

# THE ANCHOR



**Houston  
Maritime  
Museum**

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## What People Are Saying About the New HMM



With **BuildHMM** in full swing, we have been fortunate to receive endorsements for the new museum from many community leaders in business, education and the maritime industry as well as from the city and county. Below is sampling of those testimonials:

"The new Houston Maritime Museum at the Port of Houston is a very exciting endeavor for our city and the region, and I congratulate everyone involved in the museum's relocation and expansion. Houston's success as a center of commerce, trade and transportation is directly tied to the port's growth, from its earliest days at Allen's landing, to the official opening of the port in 1914, to today's port—one of the world's largest. It is a great and thrilling story, and I look forward to the museum's opening so that more people can learn about Houston's maritime history."

- **Chris B. Brown, Houston City Controller**

"Once I saw the plans and the video for the new HMM, I was immediately on board! Although born and raised in the Houston area, I never fully understood the impact of the Port and the maritime industry on our history and economy until I heard HMM's story. What an incredible opportunity we have to bring the story to life in a new multi-purpose facility on the banks of the ship channel! I'm thrilled to be a part of such a worthy cause."

- **Terry Cargill, Waterstone**

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# HMM Welcomes New Advisory Board

With the successful launch of the BuildHMM Capital Campaign for our new home port at the Port of Houston Turning Basin, the Museum Board of Trustees elected to create an Advisory Board comprised of former HMM Board of Trustee members and community and industry leaders in a variety of business sectors including maritime, education and law.

The Advisory Board held a successful kickoff meeting on Tuesday, May 24th in which board members were introduced to the current Museum and learned more about our future plans. Museum Director Leslie Bowlin led the meeting during which the Advisory Board members were actively engaged and eager to get started.

“The support of so many leaders in our community is vital to our continued success with the BuildHMM campaign,” said Kevin Morley, Advisory Board Chairman and Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

The Advisory Board will meet quarterly throughout the duration of the Capital Campaign and we welcome their support of the Houston Maritime Museum!

## FROM THE COLLECTIONS HOLD: HMS *Victory* and Lord Nelson

by Linda Lord, HMM Volunteer



**HMS Victory**

**Artist:** Gerald Stone  
**Accession No:** 2007.1.50

*Bequeathed by James Leon Manzolillo, Founder*



**HMS Victory Bow Section**

**Artist:** Jarod Matwy  
**Accession No:** 2007.2.2

*Gift of Don Edwards*

On my first visit to the Houston Maritime Museum over a year ago, I was delighted by the beautiful ship models on display – especially the models of wooden sailing ships, with their artful lines and fineworkmanship. One model stood out as it was the largest of its type on display. The model is the HMS *Victory*, a “ship of the line,” a warship of the 18th and early 19th century of the British Royal Navy. It was brought into the collection by the museum’s founder, James L. Manzolillo.

*Victory* was British Royal Navy Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson’s flagship. Britain and the *Victory* were victorious at the Battle of Trafalgar in October, 1805. Both the French and Spanish navies were defeated, leaving Britain as the true and last standing ruler of the seas in that era. Key to Lord Nelson’s victory were his methods of engaging the enemy that differed from the typical broadside barrage from ships in a line (hence the moniker “ship of the line”). Instead, Nelson divided his fleet and engaged the enemy closer in than normally done. A British warship of time had the same type of cannon as the enemy, but their sailors were known for extensive

practice in timing and technique of cannon use, thus being able to out gun others firing upwards of 3 shots for the opponent's 2[i]. Nelson's tactics and his sailors' skill led the day.

Lord Nelson was a brave and proud man. During the Battle, he stood on the deck of the *Victory* in full uniform with all his medals, despite warnings he made a very visible target. Nelson was shot by a French marksman subsequently dying from the attack. His remains were preserved in brandy (in a barrel!) to allow for sailing time to have a suitable burial in Britain

The model is approximately 5 ft. in length, not including the bowsprit, making it roughly 1:40 scale. The accompanying bow-section model, 1:78 scale, was built by Jared Matwy.

The *Victory* exists today as a restored museum ship in Portsmouth, England. She was originally built from the wood of 6,000 trees, displaced 3556 tons, and carried 104 cannon. Her keel was laid in 1759, and she was first afloat in 1765.

**Come by and see the *Victory* on display!**

- 1.[i] *Six Frigates*, Toll, Ian W., Chapter 1, for Nelson and Royal Navy information

## Meet the HMM Crew Jordan Martinek, Education Intern

The sea has always fascinated me. As Lord Nelson once said, "I cannot command winds and weather". It was probably that boyhood interest I was channeling when I signed up for the 2016 Summer Internship at the Houston Maritime Museum. That, and my love for teaching History. As a History Major with an Education Minor, it seemed like a good fit, and as the lead on the Museum's Summer Family Day's, it has been an invaluable experience being able to hone my teaching abilities, to gather together a catalogue of activities for my soon-to-be classrooms, and to increase my historical knowledge base!

## SUMMER 2016 @ HMM

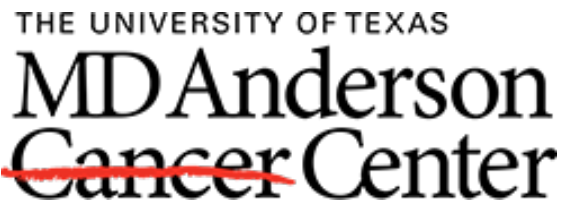


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**Blue Star Museums**  
Memorial Day to Labor Day 2016

HMM is proud to be a Blue Star Museum this year! Starting on Memorial Day and running through Labor Day, active duty personnel and their families will receive free admission to the Houston Maritime Museum. Blue Star Museums is a partnership among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, Joining Forces, MetLife Foundation, and over 2000 American museums.

[Blue Star Museums](#)



**Blood Drive Benefiting Steve Stewart**  
Saturday, July 16, 2016  
12 pm - 4 pm

HMM is partnering with MD Anderson to host a blood and platelet drive benefiting **Steve Stewart** on July 16. Steve, former HMM Vice-Chair and now Advisory Board member, is suffering from MDS, a bone marrow disorder that typically leads to a form of Leukemia, leaving the patient with the need for multiple transfusions during the treatment program. Donors will be entered into a raffle for Houston Astros tickets, and will receive complimentary passes to the museum!

[Sign-up for the Blood Drive](#)



**The Voyage of Life**  
by Stephen Curley, Ph.D.

**History Lecture Series**

*The Voyage of Life*

July 12, 2016 | 7 pm - 8 pm

Join us to hear Dr. Stephen Curley (Texas A&M University at Galveston) discuss the metaphor of the sea voyage across art, literature, and music. Admission to our History Lecture Series is free courtesy of [UTC Overseas!](#)

[Learn more about The Voyage of Life](#)

# Family Days

## Summer Saturdays

@ Houston Maritime Museum

June 11, 2016 to July 30, 2016 | 12 pm - 5 pm

**Family Days @ HMM**

Saturdays | June 11 to July 30

Discover the wonders of maritime exploration and life on the water this summer at HMM's Family Days! Admission to the museum will be free each Saturday from June 11, 2016 to July 30, 2016. The HMM crew will host activities for families and children ages 5-12 in the afternoons!

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