



## Annual Conference: 22 -26 April, 2012 Galveston, TX - Texas A&M University at Galveston

### THE MULTIFACETED MARITIME WORLD

The North American Society for Oceanic History will hold its conference and annual meeting in Galveston from 22 April through 26 April. The headquarters hotel will be the Tremont Hotel in historic downtown Galveston and the conference organizers have negotiated a convention rate with this hotel. <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/GLSTH/main.wnt>. If necessary there are overflow hotels available. (contact Don Willett [willettd@tamug.edu](mailto:willettd@tamug.edu) for information) Everything you will need during the convention—restaurants, entertainment, shopping, and museums will be within walking distance, so no rental car is necessary. There are two airports near Galveston. Bush Inter-Continental and Hobby Airport. Galveston Limo Service <http://galvestonlimousineservice.com/> offers regular service from both airports directly to the Tremont Hotel. Be sure to mention you are with NASOH Conference to obtain any discounts.

The conference will consist of sessions that focus on maritime topics. “Maritime” is broadly construed to include all waterways and the societies which border them; waterborne commerce and transportation; fisheries; marine sciences; exploration; and military and naval conflicts worldwide. The conference boasts a wide variety of events! On Monday, there is a reception on the *Elissa*, sponsored by Texas A&M University at Galveston and the Galveston Historical Society. Tuesday evening is the awards banquet at the Tremont Hotel Banquet Hall and on Wednesday there is a reception on the Texas A&M Galveston campus following the Seawolf Park Tour. In addition to these free events are several tours for an additional fee. See page 10 of this newsletter for a hardcopy of the registration form. As always you can go to [www.nasoh.org](http://www.nasoh.org) for online registration as well as additional information.



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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

It is nearly time for the Galveston NASOH/CAMM conference and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Don Willett and Jim Bradford, with help from many others have put together an excellent program at what appears to be a fine venue. Don, our local host, promises warm Texas hospitality, good food, interesting tours, and beautiful beaches in Galveston. If you have not registered already, please do so immediately.

I am particularly happy to see the strong confluence of maritime history, museology, and archaeology at NASOH conferences. This year enough nautical/maritime archaeologists submitted papers to warrant an additional session room dedicated just to site investigations. The NASOH conference continues to be an event where knowledge, new research, and new ideas are exchanged and interact. The presenters and papers show a continued interest in the many aspects of maritime trade, military, environment, education, coastal development, society, and technology.

As most of you know, circumstances necessitated we switch the venues for 2012 and 2013. Therefore, next year's conference will be in Alpena, Michigan hosted by Cathy Green, at the Thunder Bay NOAA facility. In 2014 we will be meeting again with CAMM at the Erie Maritime Museum in Erie, Pennsylvania, hosted by Walter Rybka. We are planning to be in Monterey, California in 2015.

In Galveston we will be discussing, among many other subjects, new publication ideas and the development of the endowment and a Board of Trustees. At the conference banquet NASOH will present awards, including the John Lyman Book Awards, and the Chad Smith and Clark Reynolds student awards. I hope to see most of you there, to hear great presentations, exchange ideas, and meet old and new friends.

Cheers, Warren

## FROM THE BILGES

Please let us know if anyone is interested in coordinating a symposium or is looking for papers to create a symposium for a conference. I will either post it in the summer newsletter or send out an alert to NASOH members. In addition, if you just have something you want to add or send along for the newsletter, I am always happy to receive information. Thanks,

Amy

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### NASOH AND COLLABORATION

In 2010, NASOH's executive board established a committee on collaborations, consisting of Mike Crawford, Vic Mastone, and Geoff Rosano, tasking it with promoting the two goals of NASOH's Strategic Plan that relate to collaborating with other organizations having missions compatible with ours. One of these strategic goals is to "encourage scholarly sessions on maritime topics at meetings of major historical societies." The other goal is to "increase participation in conferences of NASOH and other national and international maritime organizations." The committee concluded that the first step in advancing these goals was to identify those associations with which efforts at collaboration would most likely bear fruit. To that end, the committee conducted a survey of the membership, soliciting the names of the professional organizations whose annual meetings members frequently attend. Thirty-six members responded to the survey that identified forty-eight different organizations whose annual meetings those members regularly attend.

