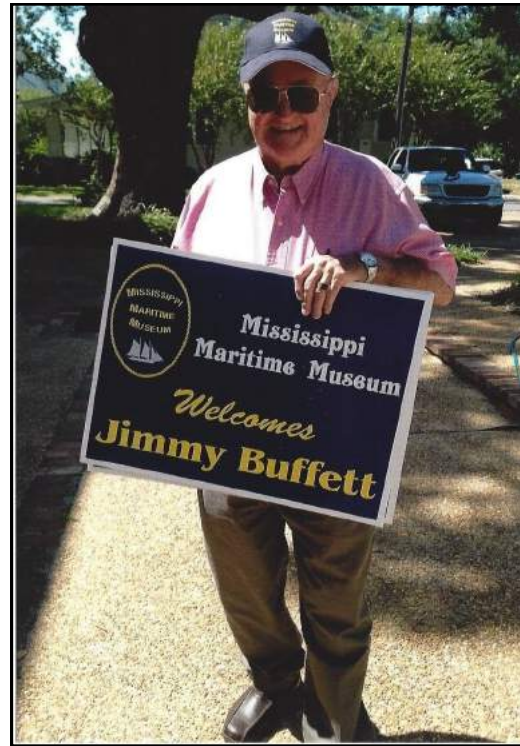
MESSAGE FROM THE SKIPPER...*Jack Hoover, M. D.*

It is with great excitement and thanksgiving that I write a few words about the progress and momentum the Mississippi Maritime Museum is making. This year we have made great progress on many fronts, and we have only to thank our Board of Directors, strong committees, our membership, as well as community leaders and coastal legislators. Our rapid progress is only because of an inordinate amount of time many individuals have been spending in their respective areas, and, to them, I say congratulations and thank you. We are well on our way to making this a **WORLD CLASS MUSEUM**.

Our funding from the State of Mississippi Bond of \$250,000 has been received, and \$250,000 in bond financing will be coming in Dec. 2015. The initial \$100,000 of the 5 year \$250,000 grant has received from Herrin-Chandler Foundation while additional grant applications are being made. The Capital Campaign is scheduled to launch in 2016 with the hiring of a professional director. As we search for this outstanding fund-raiser, your recommendations will be appreciated.

We are working with the City of Pascagoula and the Audubon Society to conserve the bayou and marsh adjacent to the museum. Dr. Mark LaSalle, director of the Audubon Society, is advising our efforts to improve this natural element of the museum's property at the old Pascagoula High School location on Dupont Street, with grant funds.

We helped to welcome Jimmy Buffett, a native son for the dedication of the bridge over Bayou Baptiste in his name. Thanks to Cynthia Garlich for displaying our specially printed **WELCOME JIMMY BUFFETT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI MARITIME MUSEUM** at strategically located street corners for him to read. He held his head out of the window and waved in greeting to our happy signs.



We have a Facebook page which is getting thousands of hits, thanks to the media committee. Thanks, Dr. Doug Belk, Anne Pitre, and Else Martin.

Exhibits and Display Committee has created 2 displays with more to come. Suggestions for display locations will spread the educational aspects of maritime history.

The Promotions Committee provided caps and polo shirts for our volunteers at our booth at the Zonta Fair. Contact Cynthia Garlich to order your beautiful navy polo shirt and cap with the museum logo.

The Building Committee has sent out RFP's for the Maritime Activity Center which will be returned Dec. 2, 2015. We are looking forward to seeing the financial numbers on the restoration.

Damn the torpedoes - Full speed ahead!!
Jack C Hoover, M.D. President, MS Maritime Museum

EVENTS *Delores Lacy Early*

Photo of volunteers at ZONTA

The Events Committee has had a busy Fall season. Zonta was held on a perfect day for a festival. The weather reminded us of fall, and the visitors were of good cheer. Most of the Board manned the booth along with committee members. This made the event fun and stress-free. Ginger Vervaeke prepared an activity for the younger crowd. They had a great time while the adults learned of the museum plans and progress on the buildings.

