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Flagship Society

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Santa Barbara Maritime Museum

About the Museum

Since opening its doors in July 2000, the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum has become a vital community treasure, celebrating the Santa Barbara Channel's rich and varied maritime history. Up to 8,000 students participate each year in the Museum's educational programs, including the Spirit of Dana Point Overnight Tall Ship Program and the Marine Science Program.

For many students, this is their first experience on our waters.

Through permanent and traveling exhibits, monthly lectures, films, books, and special events, SBMM preserves and celebrates the maritime heritage of our Central Coast.



Designating Your Flagship Society Gift

You can help the Maritime Museum chart a future filled with opportunity and excitement through a bequest, charitable trust or other planned gift. Since our founding in 2000, many generous patrons, who care deeply about maritime history and youth education, have expressed their lasting support by including the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum in their long-term financial plans.

Unrestricted planned gifts provide the SBMM with the flexibility to meet whichever needs are most urgent. If, however, you prefer to designate your estate or planned gift to a specific program, please contact us so we might assist you.

All Flagship Society gifts are deeply appreciated



Benefits of Being a Flagship Society Member

We created the Flagship Society to honor those who have included the Maritime Museum in their estate plans.

In grateful appreciation we will:

- Feature member names on a special Flagship Society display in the Museum
- List members in our annual report and other publications
- Invite members and a guest to unique receptions held annually in their honor

The greatest reward comes from knowing that you are helping the Museum to fulfill its mission and vision for generations to come. Please let us know if you have included SBMM in your estate plans.



There are Many Ways You can Join our Flagship Society:

- Naming SBMM in your Living Trust or Will
- Designating SBMM as a Primary Beneficiary for Gifted Assets from a Tax-Deferred Retirement Plan, such as a 401(k) plan or IRA
- [Naming SBMM in a Charitable Remainder Trust, which can provide life income to a loved one as well as a significant future gift to the Maritime Museum](#)
- Naming SBMM as a Primary Beneficiary of a Life Insurance policy
- [Designating SBMM as a Final Legacy in a Donor Advised Fund](#)

All inquiries will be kept in strictest confidence

Your Flagship Society gift will make a lasting impact on the Maritime Museum. It may also provide you with significant tax advantages, while continuing to provide income to you and your heirs.

We recommend that you discuss specific tax implications with your financial and/or tax advisor to ensure that your investment offers maximum benefits to you and the Maritime Museum. The Maritime Museum cannot render any type of legal or tax advice.



Create a Promising Future and a Long Lasting Legacy

"We made a legacy gift to the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum because we believe the past affects our future, and we want to ensure that all children in Santa Barbara County have the opportunity to participate in the Maritime Museum's Tall Ship programs. In order to protect our oceans, we have to know as much about them as possible. The Maritime Museum provides that education, those experiences, and makes learning fun."



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