

NASOH/NMHS/SSHSA Joint Conference  
Preliminary Program

**Wednesday 13 May 2009**

1900-2200 NASOH Executive Council Meeting **President's Conference Room**

**Thursday 14 May**

**0800** Continental Breakfast **Rizza Auditorium Lobby**

**0900** Welcoming Remarks— **Rizza Auditorium**

RADM Bill Eisenhardt, Ph.D. President, The California Maritime Academy, CSU

**0915** Opening Comments **Rizza Auditorium**

Jim Bradford, President NASOH  
Ron Oswald, Chairman, NMHS  
Matthew Schulte, Executive Director, SSHSA

**1000 Session I: 20<sup>th</sup> Century US Merchant Shipping at War** **Peachman Hall**

Chair: John Hattendorff, *Naval War College*

Jeffrey Safford, *Montana State University*  
“An Ocean of Riches: Research Needs in WWII Maritime Policy and Diplomacy”

Elliott Conway  
“Showdown in the Pacific: Granville Conway, Douglas MacArthur and War Shipping Logistics”

Todd Croteau, *National Park Service*  
“HAER Documentation of the Ready Reserve Fleet”

**1000 Session II: Reconstructing Maritime History** **TEC-102**

Chair: Warren Riess, *University of Maine*

Aldona Sendzikas, *University of Western Ontario*  
“Aboard Japan's WWII ‘Hell Ships’: First-Person Accounts”

Michael Stieber, *University of South Alabama*  
“Using Oral Histories of Waterfront- Related Pursuits in Bayou Le Batre, Alabama to Explore the Declining Industry”

Paul Pipik, *Western Michigan University*  
“It Was What Worked: The History of Benton Harbor's Working Waterfront and the Power of Memory in the Construction of a Civic Vision”

**1200 Lunch (Campus Quad) and Guided Tours of the Cal Maritime Simulator Center**

**Lunch Speaker:** James Klein, *San Francisco State University*

**Peachman Hall**

“Junks Sailing to Weather: Chinese Maritime Technology and Exploration of North America”

**1300 Session I:** *US Coast Guard History*

**Peachman Hall**

Chair: Dave Rosen, *US Coast Guard Historian’s Office*

Bob Browning, *US Coast Guard Historian’s Office*

“The Weird, the Wild and the Wacky: Odd Lifesaving Inventions offered to the US Lifesaving Service”

Bill McKinstry, *United States Coast Guard*

“The Real Philadelphia Experiment: The USCG Volunteer Port Security Force in WW II”

Bill Thiesen, *US Coast Guard Historians Office*

“Naval Operating Base Cactus and Coast Guard Operations at Guadalcanal”

**1300 Session II:** *The Civil War and Beyond*

**TEC-102**

Chair: Kenneth J. Blume, *Albany College of Pharmacy*

Don Willett, *Texas A&M, Galveston*

“The *Harriet Lane* and the Civil War Battle of Galveston”

Joyce Steinmetz, *East Carolina University*

“Civil War Blockade Runner Effectiveness through St. Georges, Bermuda”

Hans Van Tilburg, *NOAA Office of Marine Sanctuaries*

“Stepping Stones in the Pacific: The Wreck of the USS SAGINAW”

Tom Snyder, *Society for the History of Navy Medicine*

“An Overview of the United States Naval Hospital, Mare Island, 1856-1957”

**1420-1440 Coffee Break--- Peachman Hall Quad**

**1445 Session I:** *Pacific Maritime History*

**Peachman Hall**

Chair, Kathleen Broome Williams, *Cogswell Polytechnical College*

Dennis Noble, *Purdue University*

“Captain Michael A. ‘Hell Roaring’ Healy”

Karen Jenks, *University of California-Irvine*

“Trading the Contract: The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, San Francisco and the Eastern Pacific”

Matthew James, *Sonoma State University*

“Collecting Evolution: The Untold Story of the Vindication of Charles Darwin by the 1905-06 Galapagos Expedition of the California Academy of Sciences”

Rodney Carlisle, *Rutgers University*

“Second Registers: Maritime Nations Respond to Flags of Convenience, 1980-2008”

**1445 Session II: *The Coastline and Littoral History***

**TEC-102**

Chair, Gene Smith, *Texas Christian University*

Chad Fuhrmann, *US Merchant Marine Academy*

“Burning Dinosaur Bones: The Rise and Decline of Fossil Fuel in the Maritime Industry and the New Industrial Revolution”

John Gillis, *Rutgers University*

“Coasts as Material and Cultural Edges”

Jerome Hall, *University of San Diego*

“History of Surfing”

Carl Herzog, *University of Rhode Island*

“Making Sailors out of Landlubbers: Thomas Fleming Day and the Boating Revolution”

**1630—1800 Reception—Campus Waterfront**

**1630 “The Men Who Sailed the Liberty Ships” Rizza Auditorium**

*Private Screening and Q+A with Director Maria Brooks*

**Sponsored by the Library Friends Group, J. Porter Shaw Library of the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park**

**Friday 15 May**

**0800 Continental Breakfast**

**Rizza Lobby**

**0900 Session I: *Pirates and Spies***

**Peachman Hall**

Chair: Jennifer Metz, *University of California-Davis*

Kelly Chaves, *University of New Brunswick*

“A Different Breed of Pirate: Indigenous Piracy in Colonial America, 1700-1763”

