Saturday, October 14th will be a great day to visit the USS Constellation Museum. The second annual USS Constellation Cup, a fun day of racing on Baltimore Harbor, will take place with a 1:30pm start off Ft. McHenry, finishing off Pier I and Constellation's bow. This is a fun, non-spinnaker race open to all sailing vessels, regardless of size or shape. Last year's event drew a field of 21 vessels. Associated with the race is the George Colligan Memorial Trophy for the vessel and crew that raises the most money for the Museum. George was a founding member of the Constellation Cup race committee and the committee thought it appropriate to name the fundraising trophy in his honor.

Vessels that successfully complete the fundraising challenge will receive complimentary admission for their crews to the annual Bull Roast and awards ceremony as well as free commemorative T-shirts and a historic piece of the ship. Along with the Colligan Trophy there will also be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the race itself. The skipper’s meeting will be held at Tir na Nog Irish Pub, in the Harborplace Pratt Street Pavilion with a view of USS Constellation. Information is posted on the USS Constellation website, www.constellation.org or call 410-539-1797, ext. 402.

FESTIVAL OF THE SEA. While the race is going on, visitors to USS Constellation will enjoy activities and music on Pier I from 10am to 4pm. Activities include knot tying, the buoyancy challenge, and making model boats. Admission to the ship will be free that day and every day from October 1 through the 26th thanks to a Free Fall Baltimore Grant from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts.

PADDLE BOAT RACES. If you don’t have a sailboat and are still itching for competition, join the fun and sign up for the Paddleboat Races starting at 5:30 on Pier I. First prize is a pair of lower level, mid-field, row 17 Raven’s Football Game Tickets for Sunday, October 15th. Cost to participate is $25 and there will be several heats depending on how many participants sign up. To enter, just arrive on the Pier by 5pm.

ANNUAL BULL ROAST. Starting at 5pm, the annual Bull Roast will get underway on board USS Constellation. There will be plenty of great food, cannon firings and special tours as well as live music for dancing. The Constellation Cup awards ceremony will also take place during the Bull Roast. For tickets call 410-539-1797, ext. 422 or purchase on-line at www.constellation.org.

The USS Constellation Museum would like to thank the sponsors of the USS Constellation Cup and Bull Roast for their support.

BARNES & NOBLE EVENT, DEC. 8TH

If books are on your gift list for the holidays, we hope that you will make a point of visiting Barnes & Noble in Towson, Maryland on December 8th to do your shopping. On that day, a portion of your purchase price will be donated to the USS Constellation Museum. You can also purchase via phone by calling the Towson store at 410-296-7021.
THE 2006 CONSTELLATION TURN-AROUND CRUISE.
SMOOTH SAILING!

The afternoon of Friday, September 8th, was clear and calm as the tugs pulled up alongside USS Constellation for her annual parade around the harbor. One hundred and fifty guests and crew embarked for a short cruise down the Patapsco to engage the sentries at Ft. McHenry and to salute the flag. With Ship’s Company, the official volunteer living history unit for the Museum on board to fire the ship’s gun, Constellation drew attention to herself with six extremely loud shots heard several blocks inland from the river. As Constellation did her turn off of Ft. McHenry, the Ft. McHenry Guard stood watch and returned Constellation’s fire with their six pounder. On her way back to the Inner Harbor, Constellation again fired salutes to Fells Point and all the people who lined up along the shore to see her underway. At the helm was Captain Jim Demske, Port Captain for the Vane Brothers Companies. Captain Jim brought three tugs with him to help move the ship, although only one was needed most of the time. When it came time for close maneuvering, the other two came in handy.

Guests included Admiral and Commodore members, board members, corporate and foundation supporters, and volunteer crew. One very special guest, visiting from upstate, New York, was Mr. Bill Sockey, a former Constellation crewmember who served on board during WWII. It was an honor to speak with him about his time on board.

The annual turn-around cruise is part of the Museum’s long term maintenance plan for the ship allowing the vessel to weather evenly. It is also an opportunity for the Museum to thank the many people who support the Museum each year through their cash and in-kind contributions as well as their volunteer support.

CIVIL WAR BAND CONCERT AND MOVIE SCREENING AT THE HISTORIC MARYLAND THEATER

Join the Board, Staff, and Volunteers of the USS Constellation Museum on Saturday, December 2nd, for an entire evening’s worth of quality entertainment in a unique atmosphere at the historic Maryland Theater in Hagerstown. Constructed in 1915, this beautiful theater was recently restored and is reminiscent of Baltimore's Hippodrome Theater.

The evening will begin with a concert by "The 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Band" of Philadelphia, which is donating its services in support of this effort. Following the concert, theater goers will be treated to a screening of the David O. Selznick cinematic classic "Gone With the Wind". Ship’s Company’s nautical music group "The Chanteymen" will appear outside prior to the event.

