



THE ANCHOR

The monthly newsletter of the Houston Maritime Museum

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Hours of operation: Tuesday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm.

HMM Welcomes New Collections and Archives Intern

We are very excited to announce our new Collections and Archives intern, Haya Khan. She is a senior undergraduate History student at the University of Houston, concentrating in post-colonial and African American history. Haya is an avid learner, and loves to read and research about world cultures and religions; she is also passionate about women's empowerment through education. Haya has worked with various non-profit organizations in the past, such as India House Inc. and Amaanah Refugee Services, and is excited to bring her experience to the Houston Maritime Museum as the summer Collections and Archives intern.

Research Library and Ships Plans

Model of the Month

OFFSHORE MISCHIEF

Self-elevating Offshore Drilling Rig

By: Tom Johnson, Docent

One of the most striking (and larger) models on display at the Houston Maritime Museum in the Energy Industry exhibit is the self-elevating offshore drilling rig "OFFSHORE MISCHIEF". Properly referred to in the offshore industry as a mobile offshore drilling unit or "MODU". This enormous machine is among the largest of its kind in service today designed by an American engineering company LeTourneau.

This MODU was constructed by Lamprell-Sharjah shipbuilding in the UAE, and delivered to its owner/operator SEADRILL in 2010. Subsequent to delivery, the unit commenced to drill for an oil and gas exploration company on a day rate (daily rental) basis.

This MODU is designed primarily for exploratory drilling in the deeper waters of the continental shelf. The OFFSHORE MISCHIEF is capable of drilling in waters up to 350' deep (about the depth of a 30 story building) by lowering its three steel truss legs (each about 477' long) by means of large jacking gears located in each corner of the rig hull where the legs are located. The lower end of the legs (cans) are firmly planted on the ocean floor to support the massive weight of the rig itself and up to another 750 tons comprised of 25,000 feet of 5 1/2' steel drill pipe when in the hole.

Along with the models and artifacts on display, the Museum also has a Research Library. This valuable resource contains a collection of maritime books, ships plans, and periodicals. We have over one thousand volumes cataloged by author, title, and subject matter covering a wide range of topics including naval, ship building, maritime history and modeling. The plans in the collection, also cataloged for easy searching, are at the level of detail that make them most useful to ship modelers. The plans include both sail and engine powered vessels. The Research Library normally does not loan material, but for those interested in knowing more about maritime history, the Museum provides public access to our non-circulating Research Library and ships plans. No appointment is necessary.

Membership Drive

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Jack-up rigs of this type are generally not self-propelled and must be towed to the next drilling location by ocean going tugs. Statistically the rig is 243' long, 206' wide, incorporates a derrick 170' tall, is powered by a total of 10,750 diesel electric horse power and supports a crew of 105 soles.

Remembering Harry Bounds



Harry C. Bounds was born in Baltimore, Md. on May 22, 1925 and died on June 26, 2014 under much loving care by his second wife Verlyn. In 1936, Harry moved to Houston with his family. He joined the Navy on May 22, 1942 the day he turned 17, and went around the world and served overseas till the end of the war. Harry was a manufactures' representative in the construction trade for 30 years and retired in 1990. Because of his interest in ships and the ocean, Harry was a docent and board member of the Houston Maritime Museum. He loved everything connected with geography, history, ships and the sea. Harry will be dearly missed by his HMM family.

An era now gone
as this warriors tour of duty ends
at this station, and begins anew
in the heavenly fleet.

His memorial service will be held on Monday, June 30, 2014 at the Memorial Drive United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm. The address is 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to your favorite charity or to The Houston Maritime Museum.

Grand Re-Opening of Museum Shop

Stop by our new Museum Shop for all your maritime gift needs! With the installation of Kids' Cove, the gift shop has been relocated to its new home off the WWII and Merchant Marine Galleries. Here you can find nautical knick-knacks, model ship kits, pirate toys, books for all ages, and more! We also carry exclusive half hull models that can be customized to your desires.



July Lecture Series

HISTORY LECTURE

Adventures in Arctic Naval Architecture & Offshore Engineering
with Peter Noble

Tuesday, July 1, 2014
7:00pm - 8:00pm

The challenges of man and machines operating in the harsh arctic winter environment have led to progressively more sophisticated marine vessels and machinery. The evaluation of arctic environmental conditions both weather and topography have challenged naval architects to continuously seek unique solutions to navigation and indeed vessel survival. This presentation will be rich with photographs of arctic vessels, and enhanced by Peter Noble's firsthand experiences during his career as an Arctic Naval Architect.

More information can be found at [Houston Maritime Museum Lecture Series](#)



HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM

HISTORY LECTURE

WHO: Peter Noble, Arctic
Naval Architect

WHAT: Adventures in
Arctic Naval
Architecture
& Offshore
Engineering

WHEN: Tuesday, July 1
7:00-8:00 PM

WHERE: Houston Maritime
Museum
2204 Dorrington
Houston, TX 77030

HOW: The Houston
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lecture each month

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Peter Noble is a naval architect with a focus in the Arctic. He is currently the President and Principal Advisor at Noble Associates LLC, Offshore, Maritime and Arctic Technology Advisors.

Upcoming History Lectures

August 12, 2014

Ancient Seafaring Civilizations with Maria Burns

September 9, 2014

Visions of the Port of Houston: Past, Present, and Future with Judith Ann Saks

October 14, 2014

Monterrey Shipwrecks with Amy Borgens

November 11, 2014

History of the Houston Ship Channel with Eric Young

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Maritime Museum of Sunken Spanish Galleon Treasure Ships

Our very own docent and trustee, Burt Reckles, went to Tice Elementary to give a presentation on Ships-in-Bottles, and experience and evaluate the Ship-in-Bottle masterpieces that the students created for their own in-house display. As a final review of the 2013-2014 school year's reading objectives, Tice Elementary students in Mrs. Freire's class dove to the depths of the ocean for a five-week, ten-assignment exploration of sunken treasures, with a focus on the sunken Spanish galleon treasure ship Nuestra Señora de Atocha. This adventuresome journey began with reading and research, and the students started with *Sunken Treasure* by Gail Gibbons. This non-fiction book sparked the interest of the students as they imagined discovering their own treasure. As students researched and worked through various assignments, they were also simultaneously creating their own shipwreck model within a large, clear juice bottle. These models, some quite intricate, were placed in a gallery outside the classroom. The lesson ended with Burt giving a demonstration about ships and sunken treasure.

"The tour was a maritime adventure along with an exploration of 400-year-old art for over 100 third graders. The questions, comments, and audience reaction to the various pieces displayed made the presentation fun as well as challenging experience for me as well."

- Burt Reckles



Mrs. Freire's students and their masterpieces.



Burt Reckles giving his presentation to the Tice Elementary students.

Interested in ship modeling? Join the Gulf Coast Ship Modelers Society on the second of Saturday every odd-numbered month from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Houston Maritime Museum.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 12th, starting at 10:00am, at the Houston Maritime Museum. Club RC expert Phil Bryan will give a presentation on some of the how-to's of RC modeling including examples of different types of boats, how to set up radios and servos, and where you can sail your model.

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