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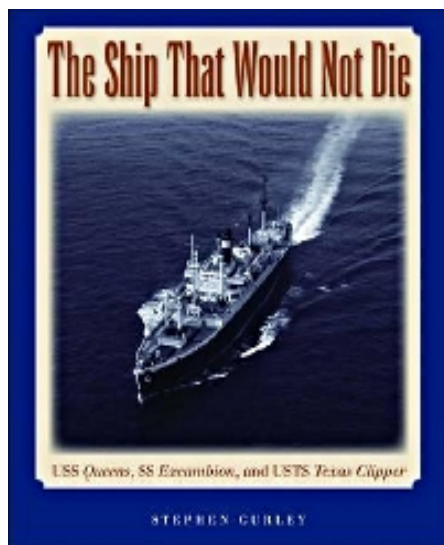
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[The Ship That Would Not Die: USS Queens, SS Excambion & USTS Texas Clipper](#)

Thursday, February 21st at 7pm

Starting its life as an attack transport in World War II- and one of the last five left afloat by war's end-the USS Queens saw action at Iwo Jima and other hot spots in the Pacific theater. After the war, the ship became the SS Excambion, one of the "Four Aces" of American Export Lines.

In 1965, the versatile Excambion underwent yet another transformation- into a floating classroom. Recommissioned as the USTS Texas Clipper, the ship began a third life as a merchant marine training vessel with its home port in Galveston. Finally, the Texas Clipper, was designated to be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico as an artificial reef to provide habitat for marine life. Now, 136 feet below the surface, the venerable Texas Clipper lives on as the home to a wide variety of underwater species.

Join the Houston Maritime Museum as Dr. Curley shares facts about the ship's construction, service record, crew procedures, and voyages as well as lively anecdotes from crew members, passengers, and officers! Admission is free and includes access to the museum's exhibits

Miss our last lecture?

If so, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch "The Old Hoodoo" The Battleship Texas"



To view videos of other past lectures [CLICK HERE!](#)

2/28 Maritime Career Lecture



"Charting a Successful Maritime Career"

Thursday, February 28th at 7pm

HMM is proud to present a new lecture series sponsored by the Houston Pilots geared towards middle school students through college grads!

Hear the facts from young, successful mariners on:

- Selecting the maritime career that will make you LOVE your job
- The preparation/education necessary to get the job
- The financial and lifestyle benefits of the job
- What you can do NOW to develop the best resume

Each lecture will feature two different and exciting maritime careers. Attend every lecture to learn about all the opportunities waiting for YOU!

The 2nd lecture of this series will be on

**Thursday, February 28th
from 7:00-8:15pm**

Featuring:

**Kristofer Schroder, Submariner, Stevedore
(Former Chemist & Radiological Controls Specialist)**

&

**Karl Schroder, Stevedore
Vice President of Operations at Schroder Marine Services, Inc.**

Admission & refreshments are complimentary thanks to our sponsors, the Houston Pilots!

Join us on February 28th for a lecture that could change YOUR life! We spend the majority of our adult life at our job-make sure you pick a job YOU LOVE!!

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about our speakers!

We are proud to announce that we had over 65 students and teachers in attendance for our 1st lecture of this series on January 24th!



Houston Mini Maker Faire



HMM Booth at Houston Mini Maker Faire

January 19th

HMM had the honor of being represented by docent and trustee, Burt Reckles as part of the Children's Museum booth at the Houston Mini Maker Faire! The Faire is the world's largest show (and tell) festival and family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness celebrating the Maker movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.

As a renowned maritime miniaturist, Burt shared his craft of creating unique glass encapsulated miniatures depicting a variety of subject matters. As part of his display, a "Build Your Own Sailboat-in-a-Bottle" instructional guide was created and sold for children (and adults) to further explore the art of miniaturization at home. We are happy to announce that the guide was received VERY positively and sold out before the Faire ended!

HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM



FREE
Museum
Admission
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BUILD YOUR OWN

SAILBOAT-IN-A-BOTTLE

A SIMPLIFIED MARITIME MINIATURE PROJECT

*First Edition of the Step-By-Step Ship Modeling Series
By Burton D. Reckles*

Stop by the Museum to get your own copy of this one-of-a-kind instructional guide! A free student admission coupon is included in each booklet!

Volunteer Journal Interview



Volunteer Journal

Interview: February 1st

Air Date: TBA

Produced and hosted by Volunteer Houston staff, "Volunteer Journal" is a televised half-hour interview show spotlighting nonprofit

organizations that utilize volunteers to enrich Houston's quality of life. HMM is proud to announce that we have been selected for an interview with this wonderful local program. Executive Director, Diane Lipton, and Board Chairman, Niels Aalund, will highlight Museum's exhibits, discuss volunteer opportunities and present the exciting plans for our future on the Houston Ship Channel!

"Volunteer Journal" airs regularly on the City of Houston's official cable station, HTV. HTV productions are viewable through the following cable systems: Comcast (Ch. 16), Phonoscope (Ch. 2), Suddenlink (Ch. 14) and ATT U-verse (Ch. 99). Our feature on the show is expected to begin airing within two to three weeks of taping and will continue to air over a period of 4 to 5 weeks. We hope you can catch this exciting interview when it airs!

For more information about Volunteer Journal -- and to access archived videos, as well as audio podcasts of some recent shows -- [**CLICK HERE!**](#)

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to your next visit to the museum! For more information on any of our events contact Heather Schiappa at (713) 666-1910.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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Interested in ship modeling? Join the **Gulf Coast Ship Modelers Society** on the second of Saturday every odd-numbered month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Houston Maritime Museum.

Historic Vessel Builders: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
RC Control Vessel Builders: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

The next meeting is **March 9th!**

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