It seems evident that NASOH would get the best return on efforts invested in sponsoring panels at a small selection from among nine conferences drawing the largest participation of NASOH members. These are meetings of the American Historical Association (AHA), the U.S. Naval Academy Naval History Symposium, the Organization of American Historians (OAH), the National Maritime Historical Society, the Council of American Maritime Museums, the Canadian Nautical Research Society, the Society for Historical Archeology, the Steamship Historical Society of America, and the Society for Military History. Members of the board arrived at a consensus that NASOH's collaborations should be with other maritime-focused organizations, rather than in the form of parallel sessions during the annual meetings of large-scale organizations with a high percentage of non-maritime related interests, such as the AHA and the OAH, where maritime history would be lost among a *mélange* of competing specializations.

It may be worth the small effort it would take to reach out to members of all of the organizations that survey respondents identified as having members with interests in maritime topics, inviting them to attend NASOH's annual meetings as well as propose papers. This might be accomplished by placing announcements in those organizations' newsletters. Linking websites with the websites of all the organizations enumerated in the responses is one possible way of encouraging cross-fertilization among the myriad of scholars working in fields related to maritime history. We should build on our recent history of regularly collaborating with other organizations for joint conferences. We regular co-organize our annual conference with the Council of American Maritime Museums, the Canadian Nautical Research Society, the Steamship Historical Society of America, and the National Maritime Historical Society. However, we have not co-organized with the AHA, OAH, or U.S. Naval Academy Naval History Symposium. Greater than 60% of the respondents suggested these latter three. But, again, members of the executive board are alive to the dangers of becoming swallowed up by massive conferences like those of the AHA and OAH. NASOH might act as a more active broker/matchmaker in alerting members about smaller gatherings and programs, perhaps suggesting or soliciting participation. This might involve individual participation or a panel proposal. Perhaps these might be more regional in nature, especially in a time of expensive travel and limited funding.

What then is the way forward to reach our goals of encouraging scholarly sessions on maritime topics at meetings of major historical societies and increasing participation in conferences of NASOH and other national and international maritime organizations? The executive board or the president on his own authority would do well to adopt the following recommendations. 1. choose among the 2013 meetings of the U.S. Naval Academy Naval History Symposium the National Maritime Historical Society, the Council of American Maritime Museums, the Canadian Nautical Research Society, the Society for Historical Archeology, the Steamship Historical Society of America, and the Society for Military History, to propose one or more sponsored panels on maritime history; 2. task the planning committee for NASOH's 2013 annual meeting to place invitations to attend and calls for papers in the newsletters and on the websites of the ninety-one organizations identified by survey respondents as having some maritime-history affinity; 3. task the webmaster of NASOH's website with asking a selection of those ninety-one organizations to link their websites with ours; 4. ask the editor of the newsletter and the webmaster to invite members to send in notices of conferences of other organizations of possible interest to other members to be advertised in the newsletter and on the website; 5. appoint the editor or webmaster or another NASOH member to serve as a clearinghouse for members seeking others to serve on conference panels—the editor of the newsletter is, in fact, already doing this—; 6. continue co-organizing our annual meetings with likeminded partner organizations.

