



MISSISSIPPI MARITIME MUSEUM & ACTIVITY CENTER

Official Newsletter

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

As President of the Mississippi Maritime Museum (MMM), I hope all of our members and supporters have remained safe from any form of COVID and you are enjoying the year thus far.

Our Executive Director, Lorren West, has worked extremely hard this past year developing maritime educational programs for our youth, raising funds, meeting community leaders, and leading the way to transform our Maritime Activity Center (MAC) 3,000 Sq Ft warehouse space into a maritime exhibit center. Please read the Director's report on our past accomplishments and future maritime projects for 2022.

The Maritime Activity Center has a new parking lot. Thanks go to DMR for providing the necessary funds through a DMR Tideland grant. Fletcher Construction was the contractor for the job with a

scheduled completion date of mid February.

The MMM Board will continue to move forward with our mission to educate our citizens and youth on the importance of the maritime industry to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and our nation. As always we need your support and help by telling your friends and coworkers about MMM and the importance of our 300 year maritime heritage. We are a 501(c)3 organization and any and all contributors will be greatly appreciated to support the ongoing maritime activities at the MAC. Please visit our website at msmartimemuseum.org to learn more about us and to see the exciting things going on at MMM.

Thanks,

Perry Thompson

Perry Thompson
MMM, President

An Old Sailor's Prayer Poem

by Thomas Vaughn Jones

*Bring on the Pilot, cast off the lines,
wait for the flooding tide.
Haul up the anchor, lay off the shore,
open the topsails wide.*

*Make fast the hatches, cargo secure,
close up the wind to lea;
Slide from the harbour, let out the log,
make for the open sea.*

*Hold tight the rigging, stand by the bridge,
ride on the surging foam,
until the vessel, voyage completed,
turns again, bound for home.*

*I am the vessel, mine is that ship,
buffeting through Life's gales.
Hope is the steerage, Faith is the hull,
Charity firms my sails.*

*When on the shoreline, God checks my log,
looks at my manifest;
Pray that His Mercy grants me safe harbour,
laying my sails to rest.*

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear maritime colleagues,

AHOY to all our friends, families and community members!

Did you know 95% of what comes and goes to this country comes and goes by ships? Did you know, unlike European nations, the United States lacks a national maritime museum, ship trusts and potential government subsidies? Our national maritime past is defined solely by local and regional organizations.

Your historic maritime legacies and adventures are alive and well here at our **S.H.I.P. - Seafaring. Heritage. Innovation. Programming** organization - The Mississippi Maritime Museum and Activity Center.

Our Mississippi Maritime Museum and Activity Center continues to embrace energy and enthusiasm as we build-out 3,000 sq ft of exhibit space and is projected to open later this year!! Dreams really do come true!

Over hundreds of years, people here on the Mississippi coast have made their livelihood through their connections to the water. Thanks to the skill and ingenuity of these hardworking men and women, Mississippi's maritime industry has impacted the region, nation and world.

Rooted in value, relevance, authenticity and stewardship, our maritime museum is poised to open a new chapter in its history.

We are based at the historic

Pascagoula High School. Our building is recognized by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Our maritime organization is developing interpretive exhibits to engage visitors in discovering our region's long maritime history. Slated in the Pascagoula's former high school's band hall and metal shop space, our exhibits will help visitors connect with the community's past, present and future while inspiring them to become involved with our maritime vision:

“Collectively preserve and promote our shipbuilding and mariner history while engaging and strengthening the future maritime workforce of Mississippi's maritime and shipbuilding heritage.”

Please enjoy this newsletter filled with our most recent maritime achievements. I hope you enjoy our updates and take part in our excitement as we move our maritime organization to a “New Maritime Era of Exhibition!”