The committee purchased its own tent for this event, and plans to purchase tables and chairs have been approved. Up to this point, all these items have been borrowed for each event. A big thanks to all for the use of the items.

The next outside event will be held in the spring, and we would like more participation from the members. If you are interested in helping this committee, please let us know.

A Fall Social for members is planned for November 12. This is a time when anyone can voice an opinion, ask to be on a committee, offer suggestions for committee chairmen, or just visit with other members.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - *Rene' Shaw*

After much wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth (*all on my part, mind you!*) during a grueling 5-month process, the Board of Directors has approved a set of Membership Rules and Donor Appreciation Guidelines. The full document will be made available in print at the February Membership Meeting.

Highlights regarding Membership include:

- *Definition of the membership term, with membership drives occurring each Fall Season;
- *Enactment of a Lifetime Membership option, with installment program;
- *Definition of, and requirements to become, an MMM Plank Owner.

Highlights of the Donor Recognition Program include:

- *Value tables for monetary donations and corresponding reward items;
- *Recognition for non-member efforts on behalf of the Museum.

Artwork has been secured for certificates that will accompany Plank Owner status and business support recognition, and designs are in the works for MMM Membership coins.

Membership Renewal letters have been mailed. Please respond at your earliest opportunity, and pass the word along to your friends and family members about our efforts. With the changes underway at the new buildings, this is an exciting time in our development as a community of maritime enthusiasts.

See you in February!!!



MISSISSIPPI MARITIME MUSEUM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

November 2015

The Museum is proud to announce the publication of the Request for Proposal, (RFP), for the Phase One Project construction of the "Maritime Activity Center", (MAC), on DuPont Street, originally the band hall of the old Pascagoula high school. For those members interested in the specific details of the RFP, the RFP is available on the Museum web site, www.msmaritimemuseum.org, and on the MMM Facebook page.

The new MAC will be provided to the community for services, education, and information available in the Mississippi maritime environment. The MAC will contain a 1000 square foot conference room or assembly area, 2000 square foot area for artifact repair, storage and assembly, a small kitchen area, rest rooms and storage, all under roof and air conditioned for comfort. In addition, an area in excess of 3000 square foot under roof for workshops and construction projects for the students and community use. The Museum anticipates other community activities such as the LPK and Jackson County Historical Societies to be involved in events in the MAC, and all local school needs will be invited.



The Media Committee is working at full speed. With the addition of Dr. Doug Belk, Anne Pitre, and Else Martin on our team, Maritime Museum word is gaining speed.

The Facebook page (Mississippi Maritime Museum) is generating a great number of hits (12394) two weeks ago. According to Dr. Belk, we have had 15,224 visitors to the website: <http://msmaritimemuseum.org>, since July 8. Not bad at all! We expect those numbers to rise as the website updates are implemented.

There is an immediate need for someone to implement an e-letter to keep members informed of the actions and activities of the board and committees. The plans are for this to be emailed on a semiannual basis. Ideally, a quarterly update would be best.

2016 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Terry Bollman

For those who attended this year's General Membership Meeting, it was an evening of pleasant camaraderie, socializing with friends and meeting new ones, enjoying the inspiring words of our own native son, Senator Trent Lott, and reinforcing our commitment to the mission of the Museum.

So, include the 2016 General Membership Meeting in your future plans. The meeting is planned to be held in February, but an exact date has not been set pending final arrangements with our guest speaker.

Come and enjoy the evening. Invite your friends and neighbors. Support the vision of the Mississippi Maritime Museum. As Senator Trent Lott said, "It's time for this museum."

