April’s speaker, PSMHS board member Nathaniel Howe, will provide an inside look at the major restoration work completed on Lightship No. 83 “Swiftsure” (1904) last summer. Ninety-one days and a half-million dollars were spent in the shipyard overhauling the 620-ton riveted steel ship. The 110 year-old ship offered up plenty of surprises and a few lessons along the way.

Many PSMHS members are aware that Seattle’s Lightship No. 83 is among the oldest of its kind still in existence, and it is the only lightship still equipped with a steam engine. It was built in Camden, New Jersey in 1904—eight years before “Titanic”. Lightship No. 83 steamed around South America to enter West Coast service in 1905. During the next 55 years, the lightship served on all five West Coast lightship stations (San Francisco, Blunts Reef, Columbia River, Umatilla Reef, and Swiftsure Bank). The Swiftsure Bank, marking the approaches to the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Seattle, is the station name painted on its side today.

While in its years of active service, Lightship No. 83 rescued shipwreck victims, narrowly survived collisions, served as an armed training ship in WWII, and made the transition from oil lanterns to electric lighting, radio, and radar. These systems are as significant as any valorous act of its crew. The advancements in shipboard electrification during the ship’s working life—most are still in the ship—brought sweeping changes to navigation and safety at sea. In 1960 Lightship No. 83 was replaced by automated offshore buoys and decommissioned. The ship joined the Northwest Seaport museum ship fleet in 1966 and became a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

Join us for this April program as Northwest Seaport’s Nautical Archaeologist and Vessel Manager, Nathaniel Howe, who supervised the work and will bring to life the story of the ongoing project and the ship’s vibrant past, present, and future.
Membership Report Jan – Feb 2014

We welcome new members listed in bold and thank all of our current members who have renewed their membership in January and February 2014.

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MEDAL OF MERIT NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

We are seeking nominations for the 2014 Medal of Merit. The individual will be honored at our dinner meeting on May 7th. Past recipients of the Honorary Life Member and Medal of Merit awards are not eligible. A list of the those recipients can be found in the “Awards” section of the Society website at www.pugetmaritime.org

Nominations can be e-mailed to George Osborn at george.osborn@centurylink.net or mailed to George Osborn, 3823 N. Frace Ave., Tacoma, WA 98407. Nominations must be received by March 31st and postmarked no later than March 29th if mailed.

Classifieds

Discovery Modelers Two Events at the History House of Greater Seattle
1) Welcome Aboard! A great ship model exhibit “Honoring Northwest Maritime History” open now.
2) Ship Model Class – Sign up now to build the “Phantom” an 1868 New York Pilot Boat from April 23 to 25, 1 to 3 pm, plus some work outside of class. Cost for the wood model kit and instruction $125.00.
Both events are at the History House of Greater Seattle in Fremont. 790 N. 34th Street (206-875-8875) Open Wednesday through Sunday 12 to 5.

Looking for Photographs of the SIGHTSEER: Researcher/author looking for images of the SIGHTSEER - especially interior views. Please contact Keith Sternberg By phone 360 468 2074, or mail: 1258 Center Road, Lopez Island, WA 98261.

Bound Volumes of THE SEA CHEST Available – Bids Accepted
The first sixteen volumes of THE SEA CHEST (September 1967 – June 1983) are available to the highest bidder with all proceeds benefiting the PSMHS Maritime Research Center. These donated bound volumes are in excellent condition. Mailed bids that include the amount of the bid, bidder’s name, address and telephone number must be postmarked by Thursday, May 1, 2014. Send your bid for this collection to: PSMHS PO Box 81142, Seattle, WA 98108 Attn: bid. The highest bidder will be notified by Monday, June 2 and is responsible for tax if applicable, $34.90 shipping charges or arranging pick up.

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Questions? Email: program@pugetmaritime.org or phone Pat Hartle at 206-938-2397. Thank you.

Reservation and Cancellation Policy:
Refunds will not be given unless the cancellation is made 48 hours prior to the program to cover our catering costs.

Reserve Early:
Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

*please note that the price increase reflects an increase in Ivar’s costs.

Upcoming Events

May 7 Annual PSMHS Awards Meeting.


May 20 Special Tuesday Program featuring Mary Malloy, Ph.D. Professor of Maritime Studies and Director, The Global Ocean Program, Sea Education Association.

June 10 Program aboard the SS LEGACY.

* Details to follow in upcoming newsletters

Newsletter Deadline
The April newsletter deadline is Wednesday, April 2nd. The newsletter deadline will be the first Wednesday of each month prior to publication. Please send content via US Mail, or email to newsletter@pugetmaritime.org.