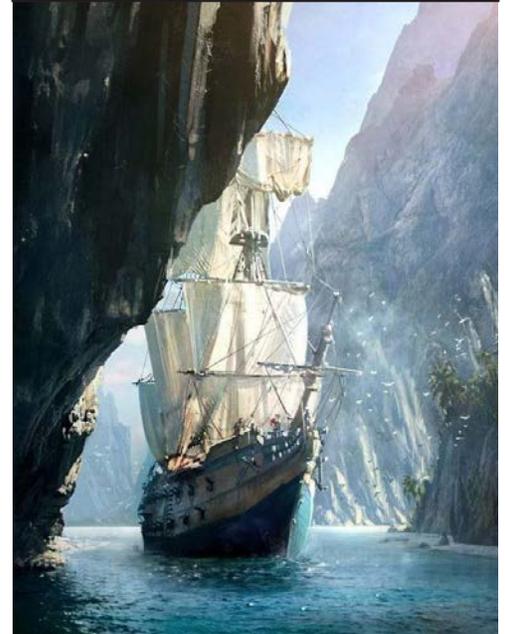
We appreciate you as a valued partner, your belief in our future maritime success and passion for our gulf coast Mississippi maritime history preservation and promotion.

Please feel free to email me at Irrnwest1@gmail.com with any questions or valued input.

Many maritime blessings,

Lorren West

Lorren West
Executive Director



FROM THE DESK OF KYLE WILLIAMS, EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST

We have continued to further our mission of education here at the Mississippi Maritime Museum. From the Summer of 2021 to the present, our education initiative has grown leaps and bounds connecting children with an intro to maritime learning through multiple fields of study. The future will be an exciting opportunity for our museum. But allow me to bring you up to speed on what we have been achieving during thus far.

After the success of our 2021 learning camps, we created a learning experience for children throughout the year at our Maritime Activity Center. Partnering with the Pascagoula Recreation Department, children attend class once a week on Wednesday afternoons. During our class time we explore a STEAM

focused educational experience learning about the maritime culture and heritage of our Mississippi Gulf Coast.

I secured a partnership with the Pascagoula River Audubon Center. I met with the Education Manager Katie Walsh Fetzer to discuss different education strategies and introduce our museum to another non-profit education-based center of learning in the region. The Audubon Center concentrates on the environmental conservation of the estuary system that makes up the lower Mississippi delta river system, as well as the plants and wildlife that call the region home. Katie was nice enough to explain their mission, operation, and educational framework. I took a lot of information from that meeting that I have implemented into



Kyle Williams with Attendees of our Rosie the Riveter Kids Camp

our education design, and I look forward to working with the Pascagoula River Audubon Center in the future.

I also partnered with the University of Mississippi's Marine Education Center in Ocean Springs. It is a beautiful campus tucked away in a small estuary with walking trails that lead to a small bay. I talked with their educators who fully understand their mission and purpose in their teaching methods. They do not have exhibits but offer a wide range

of outdoor experiences to classes that teach conservation and environmental learning of the lower Mississippi delta river system and gulf coast. They were very welcoming at the USM Center and I look forward to working with them in the future on education goals that could promote both of our organizations and educational missions.

During the holidays the museum held a special class for children. Our special class topic was the Mayflower and its

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DID YOU KNOW?

An 18' wooden boat is being donated to our museum from the collection of the late

FRANCIS O'BRIEN

Francis O'Brien served the United States Marine Corp. during the Korean war and retired after 20 years of service with the Pascagoula Fire Department. Upon retirement, he built, owned and operated a successful 35 boat marina with his brother. As a master carpenter his true talent for building wooden boats (over 800 at last count) brought him great satisfaction.



WRECKAGE OF WHALING SHIP THAT LIKELY SANK 186 YEARS AGO FOUND IN THE GULF

By Michelle Ewing,
Cox Media Group
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The wreckage of a whaling ship that sank in the Gulf of Mexico nearly two centuries ago appears to have been found, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced this week.

In a news release Wednesday, the agency said an energy company initially spotted the site – located about 70 miles south of Pascagoula, Mississippi, on the Gulf seafloor – in 2011. Six years later, an autonomous vehicle briefly viewed the area but did not examine it thoroughly, according to the release.

But that all changed last month when a crew aboard NOAA's Okeanos Explorer, guided by onshore scientists, sent a remotely operated vehicle to the location on Feb. 25, the release said. The robot captured footage of what researchers believe is wreckage from the Industry, a whaling brig that sank during a storm on May 26, 1836. The 64-foot-long wooden vessel, built in Westport, Massachusetts, in 1815, "is the only whaling ship known to have been lost in the Gulf of Mexico out of 214 whaling voyages from the 1780s to the 1870s," NOAA said.

The agency said the discovery highlights "a little known chapter of American history when descendants of African enslaved people and Native Americans



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served as essential crew" in the whaling industry.

