About the Maritime Museum of San Diego

Mission
The mission of the Maritime Museum of San Diego is to serve as the community memory of our seafaring experience by collecting, preserving, and presenting our rich maritime heritage and historic connections with the Pacific world.

Premise
The history of human achievement is defined in large measure by our historical relationship with the sea. Not only has the sea determined the progress and shape of civilization, our understanding of that relationship and our responsibilities for stewardship of the oceans will determine our future. This relationship cannot be understood or defined in purely scientific terms; culture exerts a dominating influence. The role of any maritime museum is translation between human experience of the oceans and our understanding of their nature.

Purpose
- To preserve the traditional knowledge, skills, and folk culture of the enterprise of the sea
- To provide a safe repository for material culture
- To illustrate how the maritime enterprise has touched and continues to influence our daily lives through innovative and engaging educational programs, exhibits, publications, and cultural events

About Sail Training 101

In Square Rigger 101, students will learn the history, maintenance of, and skills to sail the Maritime Museum Fleet.

The oldest active sailing ship in the world, the 1863 barque *Star of India*, will serve as your classroom along with Tall Ship *Californian* and Galleon *San Salvador*. Your teachers will be active Star of India crew members.

Students may download and print the training manuals from our website.

Manuals include terminology, history, knot tying, commands, and procedures

Each Sunday students will be given lectures and hands on training.

Students may qualify to be Deck qualified, Jibboom qualified, and Top qualified. Each designation builds upon the next.

When training is completed potential sail crew will take an exam of physical capability, general history, and general information of the vessels.

After a passing score of the exams, students will begin full training of sailing the vessels.

Please note: All crew with a “Sail” status must contribute a minimum of 60 maintenance hours per year.