

MEDIA ALERT- For Immediate Release

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Don Barthelmess, President of the Board of Directors, is delighted to announce that **John Brinker** will be joining the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Mr. Brinker has a long and distinguished history of volunteer involvement in the Santa Barbara community, and the Museum's staff and directors are looking forward to working with him in his new capacity.



John A. Brinker is experienced in business, banking, investment management, new business development, and finance. In addition to his over 40 years of experience in banking as a vice president with PNC Financial in Pennsylvania and Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, Pacific Capital Bancorp, Union Bank and Bernzott Capital Advisors in California, community involvement and service have been cornerstones of John's life.

John is perhaps best known in Santa Barbara for his work as the Chairman and Past President of the Los Padres Council of the Boy Scouts of America and as President of both the Santa Barbara Club and the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Over the years, he has also worked with the Santa Barbara Museum of National History, the Committee of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Laguna Blanca School, and the Channel Islands Naturalist Corps. John is a graduate of Juniata College, where he served as a Trustee for 16 years, and earned his MBA at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, he was a distinguished graduate of the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and graduated from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey with a certificate in Russian language.

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Since 2000, the [Santa Barbara Maritime Museum](http://www.sbmm.org) has featured many artifacts and stories to share the history of the Santa Barbara Channel with more than 40,000 visitors annually and provides year-round experiential maritime history and marine science education for local youth. Featuring the impressive *First-Order Fresnel Lighthouse Lens* from Point Conception, SBMM's current exhibits explore *Geology of Oil in Santa Barbara Channel & Chumash Use of Asphaltum*, the *Honda Disaster*, and *Wives and Daughters: Keepers of the Light*.

SBMM is located at the historic Santa Barbara Harbor at 113 Harbor Way, Suite 190, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. Visit [sbmm.org](http://sbmm.org) or call (805) 962-8404 for details.