"Today we celebrate the discovery of a lost ship that will help us better understand the rich story of how people of color succeeded as captains and crew members in the nascent American whaling industry of the early 1800s," NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad said in a statement. "The discovery reflects how African Americans and Native Americans prospered in the ocean economy despite facing discrimination and other injustices. It is also an example of how important partnerships of federal agencies and local communities are to uncovering and documenting our nation's maritime history."

News articles from the time said another ship rescued the Industry's crew members and brought them back to Massachusetts, according to The Associated Press.

"This was so fortunate for the men onboard," researcher Jim Delgado of SEARCH Inc. said in a statement.

"If the Black crewmen had tried to go ashore, they would have been jailed under local laws. And if they could not pay for their keep while in prison, they would have been sold into slavery."

– The Associated Press contributed to this report.



Our **OKEONOS EXPLORER** crew guests discovered this whaling ship! Congrats to this seafaring NOAA crew!

COMMUNITY MEMBERS DONATE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

VT Halter Marine, NOAA, and the United States Coast Guard are excited to be a part of our Grand Opening! Each organization is donating important ship models and historical artifacts. Look for these historic items within our exhibit presentations!

Benches for use in the Museum are being donated by **Bruce Walker** - grandson of, **Arnold Walker**, owner and operator of a shipyard on Front Street in Pascagoula. Bruce, a furniture designer, has also offered to donate a steel engraving of one of the vessels his grandfather built as well as an extensive collection of photographs.

Dwight Baker, owner of Baker Sporting Goods in Moss Point, has an impressive collection of vintage outboards and we will be showcasing some of his classic outboards. Dwight is in the boat repair business and his shop is literally filled with interesting artifacts that are worthy of display and would make great additions to the museum.

Mike Flechas, whose father and grandfather operated a small shipyard on Krebs Lake for many years, has some impressive machinery that will make excellent static displays both inside and outside the Museum.

SEAFARERS SPOTLIGHT: *Tall Architects*



Pictured Left to Right: Morgan Warmath, Lilo Santos, Mark Talley, Madison Talley, Tyler Warmath

Tall Architects was founded in 2014, with the goal of bringing a forward-thinking and inclusive voice to the world of architecture, specifically, architecture in the south.

Founders Madison Talley and Mark Talley knew early on that they wanted to be at the helm of something larger than themselves, working towards the common goal of creating intelligently designed and beautifully built spaces that enrich and enliven the community.

Over the past seven years, the team at Tall has challenged themselves to consistently bring articulate and passionate voices to the arts, education, and cultural communities in not only Ocean Springs but throughout Mississippi via lectures on architecture, participation on local boards, and workshops with students and community leaders.

Tall lives by the motto “stagnation is death” and since its inception

has worked to expand its thinking-tackling ever larger projects (both in the state and out), hiring the best, brightest, and most forward thinking employees, and constantly evolving, be it with technology, client interaction, or the most cutting edge building materials and techniques.

Tall is excited to work with the Mississippi Maritime Museum and Activity Center on the expansion of the Activity Center into the existing warehouse, converting this space into a multi-purpose facility that will be used for museum exhibits, educational activities, lectures, and other events. We are working hand in hand with the organization to create a space that will be beautiful, as well as functional, while preserving the historic nature of the building. The converted space will house custom built exhibits that take the viewer from Maritime’s past, through the present, and into the future.

OUR MARITIME COMMUNITY COUNCIL KICKS OFF!!

Our Maritime Community Council had a fantastic first meeting April 7th, 2022!

This dynamic group of community maritime leaders includes:

Ms. Leslie Zanders, PMP

Manager Software Development/Halter Marine, Inc.

