



CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Our Maritime Communities-Stronger Together

11th Maritime Heritage Conference

&

45th Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships

New Orleans Marriott-French Quarter

555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 USA

February 15 – 17, 2018



The 11th Maritime Heritage Conference and the 45th Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships will come together for an information-packed joint conference encompassing a broad array of topics. The Maritime Heritage Conference was last held in 2014, and is unique in bringing together all elements of the maritime heritage community to discuss topics of common interest., Tall Ships America's Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships is held annually and Known for its high "take away value", networking opportunities and camaraderie. You are invited to join with us and share an exploration of maritime heritage while charting the course for the future. The Conference Steering Committee invites you to become involved in the 2018 Conference as a presenter. This is an outstanding opportunity to come together with individuals from all segments of the maritime community to discuss topics of common interest, to learn from your peers, and to share your knowledge and experience with others.

The conference venue is the beautiful New Orleans Marriott. Rooms are available at the terrific rate of \$164+ per night! Details of the conference schedule are posted at: www.seahistory.org and www.sailtraining.org

Conference topics include, but are not limited to:

Focus sessions to include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Media and Publications
- ◆ Tall Ships, Sail Training and Education Under Sail
- ◆ Marketing and Social Media
- ◆ Vessel Operations and Safety
- ◆ Crew and Staff Training and Development
- ◆ Not for Profit Administration
- ◆ Fund Development
- ◆ Tall Ships® Events and Host Port

Maritime Heritage paper sessions to cover maritime history on topics not limited to:

- ◆ Maritime and naval history
- ◆ Maritime Art, Literature and Music
- ◆ Underwater Archaeology
- ◆ Shipbuilding
- ◆ Inland Water Commerce and seaport operations
- ◆ Lighthouses and Lifesaving Stations
- ◆ Oceanic Trade and Communications
- ◆ Maritime Libraries, Archives, and Museums

In addition the conference will host plenary overview sessions touching on:

- ◆ Maritime Heritage Education and Preservation
- ◆ Marine Science and Ocean Conservation
- ◆ National Maritime Sanctuaries
- ◆ Historic Preservation and Utilization of Structures and Vessels
- ◆ Marine Science and Ocean Conservation
- ◆ Maritime Heritage Education and Preservation
- ◆ The Maritime Heritage Grant Program

GUIDELINES

Focus Session Information Each Focus session lasts 90 minutes. Speakers jointly occupy 60 minutes of the allotted time for each focus session, leaving 20 - 30 minutes for questions/discussion depending on the topic. Sessions may include a single presenter, co-presenters or a small panel. Speakers should make the sessions as interactive as possible to include audience participation through discussion or activity. Session rooms are set in banquet rounds. An LCD projector, screen and laptop (PC/Windows/MS Office) are provided in each session room. Additional audio visual equipment is the responsibility of each presenter.

Maritime Heritage Papers Individual papers, (no to exceed) 20 minutes in length, (three or four papers in each 90 minute session), may address a specific subject or aspects of the broader themes of the conference.

Presentation Application Process Please submit a 250 word (or less) abstract (overview) of your presentation idea that includes your objectives, the intended audience, and the “take-away” value for the audience. Abstracts should clearly outline the paper’s main points, its place within the broader themes in maritime history. Your submission must include the following:

1. A working title
2. A brief one-paragraph vita (biography) for each presenter.
3. A digital photograph of each presenter (*to be published in the conference program and on the conference blog*).
4. A concise paragraph of 150 words or less describing your proposed session, *to be printed in the conference program and posted on the conference blog*. (The steering committee reserves the right to edit submissions.)
5. The format you envision (panel, individual presenter, co-presenters or interactive workshop)
6. Your name, contact information (email and phone number) and that of any co-presenters as well as, the umbrella organization to which the presenter belongs (if applicable).
7. Any special requests regarding room set-up.
8. Any audio visual requirements in addition to the standard room set-up mentioned above.

Deadlines and Selection Process The deadline for submitting proposals is November 1, 2017. The proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Steering Committee and you will be notified of a decision no later than November 15, 2017. The committee is looking for focus sessions that are substantive, innovative and interactive and relate to one or more of the topics listed above.

Where applicable, all presenters will be required to provide an electronic copy of their session. These will be posted on the Conference website following the conference. **Please, no overt promotion of a specific company or product.** If you will use handouts (recommended), plan on supplying at least 100 copies.

Presenter Policy While we appreciate the valuable contributions that mariners, historians, educators and administrators make by speaking at this conference, speakers serve as volunteers and do not receive compensation. All travel, lodging, meals, or other expenses associated with the conference are the responsibility of the individual presenter. **Presenters are expected to register and pay for the conference**, but may be considered for a reduced registration fee. This fee reduction does not apply to large panel participants.

Thank you for helping to make this year’s conference informative and educational! We look forward to reading your proposal.

Please email your proposal to Dave Winkler and Jonathan Kabak at: proposalsmhc@gmail.com

Subject Line: **Conference Steering Committee**

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