

HOLIDAZE

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FROM THE DESK OF

Lorren West

Happy Holidays to my wonderful maritime family!

Many blessings and ship ahoy's to you all for a special holiday with family and friends! My favorite maritime holiday singing carol is printed below. I have enjoyed many of Christmas's below deck on the Mystic Seaport's whaling ship the Charles Morgan circa 1842.

Let us all be grateful for all things MERRY!

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
Pray, wither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning

And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning?

O, they sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
O, they sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas Day in the morning

Our Savior Christ and His lady
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
Our Savior Christ and His lady
On Christmas Day in the morning

And all the bells on Earth shall ring
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
And all the bells on Earth shall ring
On Christmas Day in the morning

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In" (shortened to "I Saw Three Ships") is a popular Christmas carol from England, the earliest printed version of the carol being from the 17th century, possibly from Derbyshire. 1833 The "ships" mentioned in the carol could be a metaphor for the camels the Three Wise Men rode on their way to Bethlehem, as camels are commonly referred to as the "ships of the desert."

WHAT'S DECKING OUR HALLS?

In my lifetime I cannot think of a greater impact on our nation than that of the COVID-19 virus. Over the past ten months we have suffered the loss of loved ones, friends, jobs, finances, and our everyday freedoms that we cherish so dearly. We will survive COVID but we must be vigilant by keeping those face masks on, observing social distances and continually washing our hands.

Because of COVID-19 the Board of Directors voted to cancel the museum's fall social and the Board meetings for December and may do the same for January. But despite this I do want to reassure you that your Board and committee chairs remain hard at work to make the museum a reality. Your Museum Director, Lorren West, has met with County and City leaders, community organizations, and with each of the various committee chairs to help move museum goals and objectives into 2021.

On behalf of the Mississippi Maritime Museum Board of Directors I would like to wish all of our members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Perry Thompson, President



Sail into 2021 by becoming more involved with our maritime entrepreneurial endeavors.

Mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday January 5, 2021, 3:15 PM at your MS Maritime Activity Center, 609 DuPont St.

You'll enjoy a personal conversation with our Executive Director Lorren West along side one of our Board of Director Members Lisa Cannon (Chairman of Development).

For more information, please call Lisa at 228-497-1569 or email

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Note: Masks are required and social distancing will be observed



2020 MEETINGS



The Executive Board recently met and decided that it would be best to postpone the remainder of 2020 meetings due to recent outbreaks and other public event cancellations. Please continue to stay safe by performing hand hygiene, wearing your mask, and socially distancing when appropriate.



Happy Holidays

And best wishes into the New Year



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Jack Hoover (pictured below) a founding member of the Mississippi Maritime Museum enjoying dinner at Ruth's Chris in Mobile, AL with his lovely wife Peggy and friends Robert Hardy (Board Member/Campaign Chairman) and his lovely wife Jan. Thank you to Dr. Hoover for his dedication to the Museum and it's mission. We appreciate him and his vision for MMM.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Memberships remain on a record-breaking pace in 2020! We are now at 145, with 22 designated as Lifetime, and 36 included from the Capital Campaign! Thank you to all of our generous members for your dedication to keeping Mississippi's maritime history alive for future generations.

We are off to a great start for 2021 with 47 renewals thus far. There are ten 2019 Memberships that have not yet renewed for 2020, and renewal season for 2021 is upon us - but there is still time. Letters have been sent as reminders. If you are unsure of your status, send an email to msmmuseum@gmail.com to inquire and we will respond as soon as possible. Great things are in store for our group, and we don't want anyone 'missing the boat' - apologies for the pun!

Dues are \$25 per year, or for your convenience we have the Lifetime Membership option with one convenient payment of \$350

Memberships may be paid by utilizing one of the below methods:

- sending a check to MMM, P.O. Box 243, Pascagoula, MS, 39568
- visit our website - msmaritimemuseum.com

There's so much more to come - don't miss out!!!

Rene' Shaw - Chairman

Life's Roughest Storms Proves the Strength of our Anchors