Mr. Tim Martin

Chief of Port Operations/NOAA

Mr. Dennis Bopp

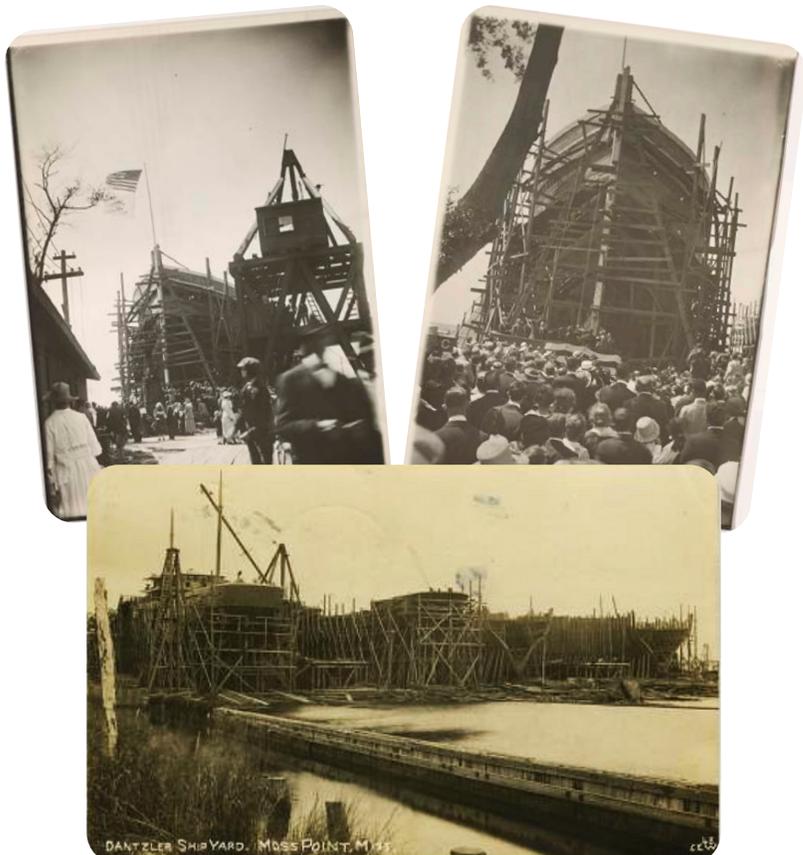
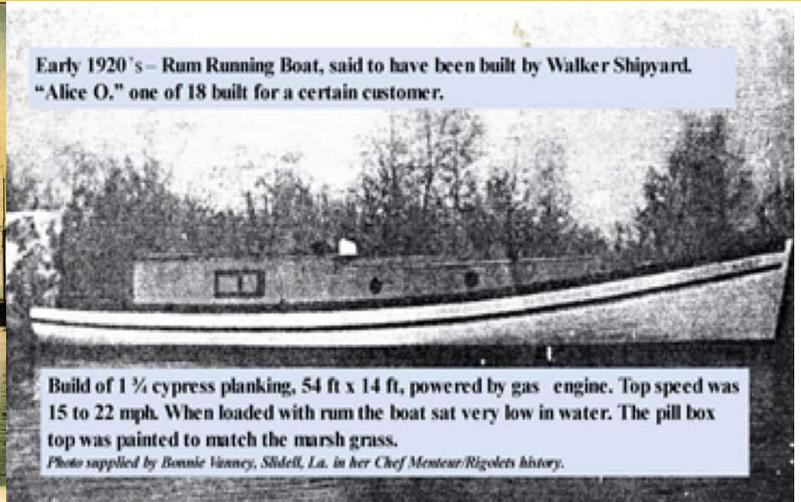
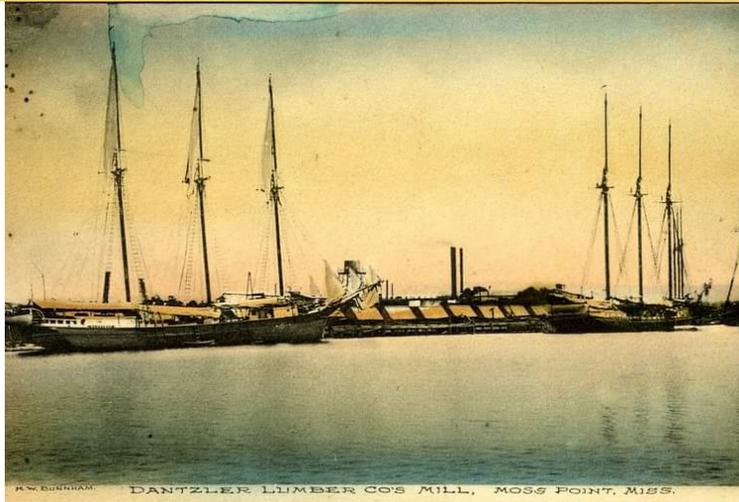
Flotilla Vice Commander, USCG

Mr. Dick Dixon

Maritime Steel Castings sales, Boat expert, Ingalls-retired

Our maritime focus is to create and develop a responsive & proactive maritime ecosystem built on community collaboration. Our collaboration will partner with our mission, vision and long-term planning to ensure our museum preserves and promotes the past, present and future of our Mississippi's maritime and shipbuilding heritage

Our maritime council meets every other Thursday, from 5pm-6pm. Please feel free to join us any time! The meetings are open to the public.