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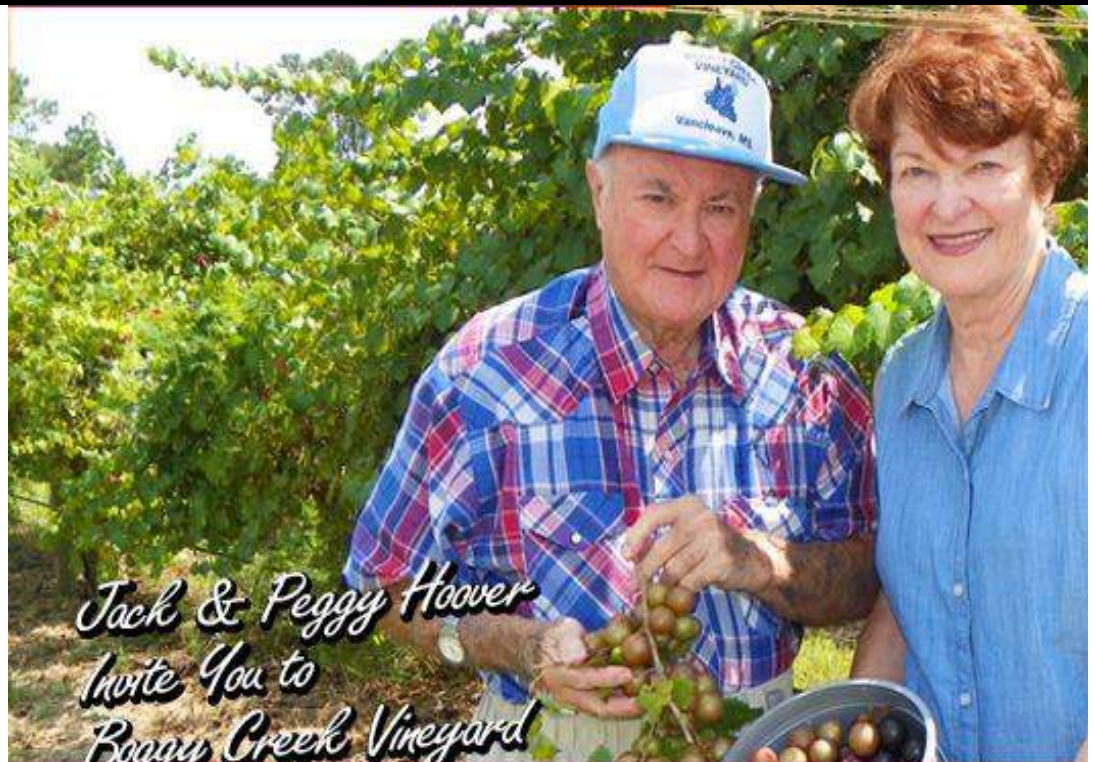
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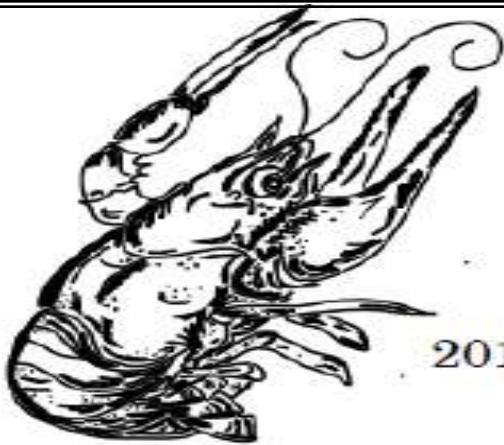
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EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

George Sholl and Chris Wiggins

The Exhibits and Displays Committee has, to date, created two displays to promote the Mississippi Maritime Museum. These feature Plexiglas panels with images, text, and brochure holders. They are mobile. The plan is that they will be placed at strategic locations such as the library, lobbies of major buildings, and perhaps the Mississippi Welcome Center. The sites will periodically change.