It is a rare experience in today's world where you can see this movie classic on the big screen in a beautiful theater where it would have been shown in the days after its release! Where else can you get an entire evening of quality entertainment for a $25 tax deductible charitable donation?

Corporate and private sponsorships are still available. For more information regarding sponsoring this event, contact Steve Bockmiller at bockmiller@adelphia.net.

The USS Constellation Museum would like to thank the Maryland Theater and the Hagerstown Convention and Visitors Bureau for sponsoring this event.
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A GREAT WAY TO DOUBLE YOUR CONTRIBUTION
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PRIVATE PARTIES ON BOARD USS CONSTELLATION
YOU CAN BE THE CAPTAIN! The Captain’s Cabin of USS Constellation is equipped with comfortable central heating for the colder months and air conditioning for the hot ones. It is a perfect place for that special dinner party or casual gathering of friends. The entire ship is also available for large events.

For more information and to reserve your date please contact Laura Givens at 410-539-1797, ext. 432 or lgivens@constellation.org

SUBSCRIPTION ALERT!
DON’T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!
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The USS Constellation Museum wishes to thank all of the individuals and families who, through their generous contributions, support the Museum’s special fundraising events throughout the year.

Corporate, Family, and Individual memberships are a great way to support your museum and keep YOUR ship afloat.
For information on how you can become a member and part of the USS Constellation Museum Crew, call Dayna at 410-539-1797, ext. 422; dminter@constellation.org.
Memberships make terrific gifts too!
CURATORÍS CORNER

The USS Constellation Museum has over 100 postcards in the collection. The vast majority of the cards depict scenes of USS Constellation and crew while the ship was permanently moored at the United States Naval Training Station in Newport, Rhode Island. Most museums collect postcards as images that illustrate a local landscape or historic site. But as everyone who has written and mailed a postcard knows, they are often carefully selected to show the recipient where we are and to let them know how we are doing. The written message often holds the real significance of a vintage postcard.

Although many of the postcards in the Museum's collection are blank, some contain messages from sailors and visitors to Newport for whom Constellation was an iconic part of the landscape, just as she is in Baltimore today. The messages range from four-word phrases to illegibly crammed narratives. Some are quite personal and reflect the writer's immediate concerns or thoughts at the time the card was mailed. All of them give us a significant look at everyday life on board and around USS Constellation during the early twentieth century. Following are some intriguing messages gleaned from the postcard collection. In most cases the original spelling and punctuation have been retained.

U.S.S. Constellation Nov 2 1909
Feeling Fine and getting along good.

Forest

Newport, R.I. Jul 9 1910
Hello Lloyd,
It is dreadfully hot here today, is it hot in N.S. [Nova Scotia].
I was wondering if you would like to climb as high as the men you see on this card.

Good by Aunt Jessie

Newport, R.I. Oct 6, 1942
Hi Boys,
Bobo G--- is up here he's a new mothball. I getting out of here the 12 of Oct. The navy's great but the training is a B----. I'll be seeing you all soon.

As Ever, Murph

Newport, R.I. Jul 3 1909
I wrote to you and received no answer. If you don't answer this time I won't write to you anymore.

William

U.S.S. Constellation Apr 14 1912
Newport, R.I., Naval Training Station, Barracks "A," Room 8.
Enlisted the 13th from Boston, like it pretty well but it is cold, the damp sea wind. There are over 400 men enlisted men on this island here, there are 28 men in each room, 4 rooms in a building, and 6 buildings in Barracks "A" and two other Barracks. A german warship came here to-day.

A.A.

Newport, R.I. Apr 23 1909
Dear Sister,
This is what I will soon be doing

With Love, Irving

U.S. Naval Training Sta., R.I. Oct 20 1936
Dear Plops,
Well Becky old girl-I'll be seeing you around Christmas unless they kick me out before

Yours, Buck

U.S.S. Constellation Nov 1 1910
Mother
Have found friends here already-am well on board this boat at 8:15 P.M.

Sydney

Newport, R.I. Nov 25, 1942
Darling,
Will this do? It [Constellation] is about ½ mile from my Barracks.

Love, Ken

P.S. They issued us writing portfolios.

