

A Message from Your Museum



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Dear Friends of SBMM,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and all those we serve, we thank you for your past support of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM). We ask that you again consider making a generous contribution to support our efforts to preserve and celebrate our rich maritime history. Your contribution helps us create new exhibits, upgrade existing exhibits, and provide our educational programming to an ever-expanding number of people.

Thanks to your generosity, SBMM has enhanced the academic components of the *Spirit of Dana Point* Tall Ship Overnight Education Program, our Marine Science Program, and free docent-led school field trips, providing unique hands-on experiences for local students. We've also been able to offer various youth programs, Ocean Connections and Love Letters to the Sea, Science Nights, and Museum on the Move, that provides educational opportunities to more at-risk, low-income children. **This past year, SBMM docents visited nineteen school Science Nights, interacting with 2,838 local students and helping many of those students learn how Fresnel lenses refract light.**

These one-of-a-kind programs epitomize what the SBMM is all about. Whether it is our monthly Lecture Series, our Kardboard Kayak Races, or wine and seafood tastings, we believe learning should be accessible, hands-on and fun for all ages. Through our dynamic exhibits, interactive programs, unique excursions, and Navigators Circle presentations, we bring maritime history to life.



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“Being on the Tall Ship was a once in a lifetime experience that the students and I will never forget. The knot tying, shanty singing, and star-gazing during the night watch will be wonderful memories they will take with them forever. More importantly, the lessons learned around independence and self-reliance, as well as teamwork and problem solving will serve them well in their future endeavors.”

— Peabody Charter School Teacher, participant of the *Spirit* Program.

“When I went home that day I noticed something... I had changed from that field trip. When my mom took me home I felt very responsible and brave. But I also had some awesome stories to tell.”

— Peabody 4th Grade Student, participant in the *Spirit* Program.

With your help in the 2020 Fiscal Year, SBMM will be able to:

- Complete our American Alliance of Museums accreditation process
- Celebrate our 20th Anniversary year
- Involve more students from low-income classrooms and after-school groups in our *Spirit of Dana Point* Tall Ship, Museum on the Move, and Marine Science programs
- Send docents out to more school Science Nights
- Open new and upgraded exhibits, including
 - *Fishing with Paper & Ink* with prints by Dwight Hwang and Eric Hochberg (Oct 2019 - March 2020)
 - *Mermaids* by Ralph Clevenger (April 2020 – September 2020)
 - More upgrades to the Military Exhibit to include the *Great White Fleet*, the *USS Constitution* visit to Santa Barbara, and our interactive *Periscope*
- Continue our monthly Lecture Series
- Host our annual Kardboard Kayak Races, Rum-Raiser and Sustainable Seafood Teen Cook-off
- Offer cruises aboard our 102-year old *Ranger* to Navigators Circle members
- Welcome more than 40,000 visitors annually

We greatly appreciate your past and future support, which makes all our work possible.

Sincerely,



Don Barthelmess
Board President



Greg Gorga
Executive Director

Gifts of \$1,000 or more qualify you to be a member of our Navigators Circle. Members will receive recognition on our annual Honor Roll at the Museum's front door, receive invitations to quarterly members-only special events, *Ranger* cruises, and an annual reception.

Donations of \$10,000 or more will be recognized with a bronze plaque to be placed beside our signature *First Order Fresnel Lens* from Point Conception Lighthouse.

SBMM also has a Flagship Society for donors who wish to leave a legacy by preserving Santa Barbara's maritime history. For more information, visit sbmm.org/flagship-society.

