



*On the Waterfront: Washington DC in 1899* by Patrick O'Brien

**Please join the National Maritime Historical Society for the  
*2023 National Maritime Awards Dinner***

**National Press Club · Washington, DC  
Tuesday, 9 May 2023 · Reception 6 PM - Dinner 7 PM**

**Samuel F. Byers, Dinner Chair  
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and CAPT James A. Noone, USN (Ret.), NMHS Chairman**

invite you to join us as we honor three esteemed recipients:

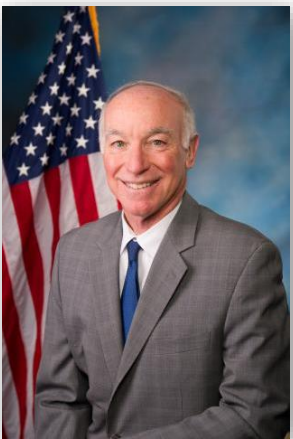
**USS Constitution Museum  
Congressman Joseph D. Courtney  
Oyster Recovery Partnership**

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or call Wendy Paggiotta at 914-737-7878 ext. 557.

# *The 2023 National Maritime Awards Honorees*



**The USS Constitution Museum** will be recognized with the **2023 NMHS Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education**. Since 1972, the USS Constitution Museum has commemorated *Constitution's* history, serving as its educational voice collecting, preserving, and interpreting the artifacts that tell the stories of "Old Ironsides" and America's Ship of State. NMHS recognizes the museum's contributions to scholarship, its innovative work appealing to a global audience, and its presentation of the stories of our maritime heritage. In honoring the museum and recognizing its president Anne Grimes Rand, who has expertly guided the organization for over three decades, the Society also celebrates the 225th anniversary of *Constitution's* maiden voyage in 1798 and applauds her newest captain and first female commanding officer, CDR Billie J. Farrell, USN.



**Congressman Joseph D. Courtney** will be recognized with the **2023 NMHS Distinguished Service Award** in recognition of his steadfast efforts to deliver funding for US Navy submarine procurement, most recently as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023 and the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act. As Chairman of the House Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, he championed funding for the production of two *Virginia*-class attack submarines per year with General Dynamics's Electric Boat division, and more recently for *Columbia*-class ballistic missile submarines. In pressing for the need of *Virginia*-class submarines, he earned the nickname "Two Sub Joe." We also salute Congressman Courtney's work with the Connecticut congressional delegation in obtaining funding for the future National Coast Guard Museum, where Americans will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Coast Guard life and history through interactive exhibits and galleries designed to celebrate, engage, and inspire.



**Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP)** will be honored with the inaugural **2023 NMHS Marine Conservation Award** for their remarkable commitment to the health of the Chesapeake Bay through the successful restoration of its oyster populations. A single adult oyster can filter more than 50 gallons of water per day, and since 1994, with the support of major partners like the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Horn Point Laboratory, ORP has planted more than 10 billion oysters on 3,000 acres of reef and recycled more than 260,000 bushels of shell. The Marine Conservation Award acknowledges their exemplary work as stewards of our waterways, protecting and restoring ecosystems, promoting the sustainable management of marine resources, safeguarding and improving the well-being of the communities that depend on these resources, and increasing public awareness about the importance of protecting marine environments.

# *2023 National Maritime Awards Dinner Sponsorship Menu*

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The National Maritime Historical Society seeks your support for the 2023 National Maritime Awards Dinner as we honor three most esteemed award recipients. Please join us in celebrating the **USS Constitution Museum, Congressman Joseph D. Courtney, and the Oyster Recovery Partnership** at this year's gala.

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**Underwriter, Event Marquee, Fleet, Commodore, and Table Hosts** will receive ten tickets.

**Favor** sponsors will receive two tickets at a prime table and acknowledgement at the event, online and in the dinner program.

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**The National Maritime Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1963 whose mission is to preserve maritime history, promote the maritime heritage community, and invite all to share in the adventures of seafaring—educating all Americans, and particularly the youngest generations, about the critical role the sea plays in our nation's past, present and future.**

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**Thank you for your support of our work!**

# *National Maritime Historical Society Awards*

**The 2023 National Maritime Awards Dinner Awardees  
will join our most esteemed previous recipients, some of whom are listed here:**

America's Cup winners Ted Turner, Gary Jobson & Thomas Whidden

Former US Senator Barbara Mikulski

Boatbuilders Charles A. Robertson, Brian D'Isernia, and Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger

Former Chiefs of Naval Operations, Admirals Jay L. Johnson, Jonathan W. Greenert and Gary Roughead

Former Commandants of the US Coast Guard, Admirals James M. Loy and Robert J. Papp Jr.

Former Secretaries of the Navy John Dalton, John Lehman, and Senator John Warner

Conservationists National Geographic Society and Conservation International



Ocean explorer Dr. Robert Ballard

Capt. Mary Habstritt & Lilac Preservation Project

Thomas J. Ridge, former Secretary of Homeland Security and Governor of Pennsylvania

HRH Princess Anne

Broadcaster Walter Cronkite

Capt. Arthur M. Kimberly, the late Gloria Kimberly & *Romance*

Woodson K. Woods & Lynx Education Foundation

USCG *Eagle*

Philanthropist Gerry Lenfest

David Rockefeller Jr. and Sailors for the Sea

Admiral Sir Jonathon Band and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston of the United Kingdom

Vietnam POW Commander Everett Alvarez Jr.

Yacht designers Olin J. Stephens II, Halsey Herreshoff, and Bruce Farr

Authors Nathaniel Philbrick and Clive Cussler

Maritime artists Patrick O'Brien, William G. Muller, John Barber, John Mecray, and John Stobart