Michael J. Crawford  
For the committee on collaborations

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**U.S. court backs Spain over \$500M sea treasure,** <http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/01/world/europe/spain-u-s--treasure-dispute/index.html> Spain has won a major victory in its long court battle with a Florida-based deep-sea salvage company over rights to an estimated \$500 million in silver and gold coins, officials said Wednesday. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta turned aside another motion from the U.S.-based company, Odyssey Marine Exploration, and Spanish officials said they now expect the coins -- nearly 600,000 of them -- to arrive in Spain soon. "With the ruling by the appeals court, the process begins to recover all of the coins taken illegally" from the sunken ship, Spain's Culture Ministry said in a statement. The battle royal began after Odyssey announced in 2007 it had found the sunken treasure. It quickly laid claim to the coins, put them in crates and said it flew them to a discreet, well-guarded location in the United States. Spain soon filed suit in a federal court in Tampa, Florida, also claiming the treasure. Spain says its navy warship *Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes* was carrying the coins. The *Mercedes*, a 34-gun frigate, left Peru in 1804 and crossed the Atlantic to within a day's sail from Spain when British ships attacked the Spanish fleet. In the ensuing Battle of Cape St. Mary, south of Portugal, the *Mercedes* exploded after being hit in its powder magazine, according to the Spanish government's filing to the Florida court. The federal court in Tampa in 2009 ruled in favor of Spain's claim to the treasure, but Odyssey took the case to the federal appeals court in Atlanta, which ruled last September to uphold the lower court's ruling. It appears that Odyssey's only possible appeal now would be to the U.S. Supreme Court. The appeals court is expected to send the case in the coming days back to the federal court in Tampa, which would establish and supervise the procedures for sending the coins to Spain, Goold said. Peru has also followed this case. The silver and gold came from Latin America when Peru was a Spanish colony. "Formally, they haven't claimed anything, but we are completely open to consider the possibility of distributing some part of the treasure also among the Latin American museums," Wert said. The treasure includes a vast trove of coins, included fabled "pieces of eight," some minted in 1803 in Lima, Peru, Spanish officials said at a 2008 news conference. The treasure already has crossed the Atlantic ocean twice -- by ship in 1804 and then by plane in the other direction just a few years ago. Spanish officials hope it might finally arrive now for the first time on the Spanish mainland. (c) 2012 Cable News Network. Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. All Rights Reserved. By Al Goodman, CNN

**American Diggers:** Late last week the SAA Board was informed that there are two TV series planned that promote and glorify the looting and destruction of archaeological sites. They are American Diggers and Diggers. The first is scheduled for Spike TV and the other for National Geographic TV. As past SAA President Bob Kelly wrote in a recent e-mail in response to American Diggers, "This shameless and shameful program will glorify and promote the mindless destruction of archaeological sites in the U.S." SAA and other groups, such as SHA, have already prepared and sent strong letters condemning both of these programs to the production companies, networks, and others. Copies of the SAA letters can be found on the SAA website (<http://bit.ly/w2MHJM>, and <http://bit.ly/wzT7IA>). The letters provide details on why we are so concerned. Up to this point Spike TV has not responded to the public outcry. Leadership of National Geographic, however, has indicated that, while they are unable to stop the showing tomorrow on such short notice, they will place a disclaimer into the show that speaks to laws protecting archaeological and historic sites. They are also willing to enter into discussions with the archaeological community to determine how to raise awareness of the impacts of the use of metal detectors for treasure hunting. We will advise you of developments in this area. BUT for the Spike TV program we need your help. We ask you to individually send letters and/or e-mails to the companies involved—or take advantage of social media outlets such as facebook: "People against American Diggers" facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/People-against-Spike-TVs-American-Digger/193110227460512>. The contact points that we have identified so far for the Spike TV project are provided below. Fred Limp, RPA, SAA President

### **Spike TV**

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## FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Naval History and Heritage Command**, an official agency of the United States Navy, is offering the following competitive opportunities for funding of research and writing on the U.S. naval history for the academic year 2012-2013. The application deadline for all of these programs is **30 March 2012**. All awards are based on merit, regardless of race, color, creed, or sex. Recipients must be U.S. citizens.

Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Pre-doctoral Fellowship in U.S. Naval History.

The fellowship provides financial and scholarly aid for dissertation research and writing. The subject matter of the dissertation supported should significantly enhance knowledge of U.S. naval history. A stipend of \$10,000 for the fellowship year (September 2012- June 2013) will be provided in two payments. The successful applicant will be asked to travel twice to NHHC's Washington headquarters, once at the beginning of the fellowship period to meet with command historians, and once at the end of the fellowship period to make a presentation on the progress on the dissertation. A single travel grant of up to \$2,500 will be made to finance these two visits. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, not on active duty in the armed forces; be enrolled in a recognized graduate school; have completed requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation by 30 June 2012; and have an approved dissertation topic in the field of U.S. naval history. Current fellows applying for continuation of the fellowship for a second year will be considered on an equal competitive basis with other applicants.

Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper Research Grant.

The grant is intended to assist a scholar in the research or writing of a book or article by helping to defray the costs of travel, living expenses, and document duplication, related to the research process. One award of up to \$2,500 will be made on a competitive basis. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and hold a Ph.D. degree from an accredited university, awarded no later than 30 March 2012, or equivalent attainment as a published author. Proposals that have high promise of filling gaps in the literature of U.S. naval history that the Naval History and Heritage Command has identified as of higher interest are eligible for consideration. The command's list of priority subjects in U.S. naval history is posted on the command's website, [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil) <<http://www.history.navy.mil>> . Evaluation is based on evidence of ability, including previous scholarship, letters of recommendation, and the nature of the proposed research and its potential contribution to modern scholarship on the history of the United States Navy.

