



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



**YOU'RE INVITED**

## **2023 National Maritime Awards Dinner**

**The National Press Club • 9 May • Washington, DC**

NMHS will fill the National Press Club this spring with its spirited gathering for the 12<sup>th</sup> National Maritime Awards Dinner taking place on 9 May 2023.

Dinner Chair **Samuel F. Byers**, along with Founding Dinner Chair **Philip J. Webster** and NMHS Chair **CAPT James A. Noone, USN (Ret.)**, invites you to join us for our annual gala in Washington, DC, as we celebrate three driving forces in the maritime community and their outstanding contributions to our maritime heritage.

**Gary Jobson**, America's ambassador of sailing, is the evening's emcee. An introductory film by **Richardo Lopes**, award-winning documentarian and NMHS Vice Chair, will impart the stories of our distinguished honorees. The **US Coast Guard Academy Chorale** will perform, and the **Combined Sea Services Color Guard** will present.

In addition, the **NMHS Washington Invitational Art Gallery**, hosted by acclaimed marine artist **Patrick O'Brien**, will feature a selection of marine art for sale (preview on pages 16–19). We look forward to welcoming you to this special evening as we pay tribute to our outstanding honorees and meet with members of our exceptional community while we salute our country's maritime heritage.

**Join us! Please contact us to reserve your place.**

*Seating is limited.*

Visit our website at [www.seahistory.org/washington2023](http://www.seahistory.org/washington2023) for more information or to make your reservations. Or call 914 737-7878, extension 0.

**Tickets start at \$400.**

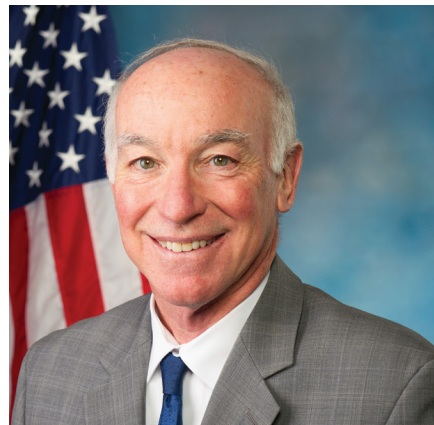
**Attire is business/cocktail.**

**Hotel Block:** NMHS has reserved a block of rooms at the **Hilton Garden Inn** at 815 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, two blocks from the National Press Club, from 8–10 May at \$309 per night (plus applicable taxes). This rate is available until April 17<sup>th</sup> or until sold out. Visit [www.seahistory.org/washington2023](http://www.seahistory.org/washington2023) to make your hotel reservation.



## Congressman Joseph D. Courtney

The Honorable Joseph D. Courtney will receive the Society's 2023 NMHS Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his continued success and longtime support of the US Navy and the US Coast Guard, securing crucial investments in some of our greatest sources of national strength: service members, innovation and technology, and our allies and partners. We recognize Representative Courtney's 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 the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics, as well as *Columbia*-class ballistic missile submarines. In reversing years of decline at the shipyard, he earned the nickname "Two Sub Joe" for the *Virginia*-class subs or, as Mohegan tribal leaders have dubbed him, "Two Iron Fish." 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.



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*Joseph David Courtney has been instrumental to the sea services community as the US representative for Connecticut's 2nd congressional district since 2007.*

## Oyster Recovery Partnership

Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) will receive the 2023 NMHS Marine Conservation Award in recognition of its commitment to the health of the Chesapeake Bay through the successful restoration of oyster populations. A single adult oyster can filter more than 50 gallons of water a day, and over the past 29 years, ORP has planted a staggering 10 billion oysters. The newly established NMHS Marine Conservation Award acknowledges the exemplary work of those who act as stewards of the oceans, seas, and waterways, including efforts to protect, enhance, and restore ecosystems, promote the sustainable management of marine resources, safeguard and improve the well-being of the communities that depend on these resources, and increase public awareness about the importance of protecting marine environments. ORP, with its broad coalition of partners, works to improve the health of the Bay through aquaculture, shell recycling, community awareness, and support of oyster farming and commercial fisheries to improve the environment and expand economic opportunities in the Chesapeake region. ORP joins previous NMHS maritime environmentalist award winners David Rockefeller Jr. and Sailors for the Sea, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Conservation International, and the National Geographic Society.



OYSTER RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP

*In 2022, Oyster Recovery Partnership planted 950 million oysters and passed the milestone of planting 10 billion oysters over its three-decade history.*

## USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum will receive the 2023 Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education, presented in recognition of outstanding educational programs that foster greater awareness of our maritime heritage. This year the museum embarks on its 51st year as the educational voice of USS *Constitution*, the oldest commissioned warship afloat. 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. Since 1972 the USS Constitution Museum has interpreted the ship's remarkable history, collecting, preserving, and curating the artifacts that tell the history of this storied frigate—America's official 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. ⚓



US NAVY

*USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned ship in the United States Navy, sets sail in Boston Harbor in 2014. She is berthed at the Charlestown Navy Yard, across the pier from the USS Constitution Museum.*