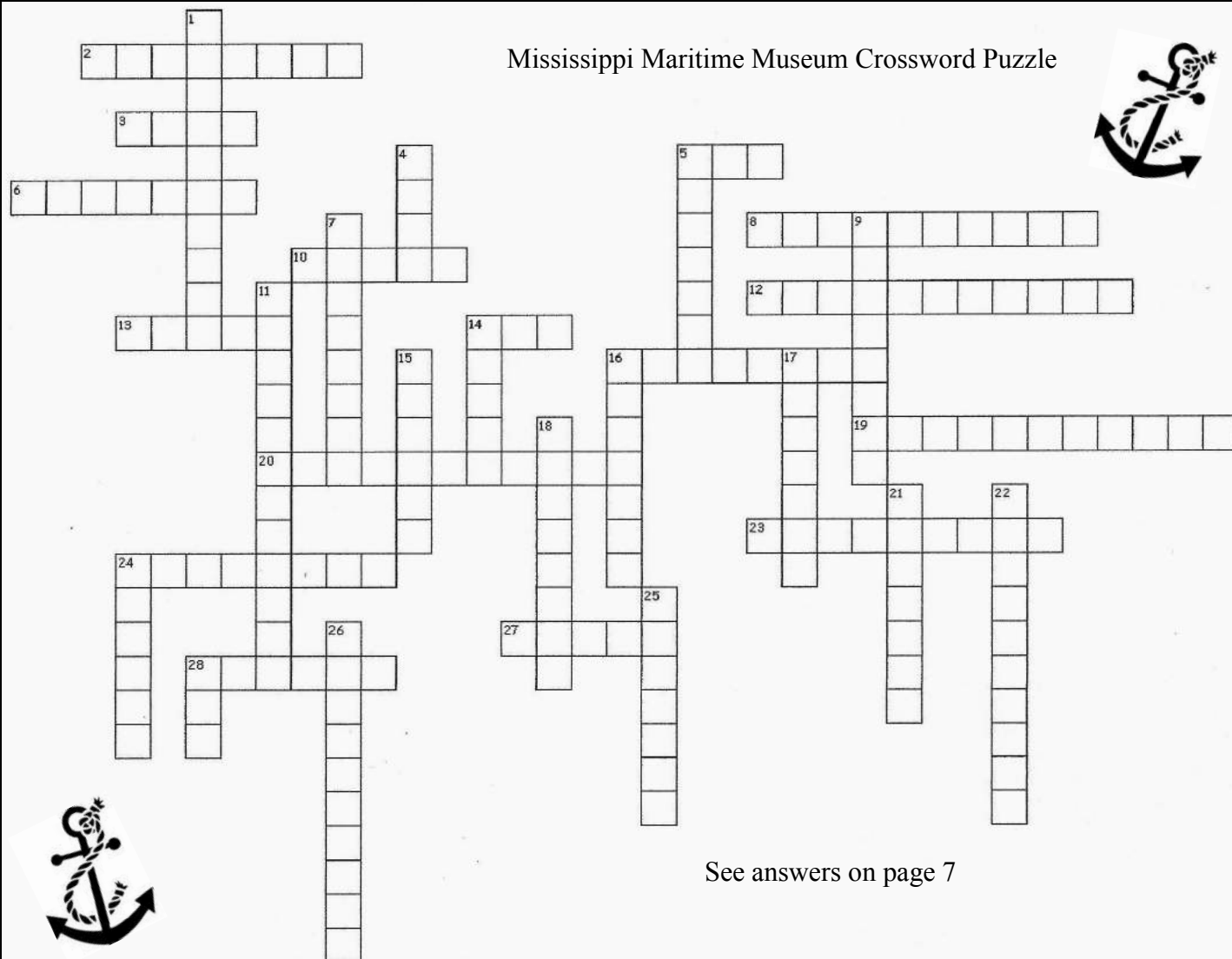
The displays can be easily altered by printing and inserting new images into the frame. Later, two more displays will be developed, as well as a monitor that will play a closed-loop video of a subject appropriate to the museum. Ultimately, some of these units can be incorporated into the museum building when it opens.