Rear Admiral Ernest M. Eller Graduate Research Grant.

The grant is intended to assist a graduate student in the research and writing of U.S. naval history in fulfillment of the requirements of a master's or doctoral degree by helping to defray the costs of travel, living expenses, and document duplication related to the research process for a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. The stipend is an amount up to \$2,500, depending on the research expenses anticipated. Preference will be given to proposals that have high promise of filling gaps in the literature of U.S. naval history that the Naval History and Heritage Command has identified as of higher interest. The command's list of priority subjects in U.S. naval history is posted on the command's website, [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil) <<http://www.history.navy.mil>> .

Samuel Eliot Morison Scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote the development of a broad understanding of Naval History within the American national experience. The scholarship provides a \$5,000 cash award to one active duty commissioned officer of the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps with demonstrated leadership potential and high academic qualifications who is already pursuing graduate study in history, international relations, or a related field. The award is to help pay for expenses related to research, travel, and the purchase of books or other educational materials.

Interested persons will find greater detail as well as application procedures and forms on the Naval History and Heritage Command's website, at <http://www.history.navy.mil/prizes/prizes.htm> or by contacting the Senior Historian, Naval History and Heritage Command, 805 Kidder Breese St., SE, Washington, DC 20374-5060.

## MUSEUM NEWS

The **American Merchant Marine Museum** at the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit entitled "CONVOY! Supplying Allied Victory in World War II," commencing 12 January 2012. This exhibit explores the Allied effort to supply its forces and civilian populations during the dark days of the Second World War, emphasizing the enormous industrial and logistical effort the various Allied nations put into shipping and connecting the powerful US industrial economy to the war effort, literally supplying victory against Fascist oppression. Working in conjunction with the Society for Miniature Ship Collectors, the Museum has configured a completely new display centered around a stunning diorama of a World War II convoy in 1:1250 scale that is eleven feet across! Special themes considered include the infamous "Murmansk Run," the contributions of the SS Ohio in saving Malta, and the diverse ships and crews of the convoy!

This exhibit marks a new era for the Museum as for the first time it is utilizing state of the art touch screen technology, video and audio presentations, and a number of maps and graphics created specifically for this exhibit, all in addition to its prized collection of paintings, ship models, and other artifacts, such as an original survival suit, and fragments of an oil tanker that exploded and sank with all hands after being torpedoed. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am to 3:00pm, and is free and open to the public. Enquiries should be directed to 516.726.6047 or to the Museum's Interim Director, Dr. Joshua Smith at [smithj@usmma.edu](mailto:smithj@usmma.edu).

## MEMBER NEWS

**Joseph Callo** presented "The War of 1812: A New Look at the Society of the War of 1812" in the State of New Jersey and Jamestowne Society Nassau Club of Princeton, New Jersey. He also published "The Nelson Interview" in *Trafalgar Chronicle*.

**Joshua Smith** provided the Keiichiro Nakagawa Lecture at the 6th International Congress of Maritime History in Ghent, Belgium this past summer. He also published "Far Beyond Jack Tar: Maritime Historians and the Problem of Audience," in *Coriolis*, which came from the paper he presented at the NASOH 2011 conference.

## ONLINE NEWS

**Museum of Underwater Archaeology**, Underwater Cultural Heritage Conference Papers Now Online. Last month underwater cultural heritage professionals from throughout the Indian and Pacific oceans gathered in Manila, Philippines for the inaugural Asia-Pacific Underwater Cultural Heritage Conference. With over 80 papers, 3 keynote addresses, and several posters and videos presented during the numerous sessions, the proceedings from this event represent perhaps the single best collection of work done in this region. In an effort to help share this scholarship with our colleagues worldwide, the conference organizers and the MUA have teamed up to make the proceedings freely available online. The advanced search function allows visitors to search across all abstracts, titles, and authors and to view the PDFs of each talk. To view the proceedings please click the link on the MUA homepage here: <http://www.themua.org>.

