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[Terror in Slow Motion: The Art of War in the Age of Sail](#)

with Chip Feazel

Thursday, August 8th at 7pm

Warships powered by the wind roamed the oceans during the "Golden Age of Sail," from the Spanish Armada (1588) to the Battle of Trafalgar (1805). Initially troop transports commanded by army officers, warships evolved into vessels designed to conduct battles at sea. In the 16th Century, the sailing warship replaced the cathedral as the most complicated human creation the world had ever seen.

The anatomy of a sailing ship dictates how it can be maneuvered, and how its weapons can be brought to bear on an enemy. Battles at sea began with long hours of preparation as the vessels drew near each other - and then were fought at very close range, even with ships lashed together. Many accounts describe sailors loading their own ship's cannons by leaning into the gunports of an enemy vessel alongside, or leaping onto the enemy's deck in boarding parties.

Join HMM as Chip shares how the evolution of ship design changed the course of history, and how powerful navies enabled the spread of British, Spanish, Portuguese and American influences around the globe! Admission is FREE and includes access to the museum's exhibits!

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Miss our last lecture?

If so, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch
"Harrisburg Steamships Birth Maritime Trade in Harris County"



To view videos of other past lectures [CLICK HERE!](#)

HMM Speaks at SETMA Meeting!



HMM Director Presents at Southeast Texas Museum Association Meeting

Executive Director, Diane Lipton, had the honor of being asked to speak at the Southeast Texas Museum Association's (SETMA) summer meeting. SETMA is a regional affinity group for the Texas Association of Museums that strives to provide its' members with unique opportunities to network and learn helpful tools for museums.

Diane discussed the steps and process of preparing for a capital campaign and was happy to share her personal experiences with fellow museum professionals from many local organizations including the Ocean Star Museum, Brazoria County Historical Museum, and many others! After the meeting, guests enjoyed a lovely tour of the 1940's Air Terminal Museum. This museum is housed in the original art-deco Houston Municipal Airport building at present-day William P. Hobby Airport. The Museum showcases the rich heritage of civil aviation, including the airlines, general aviation and business aviation. If you have not been by this museum before, you definitely do not want to miss the opportunity to learn about Houston's fascinating aviation history!



New Staff Member at HMM!



HMM Welcomes New Staff Member

If you have been by the museum lately, you have probably met our intern, Lucia Cerritos. Lucia was able to come on board with us thanks to a generous grant through the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program. Throughout Lucia's 8-week internship, she worked tirelessly on

our collections. In fact, she did such a great job that we could not bare to let her go! We are thrilled have her working with us on Saturdays as well as volunteering throughout the week as her school schedule allows.

Need a way to beat the heat this summer? Stop by the museum this Saturday for a guided tour with one of excellent trained docents and don't forget to say hello to Lucia!

Antique Pond Yacht Restoration

Antique Pond Yacht Restoration Complete!

Our Master Modeler, Lorena Alvarez, and fellow ship modeler, Phil Bryan, have been meticulously working on a 1900's antique pond yacht for a customer who brought this beautiful piece in all the way from California! After approximately 8 months of work, this incredible traditional English, free sailing pond yacht has been restored to its original glory. Measuring 6 feet in length and 7.5 feet in height with a canvas sail and brass fittings, it is way too beautiful not to share with you. The pictures below show the model's incredible transformation!





Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to your next visit to the museum! For more information on any of our events contact Heather Schiappa at (713) 666-1910.

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Interested in ship modeling? Join the **Gulf Coast Ship Modelers Society** on the second of Saturday every odd-numbered month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Houston Maritime Museum.

**Historic Vessel Builders: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
RC Control Vessel Builders: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

The next meeting is **September 14th!**

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