

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 26 January, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** "Why the USS *Maine* Sailed to Havana: New Evidence." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 23 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** "The Hungnam Evacuation and the *Ship of Miracles* in the Korean War." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 23 March, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** "Nautical Folk Art." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 27 April, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** Gallery walk, "WWII & NYC." New York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York, NY.
- 17-19 May, Friday through Sunday:** Annual Meeting, 50th Anniversary Events.
- 19 June, Wednesday, 7:00 PM:** "1812: *The Navy's War*." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 25 July, Thursday, 7:00 PM:** "Lighthouses." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 21 September, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** "George Washington's Secret Navy: *How the American Revolution Went to Sea*." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 23 October, Wednesday, 5:30 PM:** Annual Awards Dinner, New York Yacht Club.
- 16 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** "*Hacks, Sycophants, Adventurers & Heroes: Madison's Commanders in the War of 1812*." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.
- 7 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** "Joe Rochefort's War: A Codebreaker's Dilemma" 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.

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, the **National Maritime Historical Society** is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to raise awareness of our nation's maritime heritage and the role seafaring has played in shaping civilization, through publications, educational programs, sail training and the preservation of historic ships. 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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THE CHARLES POINT COUNCIL



2013 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 January, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: "Why the USS *Maine* Sailed to Havana: New Evidence," with Walt Johanson—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.



23 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "The Hungnam Evacuation and the *Ship of Miracles* in the Korean War," with Bob Lunney—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. The presentation will focus on a miraculous rescue, not generally known to the public, that Lunney participated in while on board the S.S. *Meredith Victory*. In December 1950, the ship and its crew performed an extraordinary rescue of 14,000 Korean men, women, and children.

23 March, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Nautical Folk Art," with Norman Brouwer—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. The final 150 years of the commercial deepwater sailing vessel saw a flowering of nautical folk art. The speaker will cover items such as ships in bottles made by the seamen themselves during spare time on the long voyages; "sailors' valentines" and other souvenirs made on shore for sale to seamen, and figureheads and other elements in the decoration of sailing ships—illustrated with examples in the collections of maritime museums in Europe and North America, and in the speaker's personal collection.

27 April, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Guided Gallery Walk, "WWII & NYC," with Dr. Joseph Meany, NYS Historian Emeritus—New York Historical Society. *Sea History* advisor Dr. Joe Meany will guide us through a new exhibition focused on the

role of the city in the Second World War, perhaps one of the least understood aspects of "the war." He consulted on the maritime portions of the exhibit and shared his research on the Port of New York in World War II.

17-19 May, Friday through Sunday—Annual Meeting, 50th Anniversary Events.



19 June, Wednesday, 7:00 PM—Richard Belliveau Seminar--"1812: *The Navy's War*," with George Daughan—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. Daughan, a Harvard-trained historian who lives in Portland, Maine, examines how the young nation's naval victories against the ships of the world's largest imperial power helped establish America as a burgeoning power in the world.

25 July, Thursday, 7:00 PM—Presentation: "Lighthouses," with Kevin Woyce—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. Since ancient times, lighthouses have guided sailors into safe harbors and warned them of coastal hazards. The author explores the history of lighthouses, from the ancient Pharos of Alexandria to the modern world; shows how they were built and how they work; and shares the stories of some of the brave men and women who tended the lights.

21 September, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: "George Washington's Secret Navy: How the American Revolution Went to Sea," with James Nelson—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.



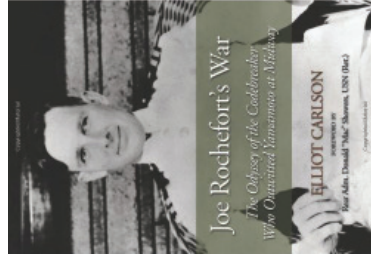
Author James Nelson tells the story of how America's first commander-in-chief—whose previous military experience had been entirely on land—nursed the

fledgling American Revolution through a season of stalemate by secretly arming a handful of small ships and sending them to sea against the world's mightiest navy.

23 October, Wednesday, 5:30 PM—Annual Awards Dinner, New York Yacht Club.

16 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: "Hacks, Sycophants, Adventurers & Heroes: *Madison's Commanders in the War of 1812*," with David Fitz-Enz—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. While President James Madison was a brilliant scholar, author of much of this country's early documents, organizer of the executive branch of government, and an astute politician, he was no commander-in-chief. He relied totally upon appointed commodores and generals to conduct a war for the conquest of Canada on one hand and survival on the other. Fitz-Enz tells the story of the remarkable characters of the War of 1812 who, arguably, changed the course of history.

7 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: "Joe Rochefort's War: A Codebreaker's Dilemma," with Elliot Carlson—Cortlandt Yacht Club, Montrose, NY. Carlson's biography of Capt. Joe Rochefort is the first to be written of the officer who headed the U.S. Navy's decrypt unit at Pearl Harbor and broke the Japanese Navy's code before the Battle of Midway. Carlson examines Rochefort's love-hate relationship with cryptanalysis, his adventure-filled years in the 1930s as the right-hand man to the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Fleet, the key role his codebreaking played in the outcome of Midway, and the legacy he left of reporting actionable intelligence directly to the fleet. NMHS holiday potluck. Bring a dish, drink, or dessert that serves six to eight.



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