## UPCOMING JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Canadian Studies Program in the Department of History at UMaine in Orono recently received funding approval for a tenure-track, entry-level Canadianist/Maritime Historian position to start in September 2012. They will be advertising for the position soon: History Department 5774 Stevens Hall UMaine Orono, ME 04469-5774; 207-581-1908.

## FIELD SCHOOLS

**Saint Mary's College-University of Rhode Island**, 2012 Summer Field School in Maritime Archaeology. The Summer Field School in Maritime Archaeology is a joint research expedition conducted in Bermuda by faculty and students of Saint Mary's College of California and the University of Rhode Island. The field school is a research-based learning experience that will expose students to a variety of activities including archival research, artifact conservation, remote sensing survey, and underwater documentation of historic shipwrecks. The field school will be conducted in the three week period from 16 July- 8 Aug 2012. Classroom work related to maritime history and maritime archaeological field methods will comprise week one. Underwater research and documentation of 16th and 17th century shipwrecks will be conducted in Bermuda during the remaining two weeks. Students will receive 3 units of upper division anthropology credit.

Course enrollment is limited. There are no academic prerequisites, but all participants in the field school must obtain both scuba and AAUS certification prior to the beginning of the field school and must have their own diving equipment. In addition, students will attend periodic lectures on such topics as archival research methods, archaeological survey (magnetometer and visual survey), site excavation and mapping, analysis of archaeological data, conservation of waterlogged artifacts, etc. For applications or additional information, please contact Professor James M. Allan of the Saint Mary's College, Anthropology Department [jallan@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:jallan@stmarys-ca.edu) or Professor Roderick Mather of the University of Rhode Island History Department [rodmath@mail.uri.edu](mailto:rodmath@mail.uri.edu), who are the co-directors of the program

**PAST Foundation** presents: Molasses Reef Wreck: An Underwater Archaeological Field School, 29 July to 10 August. Florida Keys National Maritime Sanctuary, Key Largo, Florida. \$2,000 per student (room and board, tanks, weights and air included) Transportation to Florida and dive equipment are not included. Must have open water and DAN insurance. The recently discovered amidships and stern section of the *Slobodna* wreckage is an excellent opportunity to combine learning, research and action in underwater archaeology while providing the Sanctuary with detailed information that promotes stewardship through a combination of lecture and hands-on experience. Participants will work with material culture, learn archaeological techniques and produce a publishable report of the teams work on the newly found site of the *Slobodna*. Register at [www.pastfoundation.org/current---programs](http://www.pastfoundation.org/current---programs) or direct questions to [fieldschools@pastfoundation.org](mailto:fieldschools@pastfoundation.org).



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*July 29 - August 10*

The **PAST** Foundation 2012

## CALLS FOR PAPERS

**The War of 1812, Bicentennial Conference Series: Part I "Origins and the War at Sea,"** Saint John, N.B. 27-29 September 2012. The Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society at the University of New Brunswick, in conjunction with the Canadian-American Studies Program of the University of Maine at Orono and the New Brunswick Museum, is pleased to announce the first in a series of three conferences/symposia in commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. This first conference will deal with the origins of the war, the period of 'undeclared' warfare in 1812 and the war on the high seas. Dr. Andrew Lambert, the author of *The Challenge: America, Britain and the Naval War of 1812* (Faber & Faber, 2012), will be the keynote speaker. Those interested in presenting at the conference should send a title and brief description of the paper (250 words) and a short bio to Dr Marc Milner, Director of the Gregg Centre at milner@unb.ca before **1 April 2012**.

**The Thirtieth Annual Gulf South History and Humanities Conference**, hosted by Pensacola State University, welcomes all researchers and scholars to propose papers, panels, roundtables, performances, and workshops, exploring all aspects of the history and cultures of the Gulf South and Caribbean Basin. The registration fee includes a Thursday evening reception at the Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hotel, all conference sessions, and a free one-year membership in the Association. Tickets for the banquet, annual keynote address, and a courtesy cocktail reception are all included in the additional banquet fee. Proposals will be considered if postmarked by the deadline of **1 July 2012**. To submit an individual paper, send a brief c.v., title of the paper, and short abstract. Panel organizers (two or more presenters, a chair and commentator, or a chair/commentator) must submit a c.v., paper title, and short abstract for each participant. A complete list of conference sessions and topics will be mailed to each registrant in the first week of September 2012. To submit proposals please contact Dr. Brian Rucker at [brucker@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:brucker@pensacolastate.edu) or for more information, please contact Dr. Randall Broxton at [rbroxton@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:rbroxton@pensacolastate.edu) or: Gulf South Historical Association, c/o The Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies, Southeastern Louisiana University, SLU Box 10730, Hammond, LA 70402.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

