

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**25 January, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “Primitive Watercraft: Vikings, Greeks, Egyptians, and How 50,000 Men Died in One Day in Salamis.” Di Bart Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, NY.

**22 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “Admiral Lord Nelson: Forever in Love.” Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

**22 March, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “Ghosts of Cape Horn.” Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

**26 April, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “Shipwrecked in the Caribbean.” Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

**15-17 May, Thursday through Sunday:** Annual Meeting at the Erie Maritime Museum in Erie, PA.

**10 June, Tuesday:** Richard Belliveau Seminar. Fraunces Tavern, 54 Pearl St, New York, NY.

**23 July, Thursday, 7:00 PM:** Hudson River Cruise aboard Peekskill’s cruise vessel *Evening Star*. Departing from Riverfront Green Park in Peekskill, NY.

**27 September, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “Coast Guard Art Program.” Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

**23 October, Thursday, 5:30 PM:** Annual Awards Dinner, New York Yacht Club.

**15 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “Steamship *Liamba* on Lake Tanganyika.” Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

**6 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM:** “*Charles W. Morgan*: The World’s Last Whaleship Sails Again.” 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](mailto: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.

Having celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2013, 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



## 2014 Lecture and Field Trip Program



## JOIN US IN DISCOVERING OUR MARITIME HERITAGE

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:

**25 January, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Primitive Watercraft: Vikings, Greeks, Egyptians, and How 50,000 Men Died in One Day in Salamis," with Captain Lada Simek—Di Bart Neighborhood Center, Peekskill, NY.**



**22 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Admiral Lord Nelson: Forever in Love," with RADM Joseph Callo, USNR (Ret.)—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.** Trafalgar is considered the greatest naval battle victory. We look at the loves of Admiral Lord Nelson to gain a deeper understanding of the multifaceted naval officer who shaped the course of history from his quarterdecks.

**22 March, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Ghosts of Cape Horn" hosted by NMHS President Burchenal Green—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.** This one hour documentary by James Donaldson grew out of the work of NMHS curator-at-large Peter Throckmorton on the ships abandoned on the Falkland Islands after being worsted in the battle to round Cape Horn at the tip of South America the hard way, from east to west, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

**26 April, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation & Booksigning: "Shipwrecked in the Caribbean," with author Bill White—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.** *Gun Bay*, the new book by historical novelist William H. White, tells the story of 10 British ships shipwrecked off Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean in 1794. Laced with White's realistic language of the period, his knowledge of sailing

ships, and understanding of offshore navigation, *Gun Bay* is an exciting and entertaining read—and the best part is, most of it is true!

**15-17 May, Thursday through Sunday—Annual Meeting at the Erie Maritime Museum in Erie, PA, with the North American Society for Oceanic History and the Canadian Nautical Research Society.**

**10 June, Tuesday—Richard Belliveau Seminar—Outing to Historic Fraunces Tavern with the New York Council, Navy League of the United States for the Inauguration of the Commodore John Barry Book Award.**

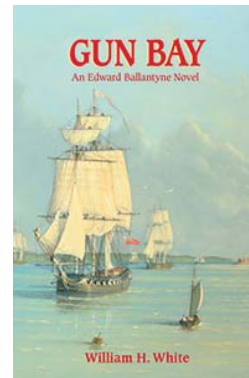
**23 July, Wednesday—Hudson River Cruise aboard Peekskill's cruise vessel *Evening Star*.**



highlights the role Coast Guard artists play in helping COGAP fulfill its missions.

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

**15 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Steamship *Liemba* on Lake Tanganyika," with documentary film maker John Billingsley—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY.** The documentary film *Liemba* tells the story of a steamship that still serves the communities of Lake Tanganyika in central Africa. Built in 1913 in



Germany, and originally named the *Graf von Götzen*, the armed transport ship controlled the lake for the German Empire during World War I. As the Germans retreated, the ship was scuttled. Raised by the British Navy in 1924 and re-named *Liemba*, she went back to work as a ferry serving the British protectorate of Tanganyika.

**6 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: "Charles W. Morgan: The World's Last Whaleship Sails Again," with Matthew Stackpole (the 2012 Winner of the NMHS Rodney Houghton Award for Best Feature Article in *Sea History*)—Cortlandt Yacht Club, Montrose, NY.** Matthew Stackpole of Mystic Seaport will bring us up-to-date on the restoration of the *Charles W. Morgan*, the very last wooden whaleship in existence of some 2,700 that



were built between 1700 and 1900. 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](mailto:nmhs@seahistory.org)