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The S.H.I.P's Log at the MS Shipbuilding and Maritime Center Seafaring - Heritage - Innovation - Programming

Captain's Log - November 10, 2022

October 27th, 2022

Our Catboat "Sea's the Day" was a special guest during the annual La Point Krebs Cemetery Tours. Local Coast Guard Crew, Ron Baszkowski and Dick Dixon ensured her safe "Trailer and Sail" arrival!

We love to partner with our area community organizations!



Let's Welcome Megan McGee to Our Ship's Crew!

Megan is helping with our educational activities, administration, archiving and so much more!

Megan earned her masters degree in museum studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Cooperstown, New York, but she grew up right here on the Gulf Coast in Biloxi. She is excited to join the crew of the Mississippi Shipbuilding and Maritime Center as our education administrator!





Correction to Last Week's Log

The raffle winner was Maria Cirlot Wilson of Moss Point! Thank you to Deirdre for the correction!



THE MISSISSIPPI

SHIPBUILDING AND MARITIME CENTER

Local member Maribel Myers on why she cherishes the MS Shipbuilding and Maritime Center!

Maribel Myers has a love for all things maritime that goes way back.

“My father occasionally told me the story of his great uncle Cristobal, who was a sailor and was lost at sea many years ago,” said Maribel. “Even though that was obviously sad, I think I was fascinated with the sea from that point on.”

“I fell in love with the Navy when I was 14 years old. I actually wanted to enlist on my seventeenth birthday, but my Vietnam vet family members urged me to wait. That interest led me to attend SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx, New York, and get a degree in Marine Engineering.”

Those years at SUNY Maritime gave Maribel an even greater appreciation for ships and boats. The school is also known as New York Maritime and is one of only about five maritime colleges in the United States. As part of the curriculum, she went out to sea on the school ship for three summers.

“It was on those trips that I discovered that there is nothing like being out in the middle of the ocean at 4:00 a.m. in total darkness,” said Maribel. “While I ultimately decided not to join the U.S. Navy, after graduating I got a job with the Department of the Navy, allowing me to continue my federal career. For me, being near the ocean is a wonderful stress reliever—at least when we aren’t in the middle of hurricane season.”

With her natural love of the sea, combined with her background and education, it is little wonder that Maribel is a big proponent of the Maritime Museum coming to Pascagoula.

“Personally, I’ve never been to a maritime-type museum or exhibit that did not captivate my attention and feed my love of both history and the sea,” said Maribel. “Jackson County is chock full of connections to the maritime industry considering the number of shipyards in

the area, the blood, sweat, and tears contributed in building ships for the Navy, while supporting those who fought for freedom in our nation's wars. A Maritime Museum is a must to capture that history and preserve it not only for those who live here, but for those who visit our area."

With maritime love, Maribel Meyers

Our momentum is strong! Yet we need your help to continue this momentum into a successful new year! Your gift has a direct impact on your community's maritime preservation and new innovations, interpretations of our maritime world, conservation, public education, artifact displays and acquisitions.

Your gift impacts our quest to preserve Mississippi's maritime heritage for maritime and industrial innovation. Your gift develops and sustains a maritime center that educates, entertains, and inspires the public!

Next year we need to hire additional staff, purchase IT technology to evolve our exhibits into an immersive interactive experience and continue to develop additional educational programming available to all!

In the spirit of gift giving, please consider donating to our unique maritime legacies and future maritime innovations.

Please donate on-line at msmaritimemuseum.org
or mail your gift to P O Box 243, Pascagoula, MS 39568.

We are grateful for your support of the Mississippi Shipbuilding and Maritime Center!

Your donation is tax-deductible.

Respectfully and yours in maritime,

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