



**Houston  
Maritime  
Museum**

# THE ANCHOR

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## *Holiday Gift Guide*



***Give the gift of membership***

**This holiday season, give the gift of Houston Maritime Museum!**

The gift of a membership to HMM means year-round free admission to the museum, complimentary tickets to lectures, discounts in the museum store, exclusive previews of our exhibits, and much more.



**Find unique gifts for maritime enthusiasts!**

The HMM store sells an array of beautifully hand-crafted half-hull models, decorative accessories, and books.



**Deck out your crew in HMM gear with our apparel and accessories!**

Pick up our HMM t-shirts, baseball caps, tote bags, and more.



**For the little sailors in your life:**

Toys, games, activities, and model kits.



**Don't forget the stocking stuffers!**

Staff picks: tumblers, mugs, and glasses.

## Letter from the Chairman

Another year in the life of our Museum is coming to a close. As it ends we find ourselves very close to announcing the location for our new museum building. While Hurricane *Harvey* slowed our progress, it did not stop it, and we are on course to make significant progress in 2018.

Our plans for the new building are progressing nicely but we still must maintain our collections and programs in our current building. To do this we depend on your generosity; and appreciate your continued support.

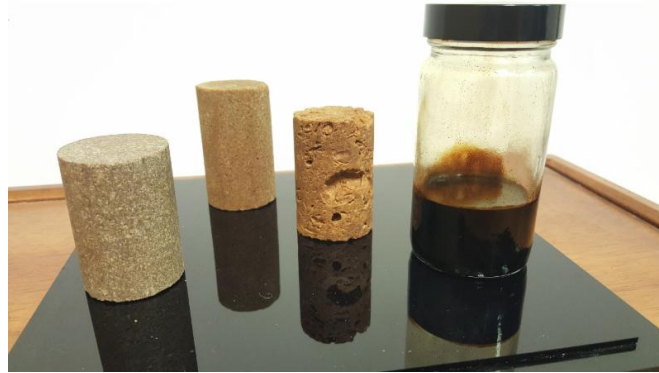
Tax planning and gifts deferred for whatever reason are often in our minds this time of year. I urge you to consider the Museum when you go through this annual exercise. You have been very supportive in the past and we ask that you consider a special gift as this year ends. Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes for the coming holiday season and the new year! Together we can make 2018 a great one for our Museum.

Bob

Robert A. Fry, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
President & CEO, Marinus Corporation

## Collection Spotlight



### Core Samples and Crude Oil: They Come From the Crust

The need to find new energy resources has led to pioneering technologies in the oil industry. One of these is the practice of core sampling by the use of a hollow drill that collects cylindrical sections of the Earth's crust. Today, extracting oil located in shale and sandstone is becoming more common in order to meet the world's energy needs. However, extracting oil from rock is often the hardest and most costly method in the energy industry. Due to this, oil companies employ geologists and conduct countless studies to determine if oil is present in rock formations and if extraction is worth it.

Although core sampling began with the oil industry, it is now a valuable tool for scientists looking to study plate tectonics, the Earth's crust, and other geological features. Some drillships, like *Glomar Challenger*, are built solely for geological research.

Houston Maritime Museum docent Laurence Shallenberger donated the above three core samples and bottle of crude oil. The rock samples and crude oil come from the Sadlerochit Formation, an underground geological feature on the North Coast of Alaska that supplies the Prudhoe Bay Oil Field. The Prudhoe Bay Oil Field used to hold the rank as the largest oil reservoir in the United States, but due to continuous production since 1977, the field has since fallen to third largest, behind two oil fields in Texas.

## Upcoming Events @ HMM

### Holiday Closures

In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, HMM will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 22. The museum will remain closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24. We will reopen on Saturday, November 25.

Looking ahead, HMM will be closed December 23, 24, and 25, in honor of Christmas, as well as December 31, January 1, and January 2, in honor of New Year's Day.



### #GivingTuesday

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

#Giving Tuesday is an event dedicated to giving back. Occurring on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday promotes community engagement through donations to nonprofit organizations like HMM.

# #GIVING TUESDAY

A donation to HMM will support our collections and educational programming, allowing even more people to learn about maritime history and technology.

Join us on Tuesday, November 28, for #GivingTuesday!

GIVE NOW

## Family Days @ HMM

### Battleship Anniversary

Saturday, December 2, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Free admission all day!

The year is 1967. The Beatles sing "All You Need Is Love," Gilligan is still stuck on an island, and Milton Bradley releases Battleship. In the days to follow, the band separates, the show is canceled, but the board game continues to grow. In 2017, Battleship is still a staple of family room closets and celebrating its 50th anniversary! Families are invited to celebrate by competing in a friendly Battleship contest, stepping back in time to play Atari's 1980 classic Battlezone on the large flat screen, and participating in the debut of HMM's original game LORE!!



Recommended for ages 5-12.

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