FUN FACTS!

Jackson County is known for shipbuilding. Early settlers hand-crafted utility, fishing and local transportation boats to one-of-a-kind designs, but World War I saw explosive development of a modern industry. Dierks-Blodgett in Pascagoula, and Dantzler and Hodges shipyards in Moss Point were contracted to build eleven 281-foot long ocean-going cargo ships, each consisting of over a million board feet of southern pine. These shipyards closed after the war, but another, International Shipyard, continued until 1921. Located at the mouth of the Pascagoula River, this shipyard constructed three graceful five-masted barkentines. These 379-foot long ships were among the last sail-powered cargo ships built in the United States.

LOOK FOR UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR *Grand Opening!!*

Our new exhibits will engage you throughout many visits!

*Local Shipbuilder Legacies • Maritime Shipbuilding
Maritime Commerce • Maritime Fisheries & Research
Maritime Workforce Awareness
Pirates / Shipwrecks*

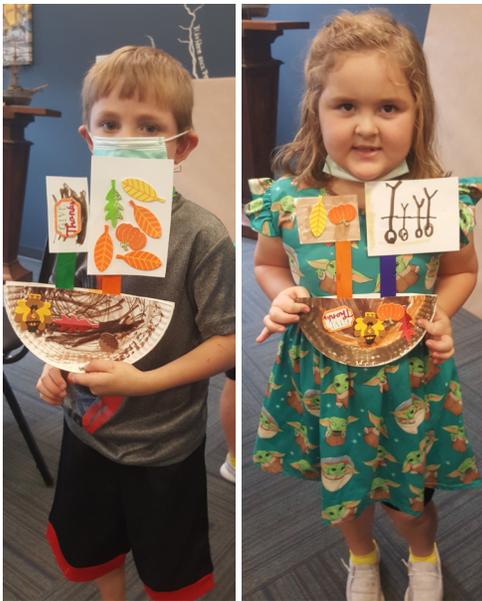


THANK YOU!
**MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF
MARINE RESOURCES
AND
FLETCHER CONSTRUCTION**

for sponsoring our newly
paved parking lot!



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST



Attendee Susan Villareal
buys the winning art piece



We received entrants from the Pascagoula-Gautier School District, as well as Resurrection Catholic School for our first annual Children's Art Contest. We had a great turnout and the students submitted some amazing art pieces based on a theme of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We thank everyone for their participation and look forward to next year's contest!

The winners included: Ellis Ashbaker, Abram Fyfogle, Jonna Rodolfich, Josephine Bosarge, Mila Rodolfich, Asa Johnson, John Taylor McNeel, Gracelyn Freeman, Isabelle Skipper, Jenna Duncan, Jastine Clark, and Myles Brown.



OUR ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS ENJOYED BY OUR MARITIME COMMUNITY!



Gautier Mayor Casey Vaughn and Quinn Gautier attend Silent Auction



Silent Auction attendees included museum founder Jack Hoover, Ann Pickett and Vincent Casigliola



Luke Green, Ron Backowiski and Bandit attending our catboat debut



Kyle Williams, Teacher Michele Brasher and Students at Trent Lott Middle School learn the foregone maritime tradition of preserving oranges with cloves. Sailors used them to combat odors on the ship as well as to prevent scurvy.

ANTIQUE WOODEN CATBOAT RESTORED TO GLORY!!!

Mississippi Maritime Museum, Pascagoula is pleased to announce the debut of its restored wooden Catboat. The catboat was donated to our museum by **MORT AND JOAN CAPLAN** of Gulfport, MS. The catboat was built in Nova Scotia. The builder modeled the catboat after a shipwrecked catboat found in the surf on the island.