The currently featured subjects are Mississippi-named ships —*USS Pascagoula*, *USS Mississippi* and famous Jackson County-related naval officers—Farragut father and son, along with their accomplishments. Suggestions for subjects or other display-related ideas are welcome. Also it would be helpful if any MMM members have contacts who would allow us to place these in the lobbies of a well-visited building (perhaps a bank, public business or local government building).



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Mississippi Maritime Museum Crossword Puzzle



See answers on page 7

ACROSS

2. Survival craft deployed from a parent boat
3. Southeast Fisheries Science Center
5. 1814 Island of Cuevas and British
6. Ship Channel Ingalls built tubes for 1948
8. Icebreaker built 1953 by Ingalls
10. To fill in the seams with oakum or cotton
12. Old name for Bay St. Louis
13. Lake of many boat builders
14. The fore end of a ship
16. Important fish for Moss Point industry
19. 1985 Halter USNS Ocean Surveillance Ship
20. What Navy was established in 1775
23. LSD 28, USS T _____, 1954
24. SS 581 Conventional Attack Submarine, 1960
27. 1930 Boat yard on Bayou Casotte
28. Private terminal at Pascagoula East River Harbor

DOWN

1. Owned 1742 ship *Andromeda*
4. Backbone of a vessel
5. Industry celebrated 50 years ago
7. Owner/master of *Medora*, captured 1864 by Union.
9. LPD 20 USN Landing Ship, 2008
11. 1992 CG69 Aegis Guided Missile Cruise/MS city.
14. Heavy constructed cargo vessel, no propulsion
15. President of Ingalls 1938-1957
16. Island nickname of the USN Homeport
17. Martin Freeman's Schooner captured 1861
18. Builder of the *Pathfinder*
21. Weight carried to make vessel more seaworthy
22. Legendary Old Fields
24. Seafood capitol of world 1920's
25. The direction away from the wind
26. T-AGS 60 Oceanographic Survey Ship, Halter built
28. Number of private terminals at Bayou Cassotte Harbor



300 years ago... November 12, 1715

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Whereas by a representation to us made by **Joseph Simon de la Pointe**, an inhabitant residing at Dauphine Island, he prays a grant to a certain tract of land which fronts on the Sea Shore, containing one league in width, be it more or less, by one league in depth, running its course due North, bounded on the South by the Fish River, on the West by the Sea shore fronting the Grand Bay and on the East by its depth, for the purpose of placing a stock of cattle and to establish a plantation thereon.

We moreover reserve for the use of his Majesty our Lord and in his behalf, the power and authority to take on the said land all and every kind and description of Timber which may be required for the construction of Forts, Magazines, and other publick works which his Majesty now has or hereafter may order to erect; **also such timber and other conveniences as may be necessary in REPAIRING and BUILDING SHIPS**, as well as such part of the said land as if may become necessary to erect Fortifications; on condition that Cedar Place which is said to be near Fish River, shall not be included in the tract of land above granted, in all or any part thereof, in faith whereof we have signed these presents and ordered to be registered in the office of the Supreme Council of the Province aforesaid; within two months from this date.

Document above was registered in the office of the Supreme Council of Louisiana on the twelfth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, by Chief Registers of the Council aforesaid. s/Baguet
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Old Mobile, by Jay Higginbotham, excerpt.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS

2. LIFEBOAT
3. NOAA
5. CAT
6. HOUSTON
8. USS Glacier
10. CAULK
12. SHIELDSBORO
13. KREBS
14. BOW
15. 16. MENHADEN
19. ADVENTUROUS
20. CONTINENTAL
23. THOMASTON
24. BLUEBACK
27. BEBEE
28. SIGNAL

DOWN

1. De La POINTE
4. KEEL
5. CHEVRON
7. SARRAZIN
9. GREEN BAY
11. USS VICKSBURG
14. BARGE
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