

FATHOM THIS!

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Welcome to "Fathom This!" from San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, *your* national park on San Francisco's historic waterfront. August promises warmer weather, and the park has a host of activities for the whole family. For a complete schedule of events, including guided tours of Hyde Street Pier's historic vessels, shipboard demonstrations, opportunities to sail aboard the scow schooner *Alma*, and much more, please see the park's official website at <http://www.nps.gov/safr>, and our cooperating San Francisco Maritime National Park Association's website at <http://www.maritime.org>. Feel free to forward this newsletter, in whole or in part, and enter into blogs. You may cancel at any time by emailing the editor at peter_kasin@nps.gov. Your name and email address is never sold or loaned.

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Labor Day Concert: "Songs of Sea Labor," with Holdstock and Macleod

Monday, September 1, 12:00pm-1:30pm aboard Balclutha, in the Shelterdeck. Ships admission fees apply: Adults, \$5, ages 15 and under, free. Free with national park passes. No advance reservations. Purchase ships admission tickets at Hyde Street Pier. Ticket booth is located halfway up the pier.

Celebrate Labor Day in grand style with a concert of Songs of Sea Labor, performed by renowned sea chantey singers and instrumentalists Dick Holdstock, Allan Macleod, and special guests. Singing together for over 30 years, Holdstock and Macleod perform authentic songs of their homelands of England and Scotland, and of their adopted North America, captivating audiences from coast to coast. New insights into history and old customs are revealed in these work songs of the people. They have just released their third CD of sea songs; *Deepwater Return*. You'll be invited to sing along on the choruses of these work songs! Admission is simply the cost of boarding the historic ships berthed at Hyde Street Pier (see bold print above for fees).

C.A. Thayer Update

Thayer's Chief Shipwright Phil Erwin reports:

The Thayer gang has commenced with the preparation and painting of the rail cap. Prep and paint will continue throughout the summer. A small deck crane has been built and installed in front of the aft house to facilitate the removal and re-installation of the house timbering. The layout and fabrication areas been set up, and interior shoring is being installed so that when the new timber stock arrives, house restoration may begin in earnest.

Welcome Al Mayton: your new Supervisory Facilities Operations Specialist

(In other words he keeps things that float, floating and things that stand, standing- Ed.)

Al Mayton is a 13 year veteran of the National Park Service. He has served at Big Bend National Park and Fort Davis National Historic Site. Before joining the National Park Service, Al held a Texas Peace Officer's License and served with two County Sheriff's Departments, attaining the rank of Captain. Al also served in the U.S. Army for three years with one combat tour in Vietnam. Al and his family are excited about the major change of location from desert to ocean, from remote isolation to big city.

Volunteering

Take part in one of the nation's most significant maritime restorations, the rehabilitation of the 1895 lumber sailing schooner C.A. Thayer, one of only two of her kind remaining on the West Coast....or volunteer at the Maritime Library, or with the rigging crew of *Balclutha*, or in any of the many departments in the park. We have an opportunity for you. Share your expertise, or learn new skills while serving your national park! For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Terry Dorman, at 415-556-1613, or terry_dorman@nps.gov.

Links

<http://www.nps.gov/safr/> San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.
The park's website.

<http://www.maritime.org> San Francisco Maritime National Park Association. The park's member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.sanfranciscomaritimelibrary.org> The park library's member-supported cooperating association

<http://www.hydestreetlivinghistory.org>. The park Living History Program's volunteer-created website.

<http://www.corsair-viking.org>. The San Francisco Sea Scouts, our partner at Aquatic Park.