The dedicated volunteers of The United States Coast Guard, Singing River Island, **LUKE GREEN L P01 USCG**, **WILLIAM BUTKEY J BOSN 2**, Sherwin-Williams, local Paint supplier, **RANDAL LAMB** and local maritime restoration builder **RON BACZKOWSKI** transformed the catboat to her full sailing glory.

We thank the Coast Guard, Ron and Sherwin-Williams for their community maritime spirit!

More on our Catboat on Page 10 >>>



Special Thank You To:

Murphy's Landscaping, Lowes-Pascagoula and Lowes-Gautier for donating \$2,000 in plantings for our Beautification Community Project.

Thank you to Elizabeth Newman for coordinating our plant donations.



Special Appreciation To:

Kiwanis Club - Pascagoula, Jim Blevins & Perry Thompson for planting over 40 plants thus far!



**NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER
AND VERA ANDERSON
SHIPBUILDERS DAY WAS
CELEBRATED MARCH 21, 2022**

Our Jackson County, MS community celebrated National Rosie the Riveter Day in conjunction with local World War II world champion welder 1943, 1944 Vera Anderson.

Vera Anderson's descendants celebrated the day with us. Two Bluebird boxes were installed in honor of the women and their shipbuilding trades. Bluebirds were symbols of Hope. Bluebirds represented hope to World War II shipbuilders that their men would be safe while fighting the war and return home to America soon.



*Descendants of Vera Anderson
visiting the MMMAC*

SEA'S THE DAY - OUR RENOVATED CATBOAT GETS A NEW NAME!

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022 a restored catboat was unveiled to the world at the Mississippi Maritime Museum and Activity Center.

"This is what we started this museum for - education," said Richard Lucas, member of the museum's board of directors. "We want people to know about the great heritage down here."

Mort and Joan Caplan of Gulfport donated the ship, which was originally crafted in Nova Scotia using a local shipwrecked catboat as inspiration.

"I love that part of the story. Nova Scotia...sounds romantic, they get the boat down here to Gulfport," Lucas added.

It was built by two members of the United States Coast Guard and Ronald Baczkowski.

"It was a lot of fun for me. I really enjoy this kind of work anyway. The museum's been great, they've been very gracious for us being here," said L PO1 Luke Green, U.S. Coast Guard.

T.J. Sampson, a sixth-grade student at Trent Lott Middle School, won the catboat naming contest with the winning entry, "Sea's the Day." The contest was held



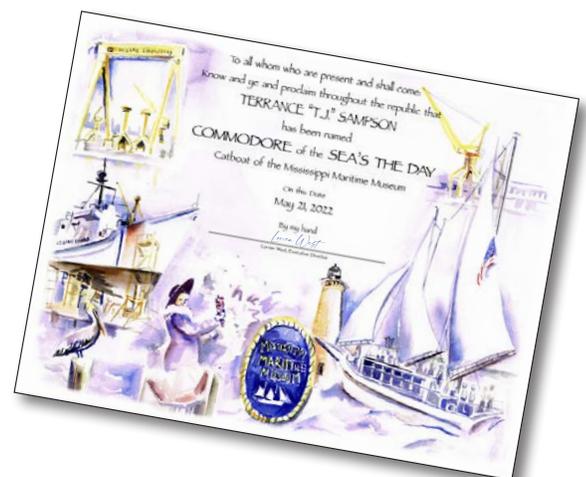
TJ Sampson pictured above receiving his commendation (left) and with his family (right).

amongst several schools in Pascagoula and received around 150 to 200 entries.

He was an honorary guest for Pascagoula's Maritime Day Celebration on Saturday, May 21, 2022, where he was named the inaugural Commodore of the "Sea's The Day" catboat.

T.J. and his mom, Summer, both say they could not believe it when he was announced as the winner. "I was about to cry...I was about to cry then I heard the paper fell out and that I was the only one. I was totally shocked."

"He completely deserves this. He works extremely hard at school. He's gone through a lot in his life and I think it's so good for him that he won something. I'm extremely proud of him."



SAILING INTO NEW HORIZONS - CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!

Your maritime heritage is transforming to reality! Our Seafaring Heritage Public Exhibits are opening later this year!!

You will soon enjoy a creative maritime freedom of space to learn and appreciate the value of our local maritime world – past, present and future. We will encourage the public through maritime workforce awareness projects that they can have a successful future here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our exciting presentation will foster pride among our community and interpret the complex maritime world.

