

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

28 January, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "The Pirate Coast and the Pirate Hunter: The True Story of Captain Kidd." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

25 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "War of 1812: The Battle of Sackett Harbor." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

24 March, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "The War of 1812: A New Perspective." The Cove, 5 John Walsh Blvd., Peekskill, NY.

21 April, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "A Perfect Lady: A Pictorial History of the USCG Barque *Eagle*." Cortlandt Yacht Club, 238 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

19 May, Saturday: Annual Meeting at Peabody Essex Museum, Salem.

23 June, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "Uriah Phillips Levy—A Jewish Naval Hero of the War of 1812." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

17 July, Tuesday, 6:30 PM: "Naval Strategies and Battles on the Salt Water During the War of 1812." Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY.

22 September, Saturday, 2:00–5:00 PM: *Evening Star* Cruise. \$35 each. Limited to 25.

10 October, Wednesday, 5:30 PM: Annual Awards Dinner, New York Yacht Club.

10 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "Steamboats on the Hudson River." Peekskill Library, 4 Nelson Avenue Peekskill, NY.

1 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM: "A Dream of Tall Ships." Cortlandt Yacht Club, 238 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY. NMHS holiday potluck.

A \$5 donation is suggested. Please call for reservations, 914-737-7878, ext. 0, or e-mail nmhs@seahistory.org.

WHO WE ARE:

The **Charles Point Council** was founded in 1992 under the auspices of the National Maritime Historical Society at its headquarters in Peekskill, New York. Its mission is to build greater awareness of the rich seafaring heritage of the Hudson River Valley, and create a constituency to advocate for our maritime legacy.

From its inception the Council has been involved in historic preservation efforts on the local level, initiating the renovation of Peekskill's Charles Point Park and the restoration of China Pier (now renamed Fleischmann's Pier) which had been built by the Fleischmann Company in the first decade of the 20th Century to receive shipments of raw materials from the West Indies and as far away as China.

In addition to its monthly Saturday lecture series, the Council has organized a variety of projects to preserve and publicize the maritime history of the area, such as inviting historic ships to participate in Rockland County's Bicentennial celebrations, staffing an exhibition commemorating the 50th Anniversary of D-day aboard the Intrepid Museum, researching the whaling ports of the Hudson for *Ernestina's* visit to promote the legacy of whaling ships, and reenacting a Revolutionary War naval battle for West Point Military Academy.

The **National Maritime Historical Society** is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to raise awareness of our nation's maritime heritage and the role seafaring has played in shaping civilization, through publications, educational programs, sail training and the preservation of historic ships. The Society's quarterly magazine, *Sea History*, brings to life our seafaring history, from the ancient mariners of Greece and Rome to the heroic efforts of seamen in World War II. The Society's work covers a broad spectrum of activities from sea training for students to stepping in when an historic ship is endangered.

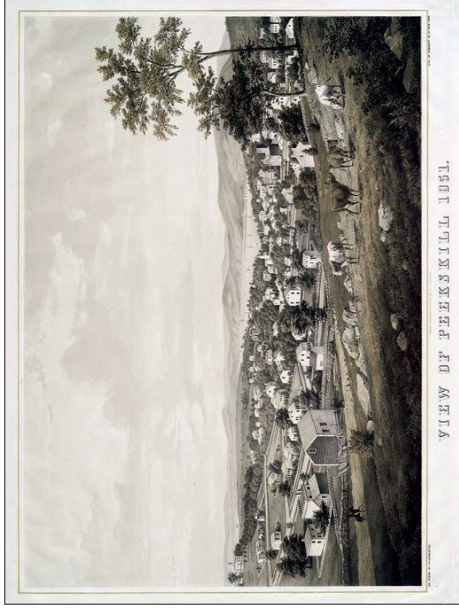
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THE CHARLES POINT COUNCIL



2012 Lecture Program



The National Maritime Historical Society's Charles Point Council invites the public to join NMHS members for a series of monthly lectures and field trips exploring our seafaring history:



28 January, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: “The Pirate Coast and the Pirate Hunter: The True Story of Captain Kidd,” with author Richard Zachs—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. Features the true story of William Eaton and his secret mission to overthrow the government of Tripoli in an attempt to stop the legendary Barbary Pirates of North Africa from hijacking American ships—America’s first overseas covert op.

25 February, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: “War of 1812: The Battle of Sackets Harbor,” with Daniel Pariser—



Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. The presentation will focus on the US brig of war *Oneida* and the events of 19 July 1812 at Sackets Harbor, New York, when this small ship and her gallant commander turned back the first British attack of the War of 1812

24 March, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation: “The War of 1812: A New Perspective,” with RADM Joseph F. Callo, USNR (Ret.)—The Cove,

Peekskill, NY. Did either side win the War of 1812? Or was it merely a stalemate, or, worse, a senseless waste of life? Noted historian Rear Admiral Callo explores the facts, strategic issues and relevant history to get past the tired debate about who won and who lost.

21 April, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: “A Perfect Lady: A Pictorial History of the USCG Barque *Eagle*,” with Tido Holtkamp—Cortlandt Yacht Club, Montrose, NY. During World War II, as a young German cadet, Tido Holtkamp served for six months on the sail training ship *Horst Wessel*, which became the USCG Barque *Eagle*. In this presentation Holtkamp describes the history of *Eagle*, his interaction with her, and his love affair with her and the US Coast Guard.

19 May, Saturday—Annual Meeting at Peabody Essex Museum, Salem; Fort Sewall, Marblehead with a May 18 cruise on the 1812 privateer *Fame*.

23 June, Saturday, 10:30 AM—New York Council for the Humanities Lecture: “Uriah Phillips Levy—A Jewish Naval Hero of the War of 1812,” with Professor Sanford Sternlicht—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. Discover the story of Uriah Phillips Levy, who ran away from home at age 10 to serve as a ship’s cabin boy. During the War of 1812 he joined the US Navy, rising to the highest rank, “Commodore,” at the outbreak of the Civil War.

17 July, Tuesday, 6:30 PM—Presentation and Book Signing: “Naval Strategies and Battles on the Salt Water During the War of 1812,” with author William H.



White—Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, NY. White will take a look at policies and strategies imposed on the miniscule navy during the war of 1812 and how the

role of the Navy changed during the course of the war. Also, he will examine a few of the more significant engagements of that war and explore the impact they might have had on the outcome and the peace treaty.

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10 November, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: “Steamboats on the Hudson River,” with William H. Ewen, Jr.—Peekskill Library, Peekskill, NY. Author William H. Ewen, Jr., explores the cradle of American steamboating—the Hudson River.

1 December, Saturday, 10:30 AM—Presentation and Book Signing: “A Dream of Tall Ships,” with Peter Stanford—Cortlandt Yacht Club, Cortlandt, NY. *A Dream of Tall Ships* celebrates the vision, hard work and behind-the-scenes struggles of a group of New Yorkers who got together to make a center of sea learning in a run-down section of New York City waterfront. How this gallant band went on to transform a decaying industrial street into a new center for people and for history is the story of *A Dream of Tall Ships*—and an inspiration to all who love the history, lore and traditions of the sea. NMHS holiday potluck. Bring a dish, drink, or dessert that serves six to eight.

All lectures are open to the public. If you are interested in becoming a member, call us at 914-737-7878, ext. 0, or e-mail nmhs@seahistory.org