Carl Swanson, *East Carolina University*

“ ‘The Unspeakable Calamity this Poor Province Suffers from Pyrates’: South Carolina and the Golden Age of Piracy”

Eric Connon,

“Spies, Secrets and Slaves: The Espionage Campaigns of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Anti-Slave Trade Operations”

**0900 Session II: *Preserving the Maritime Milieu***

**TEC-102**

Chair: Larry Bartlett, *Texas Christian University*

Ingo Heidbrink, *Old Dominion University*

“Traditional Watercraft in Active Service: the European Experience with Restoration and Operation of Historical Ships and Craft”

Christine Keiner, *Rochester Institute of Technology*

“Votes, Boats, and Lab Coats: A Century of Political Resistance to Privatizing the Oyster Beds of the Maryland Chesapeake Bay”

Matthew McKenzie, *University of Connecticut*

“The Virus of Tourism: Ecological Decline and Social Dislocation on Cape Cod, 1870-1900”

**1020-1040 Coffee Break**

**1045 Session I *West Coast Maritime History***

**Peachman Hall**

**Chair:** Ben Bolin, *The California Maritime Academy*

David Hendrickson,

“Steam Schooners on the Redwood Coast: An Incident at Greenwood Cove”

C. Douglas Kroll, *College of the Desert*

“The Battle of Santa Monica Bay”

Nathaniel Howe, *Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society*

“Demise of the Museum ship WAWONA: The Process of Settling a Historic Ship’s Fate”

**1045 Session II *Contributed Papers***

**TEC-102**

Chair: Kellie McCormick, *San Francisco State University*

Marco Meniketti, *San Jose State University*

“Documenting Extinction: The Decline and Loss of the Last Nevisian Sailing Lighter”

Martha Reiner,

“Structure, Sign and Play in the Marine Geological Reports of William Dall”

Oliver Walton,

“Sport, the Royal Navy and British Imperialism, c.1850-1900”

**1200 Lunch (Campus Quad) and Guided Tours of the Cal Maritime Simulator Center**

**1215 Lunch Speaker:** Ray Ashley, President and CEO, *Maritime Museum of San Diego*  
**“The San Salvador Project” Peachman Hall**

**1300 Session I:** *Researching with the Feds*

**Peachman Hall**

Chair: Mark Mollan, *National Archives and Records Administration*

“Researching at the Capital: The National Archives Building and Archives II”

Joan Gearin, *National Archives and Records Administration*

“New England Maritime History Resources in Court Records”

Robert Glass

“Sources for Naval and Maritime History in Regional Facilities of the National Archives”

David Hull, *National Park Service*

“Sources for Naval and Maritime History at the J. Porter Shaw Library of the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park”

Michael T. Moore, *National Archives and Records Administration*

“Where did the Tea Go?: Tracking Early Maritime Trade with US Customs Service Records”

**1300 Session II:** *Steamship Historical Society of America Panel*

**TEC-102**

Chair: Matt Schulte, *Executive Director, SSHSA*

Mark Perry,

“The SS United States”

Michael Grace, *Steamship Historical Society of America*

“It’s the Love Boat: How a TV Series and Princess Cruises Changed Cruising into a Billion Dollar Industry”

Robert Cleasby, *President, Steamship Historical Society of America*

“From Dark Room to Digital Age: SSHSA Prepares for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

Martin Cox and Gordon Ghareeb,

“From Hollywood to Honolulu”

**1420-1440 Coffee Break--- Peachman Hall Quad**

**1445 Session I:** *Maritime Dimensions of the American Revolution*

**Peachman Hall**

Chair: Bill Thiesen, *USCG Historians Office*

Chris Magra, *California State University—Northridge*  
“British Naval Impressment and the Origins of the American Revolution”

Jefferson Byrd, *California State University--Northridge*  
“Seaport Taverns in Colonial America and the Origins of the American Revolution”

Shannon Rigney, *California State University—Northridge*  
“The Hudson River and the Maritime Origins of the American Revolution”

**1445 Session II: Submarines**

**TEC-102**

**Chair:** Channing Zucker, *Historic Naval Ships Association*

Paul Fontenoy, *North Carolina Maritime Museum*  
“Submarine Construction and the West Coast: The US Navy and Industrial Diversification”

George Billy, *United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point*  
“Karl Hensel’s Triumph”

Diane Cooper, *USS Pampanito Museum*  
“Submariners Ashore: The USS *Pampanito* and Her Ports of Call”

**1630—1800 Reception—Campus Waterfront**

**1830 “From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks: The Life and Times of Harry Bridges”  
Rizza Auditorium**

**Saturday 16 May**

**0800 Continental Breakfast**

**Rizza Lobby**

**0900-1045 NASOH Business Meeting  
NMHS Business Meeting  
SSHSA Business Meeting**

**Peachman Hall  
TEC102  
TEC 104**

**1100 Bus Departs from Lot A for San Francisco**

**1600 Bus Departs from San Francisco for Campus**

**1730 Waterfront Reception**

**1900 Annual Awards Banquet—Campus Dining Hall**

**Sunday 17 May**

**Optional Tours—Sign up on Site or arrange through the SSHSA: [info@sshsa.org](mailto:info@sshsa.org)**