Your Mississippi maritime world access will encompass our historic shipbuilding legacies and its impacts felt across the world on maritime commerce, shipwrecks, fisheries, maritime workforce awareness and so much more!

Our visitors will understand “maritime” goes beyond shipbuilding. Maritime includes commerce, fisheries, research, water resources, recreation, environmental conservation and so much more!

PHASE 1 - CURRENT

Exhibit installation & build-out of 3,000 sq feet within our current Maritime Activity Center.

PHASE 2 - TARGET -2024

Exhibit installation & build-out of 17,000 sq ft 2nd building (former Old Pascagoula High School Math and Science building)

PHASE 2A -(TARGET 2024)

The maritime activity center exhibit space 3,000 sq feet is transformed into a large space for boat-building projects and classes.



FROM THE DESK OF KYLE WILLIAMS, CONT.

voyage to America. We traced the background, heritage, and voyage of the Pilgrims from England to the Netherlands back to England, and eventually to the northeastern region of what would become the United States of America. Executive Director Lorren West spoke to the children about her family connections to the Plymouth Colony. Lorren is a descendant of Miles Standish, a military officer hired by the colony to advise them on military matters in America.

An important step in furthering expanding our education initiative was the formation of the Education Advisory Council for the Mississippi Maritime Museum. Our education initiative is a multifaceted approach to the history and heritage of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. To create a more holistic learning environment we approached educators in our local region to join our museum council and to

provide an “all hands-on deck” approach to our emerging museum’s education mission. The members of the Education Advisory Council are Patti Brooks, John Mangipano, Brad Bailey, Erica Wilson, and Savannah Miller. All are educators from middle school to community college. Our hope is that with their help we can design a unique learning environment here at the museum that not only assists our local school curriculum but offers something new that will open doors to our students that furthers their understanding of the special place for which they live.

We have received a grant from the Pat Santucci Education Fund. This fund is through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. The Pat Santucci Education Fund supports educational programs in the counties of Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Stone, Pearl River, and George. The grant will help fund our spring and summer class expenses. We thank the Gulf Coast Community Foundation

and the Pat Santucci Education Fund for their generous investment and belief in our mission at the Mississippi Maritime Museum.

At the Mississippi Maritime Museum we want to educate all ages of our rich culture and heritage on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Therefore, we are going to implement a lecture series here at the museum. This lecture series will be designed for adults that would like to learn in a comfortable informal setting for an hour or so. I am currently researching and connecting with possible educators to bring lectures and talks to the museum for our adult learners.

Thanks,

Kyle Williams

Kyle Williams
Education Program Specialist

2nd Annual

CELEBRATING NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK

May 14-21, 2022

COAST GUARD HOSTS BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Sold Out!

Our students enjoyed local TV news coverage while learning all about the seafaring ways of staying safe and aware on the high seas!

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (WLOX) - On Saturday, officials gave boating safety courses at the Mississippi Maritime Museum and Activity Center.

As the state eases its way into the summer, more and more Mississippians are looking to get back on the water. However, since the halt of safety courses, officials say they've noticed an increase in boating accidents.

"The result is over the past two years, the number of accidents, unfortunately, has increased nearly 30 percent," said former National Commodore Larry L. King. With the increase in accidents, officials look teach more people of boating safety through courses such as the ones held on Saturday. The event included lessons, textbooks, lunch and certification. Participants must have a grade of 75 or higher to pass.



City of Pascagoula Mayor Jay Willis

THE CITY OF MOSS POINT AND PASCAGOULA CELEBRATE MARITIME WEEK BY ISSUING PROCLAMATIONS TO BOTH OUR MUSEUM AND OUR LOCAL USCG FLOTILLA!



City of Moss Point Mayor Billy Knight



NATIONAL MARITIME DAY CELEBRATION AT THE POINT!

May 21, 2022



*Thank you to the following Maritime Day
participants*

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD - BY LAND AND AIR!

