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### CELEBRATING THE SEA: EXPLORING THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF SAN DIEGO'S HIDDEN COLLECTIONS

--- New Sea Centric Art Exhibit Opens -----

SAN DIEGO, CA – (October 29, 2024) The Maritime Museum of San Diego, whose mission is to serve as the community memory of our seafaring experiences by collecting, preserving, and presenting our rich maritime heritage and historic connections with the Pacific world, announces the opening of the new exhibit ***Celebrating the Sea: Exploring the Maritime Museum of San Diego's Hidden Collections*** in the Compass Gallery on the ferryboat *Berkeley*. Entry to the new exhibit is included with general admission. October 2024 through July 2025 visitors can revel in a rare and rich tapestry of treasured maritime-themed art and admire notable artists' work, embracing the nautical world of breathtaking coasts, artifacts & treasured ships.

According to Maritime Museum of San Diego Librarian, and exhibit Curator, Kevin Sheehan, Ph.D., "It is estimated that globally less than five percent of museum collections are on display at any one time. That means most of the art and artifacts conserved in museums throughout the world are held in storage. This is not surprising. Putting items on view can require significant planning, and exhibit space in museums is often relatively limited." According to Raymond Ashley, Ph.D., K.C.I., President/CEO of the Maritime Museum of San Diego, "Here at the Maritime Museum of San Diego our largest objects – the ships themselves – are very much in the public eye. But what of the smaller items – the ones that don't necessarily fit into a themed exhibit? Our new exhibit, ***Celebrating the Sea***, brings to light some of this hidden collection."

The Maritime Museum of San Diego is open daily at *Star of India* wharf located at 1492 N. Harbor Drive between Grape and Ash Street. Visitors can explore the floating museum of ships along the north embarcadero and multiple below-deck exhibits with one general admission ticket. General admission self-guided tour prices for adults are \$24.00, seniors, military, and students 13-17 are \$18.00 and youth 3-12 \$12.00. Children under two are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [sdmaritime.org](http://sdmaritime.org) or at the Museum Ticket Booth. \$10.00 daily 45-minute narrated *Pilot* boat Bay tours may also be added to admission, based on availability at 11:00 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. and (3:45 p.m. weekends only) tour times.

## **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, year-round public events, educational programs, and a distinctive venue for corporate/private events. The Museum is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. along *Star of India Wharf* at 1492 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101-3309. <https://sdmaritime.org/>