

# THE ANCHOR



**Houston  
Maritime  
Museum**

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## Post-Hurricane Harvey Update

As our community continues to recover from Hurricane Harvey, we wanted to give you an update on how repairs are progressing at the museum.

The roof over the Energy Room has been repaired and our wonderful contractors, Tellepsen, will begin the room repairs next week. While the repairs are being made, our museum curator, Nathan Kyllonen, will be taking the time to update the Energy Room exhibit. We are pleased to announce the new and improved Energy Room exhibit is scheduled to open November 2017!

## Summer at Houston Maritime Museum



This summer has been a busy and exciting time at HMM!

In May, we celebrated the opening of our redesigned Battle of the Atlantic exhibit, followed with the Battle of the Pacific exhibit opening later in the summer. We welcomed Matt Doyen as our new Education and Outreach Coordinator in June, just in time for a variety of group tours.

In July, we celebrated the summer season with July Gin, a festive evening with visitors new and old. July also saw our busiest Family Day yet, with lots of young visitors learning about America's Cup and racing their own boats!

August has brought two fascinating lectures, on the Jones Act and the Vikings of the Northern Seas. In addition, we completed an ongoing project of re-cataloging and reorganizing the library collection for easier access

As the month draws to a close, we take time to reflect upon our recent months and to look forward to our future growth. Many thanks to all who have made this summer such a memorable season!

## Meet Our Volunteers



### Linda Lord, Library Volunteer

Linda has been a volunteer at Houston Maritime Museum for over two years. During her first visit to HMM, Linda became interested in ship modeling, and she continues to pursue that hobby today. After a successful career in chemical engineering, Linda became a volunteer at HMM, where she has primarily been involved with cataloging the library materials in the Library of Congress system, a crucial step as our museum grows. Visit the HMM Library to see the results of her hard work!

## Upcoming Events @ HMM

### *Environment Lecture Series*

### **Energy Metropolis: Growth and Environment in Houston, Texas**

Presented by Martin V. Melosi

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**\$5 for adults (12 and up) | Free for HMM Members, Veterans, Active Military, and Children under 12**  
**[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)**

As an energy-intensive urban area, Houston has been shaped by natural and human factors. The city is foremost a product of the Texas Coastal Zone – flat, hot and humid, heavily vegetated, blessed with lots of water (wanted and unwanted), rich in resources, and prone to capricious weather. Oil in particular, however, shaped Houston's modern economic and environmental history. The "energy capital of the world" has been a major player on the world's energy stage, but petroleum refining, petrochemical production, and cheap, available gasoline have also shaped Houston in many ways. Discover how our waterways, highways, real estate market, labor force, and many pollution problems are directly attributable to our growth as an energy metropolis



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*Industry Lecture Series*

**Opportunities in the Maritime Industry**

Presented by a Panel of WISTA Members

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**\$5 for adults (12 and up) | Free for HMM Members, Veterans, Active Military, and Children under 12**

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Women in the maritime industry often struggle with the challenges arising from a career in shipping. Founded in 1974, the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) is a global organization that aims to alleviate those struggles by connecting female executives and decision makers from around the world. The organization serves as a connector for its network of more than 3,000 female professionals from all sectors of the maritime industry. Join a distinguished all-female panel of WISTA members who will share their diverse backgrounds and personal career experiences in the maritime industry.

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*Family Days @ HMM*

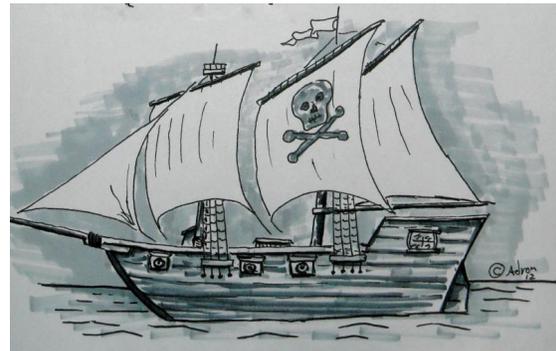
**How to Become a Pirate**

Saturday, October 28, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Free admission all day!

When Europeans first traveled to Texas, pirates were soon to follow. Real-life pirates like Jean Laffite and Louis Michel Aury not only smuggled and plundered their way through the Gulf of Mexico, but also acted as privateers during the country's earliest of wars. These men were truly fascinating sailors that are still exciting and inspiring to this day!

Families are invited to learn some of the ins and outs of swashbuckling by constructing rubber band cannons, etching unique pirate flags, and creating personalized eye patches!

Costumes are encouraged!



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