NOAA - THE INFAMOUS TURTLE HURTLE

SIGNET TUGBOAT WATER SHOW

PASCAGOULA BAR PILOTS ASSOCIATION

PASCAGOULA POLICE BOAT

MARINE PATROL - DEPT. OF MARINE RESOURCES

LOCAL CASA AND ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATIONS



MISSISSIPPI MARITIME MUSEUM EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHOSEN

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John Mangipano

*History Teacher
Gautier High School*

Brad Bailey

*Dean of Teaching and Learning
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College*

Erica Wilson

*Science/Social Studies Teacher
Singing River Academy*

Patti Brooks

*Science Teacher
D’Iberville Middle School*

Savannah Miller

*Science/ Social Studies Teacher
Singing River Academy*

Lorren West

Mississippi Maritime Museum Executive Director

Kyle Williams

Mississippi Maritime Museum Education Coordinator

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE NEW BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

Jim McIngvale

*Current President of Mississippi Gulf Coast
Community College Board of Directors
Retired Ingalls/VP of Community Affairs*

Bud Villareal

Public Relations, VP-Schwartz

Leslie Zanders

*Acting Board Secretary, PMP-Manager Software
Development/Halter Marine, Inc.*

Susan Villareal

Special Events, Modern Health Magazine

**Our board meetings are open to the public!
Please join us! 3rd Monday of each month at 5 pm.**

*Submitted by: Perry Thompson, Terry Bollman, Nick Richards,
Richard Lucas, Lisa Cannon, Patti Brooks, & Atty. Michael Moore*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Thank you for your consideration of dedicating your maritime spirit to the creation of our maritime museum and community outreach visions. We welcome all individuals from ages of 16 and up to be a valued member of our Mississippi Maritime team!

**ARTIFACTS ACQUISITION / ARCHIVES
BUILDING, IT, & FACILITIES
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COMMUNITY LIAISON - RECRUITMENT/DEVELOPMENT
EDUCATION
EXHIBITS
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GRANT IDENTIFICATION AND PROPOSALS
LEGISLATIVE
MEMBERSHIP/DONOR RECOGNITION
PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Please email msmmuseum@gmail.com
if you are interested in volunteering!

Please consider donating to our community focused mission as we collectively preserve the history and engage the future of Mississippi's Maritime & Shipbuilding heritage!

Mail donations to
Mississippi Maritime Museum & Activity Center
P.O. Box 243
Pascagoula, MS 39568
OR donate on-line at
www.msmaritimemuseum.org



The Mississippi Maritime Museum and Activity Center of Pascagoula, MS is exceptionally grateful for your support. Your generosity and commitment allow us great possibilities for success this year.

We are engineering plans for the build-out of our Activity Center's 3,000 sq ft warehouse space to highlight maritime interactive exhibits, designing and installing a new parking lot, hosting public/private conference meetings, devising plans for an archive research library, discovering coastline shipwrecks and so much more! With the opening of our Maritime Activity Center, our museum is propelled into a new "Era of Exhibition" as a year-round location. Through the unwavering support of our annual fund donors, we can set new standards as Mississippi's leading maritime historical museum. We are entering an exciting new era here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast!

Your tax-deductible gift to our annual fund is crucial to our continued success and growth. With ambitious goals, creating interactive exhibits, and offering inspirational education programs, now, more than ever, your donation provides the gift of knowledge and experience to visitors of all ages. Your donations directly benefit and support these programs and more. You will ensure our mission to preserve and explore 300-years of maritime history, environment, shipbuilding, and culture of the entire Mississippi region, which inspires the public's enduring connection to our maritime heritage.

In advance, thank you for your most gracious philanthropic gift.

AHOY!
Lorren West
Executive Director
Mississippi Maritime Museum





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PASCAGOULA, MS 39568

Pascagoula's Own
Mississippi Maritime Museum
& Activity Center
Official Newsletter

Be sure to update your membership information (mailing address/email) so we may contact you with exciting information regarding museum development. Email us at mstmuseum@gmail.com with your info.



We're making sea glass collages!



Our 2022 Summer Camp Partnership with the Pascagoula Recreation Department is off to a great start!

We appreciate Ann's dedication to our maritime mission. Her presence will be forever in our person I have ever met. Ann left our building "Ann is truly the nicest A staff member commented just last week after volunteerism, generosity and sincere kindness.



Our maritime "Commodore" Elizabeth Ann Pickett "Ann", an avid supporter of our museum and most passionate member, recently passed away. Ann was known in our organization for her

In Memoriam