**National Maritime Historical Society**, 2012 Washington Awards Dinner, **12 April 2012**, National Press Club, Washington, DC. NMHS is seeking Sponsorship support for this unique event from corporations, associations, individuals, and foundations. The National Maritime Historical Society's Distinguished Service Award will be presented to three worthy recipients: Admiral Bruce DeMars, USN (Ret.); Bruce K. Farr OBE, Director and Vice President of Farr Yacht Design, Ltd. of Annapolis; and Patrick O'Brien is one of America's outstanding maritime artists. Awards will be presented by Senator Christopher J. Dodd, George J. Collins, former CEO of T. Rowe Price, owner of Chessie Racing and other Farr yachts, and Charles Raskob Robinson of the American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA), and its former president. We invite your participation in this gala event; for more information on event sponsorship, please contact: Burchenal Green, President 5 John Walsh Boulevard • P.O. Box 68 • Peekskill, NY 10566 [www.seahistory.org](http://www.seahistory.org) • [burchenalgreen@seahistory.org](mailto:burchenalgreen@seahistory.org) • 914-737-7878 ext. 223

**The Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction [FEEGI]** University of Minnesota on **20-21 April 2012**. The conference is being held in cooperation with the Center for Early Modern History, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and the James Ford Bell Library, which will be holding an exhibit on 'Encounters in the Pacific Rim.' Contact Ty M. Reese, History Department, at the University of North Dakota [ty.reese@email.und.edu](mailto:ty.reese@email.und.edu) or go to the FEEGI website: <http://feegi.org/conference2012.htm>.

**Mercator Revisited: Cartography in the Age of Discovery, 25-28 April 2012:** In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of Gerard Mercator, Ghent University and the Cultural Heritage Cell Waasland are delighted to announce this international conference focusing on the place of cartography in general and of Mercator in the 16th century. It aims at giving a fresh impetus to interest in the subject and is open to contributors with a background in geography, historical cartography, history, art history or cultural heritage. Please visit the website for further details on the event. Bart Ooghe Cultural Heritage Cell Waasland Lamstraat 113 9100 Sint-Niklaas Email: [contact@mercatorconference2012.be](mailto:contact@mercatorconference2012.be). Visit the website at <http://www.mercatorconference2012.be>

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS (con't)

**The History and Future of the Maritime Experience**, Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, Maine, Saturday, **28 April 2012**. Because of the broad topic, a wide spectrum of speakers will present at the symposium, ranging from academic historians and museum professionals to mariners and boat builders. Speakers have been asked to address how the past informs or shapes the present and the future within their topic area. Tickets can be purchased online or by telephone at (207) 443-1316, ext. 0. Registration fees for the symposium are \$60 for Museum members, \$70 for nonmembers and \$35 for students. The fee includes all lectures, continental breakfast, lunch, dessert, coffee and a fish house punch social at the end of the day. <http://www.mainemaritimemuseum.org/>

**Community and Sea in the Age of Sail. 24-25 May 2012** at Aalborg University, Denmark. Recent research has pointed towards the ship as a contested political space in its own right. This conference explores the ways in which community among sailors (as well as among other people living on and by the sea) enabled new forms of agency involving issues of race, class, gender, cultural identity and performance. Keynote speakers include Professor Marcus Rediker and Professor Clare Anderson. The conference is held under the auspices of CEPS - Cultural Encounters of Premodern Societies and CGS - Institute of Cultural and Global Studies, Aalborg University, Denmark. For more information on this conference please email the organizers: Research Student, Johan Heinsen, Aalborg University, [heinsen@cgs.aau.dk](mailto:heinsen@cgs.aau.dk); Associate Professor, Torben Kjersgaard Nielsen, Aalborg University, [tkn@cgs.aau.dk](mailto:tkn@cgs.aau.dk)

**CNRS Annual Meeting: The Canadian Nautical Research Society** will hold its 2012 Conference in Picton, Ontario, in late **May, 2012**. The theme will reflect the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Go to CNRS's newly redesigned website: [www.cnrs-scrn.org](http://www.cnrs-scrn.org) for additional information as it becomes available.

