

You're invited to the... 60th Annual Meeting

14-16 April 2023

The Mariners' Museum and Park • Newport News, VA

This year the National Maritime Historical Society will celebrate its 60th anniversary, and we invite all members to join us for this Annual Meeting milestone the weekend of 14–16 April 2023 at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, Virginia. We look forward to gathering to share ideas and reexamine what it means today to preserve maritime history and promote the maritime heritage community. How can we build on this mission and expand our impact? We hope you will help us answer these questions as we share a weekend adventure and chart the Society's course ahead.



(l-r) Nauticus and battleship USS Wisconsin; a team of researchers raises the turret of USS Monitor out of the ocean on 5 August 2002. The turret is currently undergoing conservation at The Mariners' Museum.

We are thrilled that our host this year is The Mariners' Museum and Park. There's something here for every age and maritime interest—naval heritage and Civil War history, shipwrecks and sunken relics, artifact conservation and ship preservation, underwater archaeology and marine sanctuaries, nature walks around Mariners' Lake, and even a 60,000-pound propeller that once powered the world's fastest ocean liner, SS *United States*, constructed at nearby Newport News Shipbuilding.

On **Saturday** morning, 15 April, we'll enjoy a continental breakfast followed by the annual business meeting and presentations from leaders in the maritime and naval heritage community, including **Howard H. Hoege**, president and CEO of The Mariners' Museum, **Tāne Casserley**, a maritime archaeologist with NOAA's Monitor and Malloys Bay—Potomac River National Marine Sanctuaries, **Will Hoffman**, director of conservation of the USS *Monitor* Center, **Sabrina Jones**, director of strategic partnerships at The Mariners' Museum, and **Nate Sandel**, director of education and community engagement at Nauticus maritime discovery center. After lunch, we will take guided tours of the museum and the USS *Monitor* Center which, in partnership with NOAA, is the caretaker of more than 200 tons of artifacts recovered from the wreck of famed Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*. Registration for the Saturday annual meeting is \$70 per person and includes breakfast, the business meeting, presentations, lunch, and tours.

We invite you to join us a day early in Norfolk on **Friday**, 14 April, aboard the *Victory Rover* for lunch and a two-hour cruise on the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads Harbor. Departing from

Nauticus, home of the battleship USS *Wisconsin*, we'll enjoy a front-row seat to the Norfolk Naval Base fleet of destroyers, aircraft carriers, submarines, and other vessels while taking in the sights of the harbor. After the cruise, enjoy self-guided tours of USS *Wisconsin*, one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the US Navy, the Nauticus science and technology center, and Norfolk's beautiful downtown waterfront. Registration for Friday's cruise, lunch and visit to the museum and battleship is \$60.

On **Sunday** morning, 16 April, join us for a USS *Monitor* Center lab tour in the Batten Conservation Complex, one of the most advanced conservation labs of any maritime museum in the world, where you'll learn about current projects the staff is working on and see conservation in action. Weather permitting, add some outdoor adventure to your day with a self-guided short stroll or long hike around all or part of the award-winning Noland Trail that surrounds Mariners' Lake. The cost for the Sunday *Monitor* Center lab tour is \$15; the Mariners' Park and Noland Trail is free and open to the public daily from 6 AM to 7 PM.

NMHS Chair **CAPT James A. Noone, USN (Ret.)**, and Program Chair **Walter R. Brown** encourage all NMHS members to join us. For more information and to register, please see the magazine wrapper, visit us at www.seahistory.org/annualmeeting2023, or contact Heather Purvis via email at administrator@seahistory.org or by phone at (914) 737-7878 Ext. 0. Single and full day-registration options are available, as are sponsorship opportunities. If you can join us as a Donor, Sponsor or Underwriter, we would be most grateful. ⚓

NMHS has taken a block of rooms from 13–15 April at the **Newport News Marriott at City Center** at 740 Town Center Drive for \$179/night, plus taxes, including complimentary parking. To make your hotel reservation, call (866) 329-1758 and use the group code "National Maritime Historical Society." The rate is available until 19 March, or until the reserved block is full.