11-week Docent Training Program
Postponed

Multi-week Museum Docent Training Program gets underway Tuesday, February 15, 2022

The Maritime Museum of San Diego, with an international reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining, and operating historic landmark vessels including the world’s oldest active sailing ship, Star of India, opens their next docent volunteer training program to newcomers Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Persons interested in the history of exploration and engaging in enhanced social interaction with Docents and public visiting the 501c3 non-profit destination are urged to attend. According to Dr. Raymond Ashley, Ph.D., K.C.I., President/CEO of the Maritime Museum of San Diego, “The docents and volunteer community share a wealth of knowledge, and a passion and pride with visitors. Maritime Museum guest comments reinforce the tremendous value and influence their knowledge and friendliness have on creating an unforgettable and educational visitor experience for all ages.”

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.

Aspiring docents are invited to attend the 2022 training series of lectures and ship tours beginning Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Maritime Museum of San Diego on the upper west-end 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 MWClark01@gmail.com.
This once-a-year formal training runs for 11 consecutive weeks Tuesday, February 15 – Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Training sessions are Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The training schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m.  Informal coffee/social time  
9:40 a.m.  Opening announcements and docent business  
9:55 a.m.  Break for parking meter payments  
10:05 a.m. First presentation  
11:00 a.m. Break  
11:05 a.m. Second presentation  
12:00 noon Meeting ends

Classes are immediately followed with 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.

ABOUT MARITIME MUSEUM OF SAN DIEGO

The Maritime Museum of San Diego experience includes admission to a world-class collection of historic sailing ships, steam-powered boats, and submarine, each offering entertaining and educational exhibits. The 501c3 non-profit Museum enjoys an international reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining, and operating historic vessels including the world's oldest active sailing ship, Star of India. Maritime Museum of San Diego is ranked as one of the nation's top attractions offering self-guided tours, docent-guided group tours, tall ship charters and historic bay cruises, year-round public events, educational programs, and a distinctive venue for corporate/private events.