

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

26 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "Lighthouses of the Hudson." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

2 April, Saturday, 2:00 PM: "France/Norway." Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY.

21 May, Saturday, registration at 8:30-9:30 AM with continental breakfast followed by Business Meeting, presentations, luncheon and guided tours: NMHS Annual Meeting, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford, MA. Registration \$55.00.

8 June, Wednesday, dinner at 6:00 PM, performance at 7:30 PM: "Rendezvous with Treason: The Andre-Arnold Conspiracy." The Cove, 5 John Walsh Boulevard, Peekskill, NY. Limited seating. \$12 per person.

23 July, Saturday, 10:30 AM: Guided Tour, Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston, NY, and Friends of Historic Kingston.

24 September, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "The Fog of War: Small Vessel Warfare in the Gulf of Maine, 1812-1815." Michael J. DiBart Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY.

12 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "History of Elco." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

3 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "The War of 1812." Cortlandt Yacht Club, 238 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY. NMHS holiday potluck.

A \$5 donation is suggested. Please call for reservations, 914-737-7878, ext. 0, or e-mail nmhs@seahistory.org.

WHO WE ARE:

The **Charles Point Council** was founded in 1992 under the auspices of the National Maritime Historical Society at its headquarters in Peekskill, New York. Its mission is to build greater awareness of the rich seafaring heritage of the Hudson River Valley, and create a constituency to advocate for our maritime legacy.

From its inception the Council has been involved in historic preservation efforts on the local level, initiating the renovation of Peekskill's Charles Point Park and the restoration of China Pier (now renamed Fleischmann's Pier) which had been built by the Fleischmann Company in the first decade of the 20th Century to receive shipments of raw materials from the West Indies and as far away as China.

In addition to its monthly Saturday lecture series, the Council has organized a variety of projects to preserve and publicize the maritime history of the area, such as inviting historic ships to participate in Rockland County's Bicentennial celebrations, staffing an exhibition commemorating the 50th Anniversary of D-day aboard the Intrepid Museum, researching the whaling ports of the Hudson for *Ernestina's* visit to promote the legacy of whaling ships, and reenacting a Revolutionary War naval battle for West Point Military Academy.

The **National Maritime Historical Society** is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving and promoting America's maritime traditions. The Society's quarterly magazine, *Sea History*, brings to life our seafaring history, from the ancient mariners of Greece and Rome to the heroic efforts of seamen in World War II. The Society's work covers a broad spectrum of activities from sea training for students to stepping in when an historic ship is endangered.

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2011 Lecture and Field Trip Program



The National Maritime Historical Society's Charles Point Council invites the public to join NMHS members for a series of monthly lectures and field trips exploring our seafaring history:

26 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Lighthouses of the Hudson" with Scott Craven. Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.

Join historian Scott Craven and explore the lighthouses of the Hudson River and the Lower Hudson River Valley. What was the first electric lighthouse? Where was the "little red lighthouse" originally? Why are lighthouses such iconic symbols of America? Come hear Craven's answers to these and many other questions as he shows images and maps that illustrate these lights.

2 April, Saturday, 2:00 PM—Presentation and Book signing: "France/Norway" with John Maxstone-Graham. Ossining Public Library, Ossining, NY.

Join NMHS in support of the Ossining Public Library's special presentation by renowned maritime historian John Maxstone-Graham, who is uniquely qualified to document *France/Norway's* two consecutive lives. S.S. *France* of 1962 was a paradigm of elegance, style and speed that offered crossings between Le Havre and New York as well as two luxurious world cruises. In late summer 1974 she was abruptly withdrawn and laid up in a backwater of Le Havre for five bleak years. She was rescued by Knut Kloster of Miami's burgeoning new cruise industry for his flourishing Norwegian Caribbean Line. Over the winter of 1979/1980, *France* became *Norway*, beginning her new life as a Miami-based cruise ship.

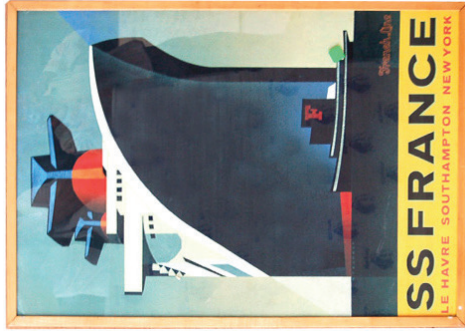


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"Rendezvous with Treason: The Andre-Arnold Conspiracy." The Cove, Peekskill, NY.

On Wednesday, 8 June, spend an evening with our nation's most intriguing anti-hero, Benedict Arnold, and his

accomplice to treason, Major John Andre - the men who tried to bring down the cause for American Independence. Chat with Benedict Arnold and ask him why he sold himself to the British. Learn about Major Andre and his aspirations to rise through the ranks in the King's Army. Actors Gary Petagine and Sean Grady

bring Arnold and Andre to life in an entertaining, interactive and dramatic program. Optional price-fixed dinner menu; performance is \$12.00 per ticket.

23 July, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Guided Tour: Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston, NY, and Friends of Historic Kingston.

Join NMHS for a trip to historic Kingston for two special tours: a guided tour of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, followed by a unique opportunity to view Anton Otto Fischer's *Foes'le Days* artwork, on display with the Friends of Historic Kingston. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

24 September, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book signing: "The Fog of War: Small Vessel Warfare in the Gulf of Maine, 1812-1815," with Dr. Joshua M. Smith. Michael J. DiBart Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY.

Although naval battles raged on the Great Lakes, combat between privateers and small government vessels boiled in the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of Maine. Join NMHS as now, for the first time, Dr. Smith tells the full story of these battles, based on a chapter from his most recent book, *Battle for the Bay: The Naval War of 1812*.

12 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "History of Elco" with Joseph Fleming. Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.

Join NMHS for the fascinating story of Elco (Electric Boat Company) by insider Joseph Fleming. This historic wooden boat company built the World War II PT boats, including PT-109 commanded by John F. Kennedy.

3 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book signing: "The War of 1812" with William H. White. Cortlandt Yacht Club, Montrose, NY.

In October 2011 NMHS will publish William H. White's *Guidebook to the War of 1812 and its Commemorations*. White will describe the important battles and significance of the war, as well as the many commemorations scheduled throughout the country, including an OpSail parade of ships from New Orleans up the eastern coast. This will be your opportunity to learn firsthand how you can join in this bicentennial celebration. NMHS holiday potluck. Bring a dish, drink, or dessert that serves six to eight.



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All lectures are open to the public. If you are interested in becoming a member, call us at **914-737-7878, ext. 0, or e-mail nmhs@seahistory.org.**

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