Top-Ranked Maritime Museum of San Diego Invites You to Join the Docent and Volunteer Team

Maritime Museum of San Diego is a 501c3 non-profit Museum and enjoys an international reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining, and operating historic vessels including the world’s oldest active sailing ship, Star of India. The Museum offers self-guided tours, docent-guided group tours, tall ship charters, year-round public events, educational programs, and provides distinctive venues for corporate and private events.

Persons interested in the history of exploration and engaging in enhanced social interaction with Docents and public are urged to attend.

“The Docents and volunteer community share a wealth of knowledge, and a passion and pride with visitors. Guest surveys reinforce their tremendous value and impression made with guests ashore or at sea sailing with Maritime Museum sail crew. This dynamic is what keeps the experience alive and unique for guests.”

- Raymond Ashley, Ph.D., K.C.I., President/CEO Maritime Museum of San Diego

Aspiring docents are invited to attend the 2020 training series of lectures and ship tours beginning Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Maritime Museum of San Diego on the upper deck of the historic Victorian-era 1898 steam ferryboat Berkeley. Interested members of the community can obtain more information about the Docent Training Program by contacting the Maritime Museum of San Diego Docent Chair, Margaret Clark, at (858) 245-4406 or mwclark01@gmail.com.
Docent volunteers will learn about worldwide maritime history with a special focus on the 16th through 21st centuries represented by the vessels and artifacts in the Maritime Museum of San Diego’s collection. Docents will engage with Museum visitors, fielding their questions and sharing knowledge to enrich the guest experience. Training is carried out through a series of lectures, suggested readings and walking tours.

This once-a-year formal training runs for 13 consecutive weeks. Training sessions are Tuesdays and begin at 9:00 a.m. with a short meet and greet social. Classes run until noon, immediately followed by a 45-minute walking tour of one of the ships, and cover a comprehensive variety of topics.

Volunteers interested in the program but unable to attend the Tuesday morning training classes can participate in the Museum’s special mentorship program whereby docent recruits work one-on-one with an experienced docent to build the necessary skill-set. Membership in the Maritime Museum of San Diego is required to be a docent.