Vaughn A. Sherman will captivate us with an overview of his book Sea Travels. This biography covers the memoirs of a 20th Century Master Mariner, J. Holger Christensen as told to his nephew Vaughn Sherman. Captain Christensen was born in Nome, Alaska, but grew up on Bainbridge Island. He sailed to distant lands as a mariner and ship captain in World War II but always returned to the North Pacific where he challenged the unforgiving waters of the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. In this memoir, he tells remarkable sea stories in gripping detail. The book covers both Captain Christensen’s life and that of his father, a master mariner from Denmark. After WWII, Captain Christensen gave up going to sea to please his wife. They opened a hardware store on Bainbridge Island and also had a construction company, but he always kept up his Master’s license. There was always the thought in back of his mind of someday returning to the sea.

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Volunteer Spotlight:
Lisle Rose & Karl House

Before our big move last year from Montlake to our new Maritime Research Center in Georgetown, our volunteer library and archives crew handled on average 400 inquiries a year from around the world.

The late Jack Carver recruited both Lisle and Karl to become volunteers. Lisle Rose, who took over as volunteer library coordinator from Jack Carver, ensures that the archives are housed, recorded and tracked in our Research Center. The volunteer who works with all of the patrons with research inquiries is Karl House.

Lisle is the author of *Power at Sea Volumes I&II* and loves history. He wears three hats – as a docent for MOHAI and a board member and volunteer with PSMHS.

Karl has an encyclopedic knowledge of Seattle maritime history and has been a member of our organization for 32 years and served on the Board of Governors from 2004-2008.

When asked about the most satisfying aspect of their work in the Maritime Research Center, both replied that it is helping people discover the information, documents or photographs they are searching for and working with the MOHAI and PSMHS staff members. Thank you Karl and Lisle for all of your efforts to make our maritime history accessible!

Maritime Research Center Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a research assistant to help Karl House with inquiries in our Maritime Research Center on Thursdays from 10 am to 3pm. We are experiencing a high volume of requests with the new MOHAI opening and we expect this trend to continue.

The ideal volunteer would be able to commit to at least two Thursdays a month, have some basic knowledge of Pacific Northwest maritime history, an interest in learning about archival management and the ability to easily use a computer and Microsoft Office products. This volunteer position requires working with diverse research patrons and the MOHAI staff. If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Marshall in the Maritime Research Center office.

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We welcome new members listed in bold and thank all of you who have renewed in the time period!

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Welcome Arthur Bednar, Oral History Volunteer

Arthur Bednar recently moved to Seattle and has offered to conduct some oral histories for PSMHS. Arthur has an MA in History from the University of North Florida with a concentration in 19th Century US and Florida environmental history. For the last two years, he developed the St. Johns River Oral History Project and conducted over thirty interviews. We are thrilled that he is putting his expertise to work for us. If you or someone you know would like to be interviewed in Seattle about your maritime career or personal life experiences related to Puget Sound maritime history, please contact Karen Marshall.

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