LEAVING A LEGACY
BEQUESTS AND MEMORIAL FUNDS

Planned gifts are an important way of helping the USS Constellation Museum to meet its financial needs. These contributions provide donors with a easy and satisfying means to help us to preserve USS Constellation while providing you with the added benefit of a charitable income tax deduction. For more information, please contact Christopher Rowsom, Executive Director, at the USS Constellation Museum, (410)-589-1797.
American Navy recently donated a wealth of materials related to Constellation and the United States Navy. One revealing item is an original clipping from Ballou’s Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion. (above) The article offers many details about the ship while it was dry-docked at Boston’s Charlestown Navy Yard in 1859. The wood engraving of men conducting outboard repairs reveals the stern’s folding bulwarks. Gunners used these hinged panels (located at the bow and stern) to give the 10” pivot gun a clear field of fire.

Another remarkable document in the donation is the 1865 discharge certificate of Landsman Thomas Bush, an African-American sailor from Georgia. (below) Constellation, then a receiving ship at Norfolk Navy Yard, served as the last station for many Civil War sailors. This discharge paper is also an important artifact demonstrating the contribution of black sailors in the war against the Confederacy.

Other Civil War era items include four cartes de visite, including those of Boatswain’s Mate John Hunter and Paymaster’s Clerk William E. Cox. (below) Mr. Myers also donated many images of the ship from 1893 to 1953; including postcards of the Newport Training Station, studio portraits of crewmembers, and photographs of the ship under sail. One photograph comes from the personal collection of Lieutenant Commander John Davis who commanded Constellation during the Second World War.

The staff and Advisory Board of the USS Constellation Museum thank Steve Bockmiller, Walter Dean Myers, and others whose donations to the collection help support the Museum’s mission to educate the public about the dedicated service given by all vessels carrying the name Constellation. If you have an item you would like to donate to the Museum, please contact John Pentangelo at (410) 539-1797, ext. 446 or jpentangelo@constellation.org.
EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

The summer brought a whirlwind of activity for Constellation's Ship's Crew. Providing hourly hands-on activities, tours twice a day on weekends, and approximately 500 visitors with special, guided tours, the Crew continued the fast-paced, high-quality traditions in programming established over the years.

Added to the regular summer expansion in programs, this year USS Constellation hosted approximately 500 Baltimore City youth over six weeks as part of the Parks & People Foundation's 2007 SuperKids Camp Program. Second-and-third grade inner city youth developed their reading, writing, and mathematics skills as they explored the ship, developed a new vocabulary, and participated in numerous hands-on activities. Although the curricula stemmed from Maryland's Voluntary State Curriculum, for many students, their time aboard Constellation was the most exciting of the year.

Volunteers continued to serve, despite the warmer-than-usual temperatures. John Barnard continued to provide his "Constellation History Tour" every-other Sunday, and we look forward to his November tribute to the United States Marine Corps. Dr. Wendy Taparanskas and Ms. Mary Eastman continued to lend their grace and charm to the program as they provided their excellent interpretations of Constellation's more sociable side in "Holidays, Festivities, & Diplomacy - Constellation on Foreign Stations." Herb Scott's "Constellation Marine" was a welcomed addition to the weekends, and in view of the heat and his woolen uniform, Herb's participation was particularly commendable. Thanks, too, to Ship's Company for providing their strength to the monthly program and an absolutely unique experience for the visitors lucky enough to be on board with them.

Hails and Farewells: Farewell to Boatswain's Mate Caroline Burk who has sailed off to a new career with Starbucks. Hail to: Ordinary Seaman Jason Huibregtse (U. of Maryland, College Park); Ryan Szimanski (Archbishop Curley H.S.); Landsmen Jasmine Harrison (Bryn Mawr School); Ivori Walden (Patterson H.S.); Ariel Walden (Frederick Douglass H.S.); & Paul O'Neil (formerly of the President Street Station, Civil War Museum).

To find out more about USS Constellation Museum Programs, including Overnight Adventures and living history volunteer opportunities, contact Stan Berry, Director of Interpretation and Education at 410.539.1797 ex. 466 or sberry@constellation.org.

SHIPYARD SCUTTLEBUTT

What is usually the most stressful day of the year for me turned out to be quite painless this time around. While we did get off to a slow start, our annual turn-around "cruise" was a big success. Just as we were getting Constellation out of her slip, the wind started to build a bit, and our pilot, Capt. Jim Demske, decided to use a bigger tug boat for the move. As the tug was standing by, all that we had to do was to switch some lines, and then find and rig some fenders, but it still took us about a half an hour before everything was squared away and we were able to get the ship underway. Once we were away from the pier, everything went smoothly on our "three hour tour" out to Fort McHenry and back. We got Constellation back into her slip and all tied up without incident. Thanks to Captain Jim Demske, his tugboat crews and all of the folks at the Vane Brothers Company for their continued support as well as LCF staff and our own volunteers.