**Australian National Maritime Museum, 30 May to 1 June 2012**. In 2012 the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) will host a two-day national conference on Australia's indigenous watercraft. This is the first major conference on the watercraft of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and brings together practitioners and theorists from a range of institutions, groups, communities and individuals interested in the history, conservation, construction, interpretation and presentation of indigenous watercraft. Demonstrations and talks by traditional canoe builders and people engaged in reviving canoe building practices and knowledge will be a highlight. Send queries to [nawi@anmm.gov.au](mailto:nawi@anmm.gov.au) For further information contact Steering committee chair, Daina Fletcher, Senior Curator, ANMM, on +61(0)2 9298 3777.

**Bermuda Dockyard and the War of 1812**, a conference sponsored by The Naval Dockyards Society and the National Museum of Bermuda, **7-12 June 2012**, will include tours of the dockyard and the cities of Hamilton and St. George. See: <http://nds2012bermuda.wordpress.com>

**Early Modern Merchants as Collectors:** Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, UK, **15-16 June 2012**. Recently re-opened with innovative galleries displaying objects exploring the theme 'Crossing Cultures Crossing Time,' the new Ashmolean now affords an opportunity to re-visit the 1985 conference topic and not only to update but also to expand it into this fresh area of research and debate. This interdisciplinary conference will explore early modern merchants as collectors across a wide range of geographical regions and collecting categories. Queries should be addressed, to Dr. Christina Anderson, Honorary Research Fellow at the Ashmolean Museum, at [christina.anderson@ashmus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:christina.anderson@ashmus.ox.ac.uk).

**The International Congress of Maritime History (ICMH)** will hold its next congress in Ghent, Belgium, in **2-6 July 2012**. The Organizing Committee of the International Maritime Economic History Association, is hosted by Ghent University at *Het Pand*, an old Dominican monastery located in the heart of the city. The sixth IMEHA Congress will have a special theme: the relation between maritime and global history. For further information consult the website at <http://www.imeha2012.ugent.be> or contact Ingo Heidbrink [iheidbri@odu.edu](mailto:iheidbri@odu.edu).

**Maritime History between the Public and Academia:** The Challenges Ahead," the 46th annual conference sponsored by the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies at Exeter, will be held **1-2 September** at the Streatham Campus of the University of Exeter. For information contact Maria Fusaro: [M.Fusaro@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:M.Fusaro@exeter.ac.uk).

**78th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association:** Mobile, Alabama **1-4 November 2012**. Individuals interested in using the SHA website can go to [http://www.uga.edu/sha/meeting/call\\_for\\_papers.htm](http://www.uga.edu/sha/meeting/call_for_papers.htm) Information will be posted as it becomes available.

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Monday (Includes breaks, all paper sessions and the Monday evening reception at the tall ship *Elissa* at the Texas Seaport Museum) 150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Wednesday ((Includes breaks, all paper sessions, and Wednesday afternoon reception at the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus 50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Monday evening:**

Reception at the tall Ship *Elissa* at the Texas Seaport Museum sponsored by Texas A&M University at Galveston and the Galveston Historical Foundation. **Included in registration**

**Tuesday afternoon:**

Narrated one hour Galveston harbor tour aboard the Seagull II 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Tuesday evening:**

Conference awards banquet at the Tremont Hotel Banquet Hall. **Included in registration**

**Wednesday afternoon:**

Tour of Seawolf Park (<http://www.galveston.com/seawolfpark/>) and the Texas Maritime Academy at Texas A&M University at Galveston. Tour includes transportation from the hotel, park admission and a box lunch. 27.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Wednesday afternoon:**

Reception on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus immediately following the Seawolf Park tour. This event is open to all conference participants. **Included in registration**

**Thursday morning:**

Tour of the **Battleship Texas (BB 35)** and the **San Jacinto battlefield** Tour includes transportation, park admission, and a box lunch. To reserve a space contact Dr. Larry Bartlett ([laurencebartlett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurencebartlett@sbcglobal.net)). 34.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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