With the funding now in place, we will soon be starting the construction of Constellation's Quarter Boats, the first in a series of projects to reconstruct the ship's complement of small boats. Working from the original lines drawings of the ship's boats from 1854 and construction plans of contemporary boats, we have developed a set of plans from which we will build the replicas. Bruce MacKenzie, our Senior Shipwright, who has built many fine small boats before coming to Constellation, will head up the project with assistance from former Constellation shipwright, and current Maritime Projects Coordinator at the Frederick Douglass - Isaac Myers Maritime Park, Marc Pettingill. The project will also be integrated into the Living Classrooms Foundation's Fresh Start program boat building module, getting the students involved with this one of a kind project. Navy designed small boats such as these have not been constructed for over a hundred years. We have been looking forward to this project and it is great to finally be able to get started!

The new shop at the Frederick Douglass - Isaac Myers Maritime Park is really starting to take shape. All of our woodworking machinery has been moved into the new space and the final installation of the dust collection system is currently underway. Our new tool storage cabinets and workbenches will arrive in November, just in time to have the shop fully organized for the start of the Quarter Boat project.

Our Saturday "Ship-Shape Days" are beginning to wind down for the season, but there is still time to come down to the Inner Harbor to help out with our maintenance chores. The rigging gang continues their work reeving new lanyards in the lower shroud deadeyes, so if you are interested in joining our volunteer crew and learning some traditional shipkeeping or rigging skills, contact me at 410-539-1797 ext. 448 or via e-mail at ppp@constellation.org to sign on. We hope to see you on board soon!
RING IN THE NEW YEAR ON BOARD USS CONSTELLATION!

Join the Staff, Volunteers, and Members of the USS Constellation Museum for the 6th Annual New Year's Eve Deck Party from 10pm to 1am on December 31st.

Ring in the New Year aboard USS Constellation, sip Champagne and watch the FIREWORKS high above the Inner Harbor crowds.

A special twilight menu provided by Charles Levine Caterers will be served with local ale, wine, mulled cider and other hot drinks. There will be special tours, cannon firing demonstrations and giveaways all night! Proceeds benefit the museum's ongoing restoration projects and future exhibits.

Tickets are $75 for adults ($60 for Museum members) and $25 for kids age 17 and under ($20 for member kids) and may be purchased on-line at www.constellation.org

HERITAGE AND MUSEUM YARD SALE
OCTOBER 28TH, 8AM TO 2PM
Baltimore's first chance to see what treasures are unearthed when Baltimore's history museums clean out their attics! Exhibit panels and graphics, artifact reproductions, books, gift shop items, posters, office equipment and much more at great prices! Participating museums will include the USS Constellation Museum, the Babe Ruth Birthplace, Sports Legends at Camden Yards, the B&O Railroad Museum and the Baltimore Museum of Industry. The Yard Sale will be held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway, in the Waterfront Pavilion. Free parking available. For more information please call 410-539-0282. All proceeds will benefit the education and outreach programs of the Greater Baltimore History Alliance. For more information on the Alliance, log on to www.baltimoremuseums.org.

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SECOND SATURDAY LECTURE SERIES ON BOARD USS CONSTELLATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH - 2PM
"CIVIL WAR SUBMARINES" BY MARK RAGAN
U-boats certainly did not present the U.S. Navy with its first underwater challenge. During the American Civil War, fear of Confederate underwater vessels presented a fearsome prospect and undeterminable threat to Union ships of the Charleston, S.C. blockading squadron. Mark Ragan, Hunley Project Historian, focuses on the South's determined efforts to wage underwater warfare.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH - HOLIDAYS, FESTIVITIES, & DIPLOMACY - CONSTELLATION ON FOREIGN STATION - 10AM TO 3PM
USS Constellation continued to carry out her mission while anchored in foreign ports. There, the Captain focused on the international game of diplomacy and, in the ship's great cabin, through the social graces, the pathways were smoothed for improved relations with foreign powers. Join Mary Eastman and Wendy Taparanskas, Ph.D., as they provide a unique, first-hand opportunity to view this little-known aspect of Constellation's Civil War history.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
AND A FEW MARINES - THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IN THE CIVIL WAR BY JOHN BARNARD - NOON
The 45 Marines who served on board Constellation during the Civil War were a part of a Marine Corps tradition of services that began in 1775. This year the Corps celebrates its 231st birthday, and Constellation is proud to host this presentation of Marine Corps, Civil War history.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
DESERT NAVIGATION & THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM
NOON TO 4PM
BY LCDR RICK GAY, USCG
Explore the impact desert travelers had on maritime navigation. Join LCDR Rick Gay, USCG, as he explains the contributions made by desert navigators to their oceanic cousins, including various instruments used to obtain the height of the sun or stars when determining a ship's position. Included in this engaging conversation is an exploration of the Star of Bethlehem - fact or fiction - and who were the Wise men?

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