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Welcome to a beautiful September at your national park on San Francisco's historic waterfront! The park has programs and events for the whole family. For a complete listing and description of events, please see the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/safr> and the website of our cooperating association, the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, at <http://www.maritime.org> (also listed in the links at the end of this newsletter), or call the park's Visitor Center at 415-447-5000.

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LABOR DAY CELEBRATION: Songs of Sea Labor concert, and Living History re-enactment

Monday, September 7, 11:00-am - 2:00pm, aboard ferry Eureka and on Hyde Street Pier. Ships boarding fees apply. Adults, \$5. Ages 15 and under, free. Free with national park passes. Wheelchair accessible.

Celebrate Labor Day at the park! At 11:00am, the park's volunteer Living History players will portray SF waterfront labor strife in the year 1901. At 12:00, aboard the ferry Eureka, we will present a double bill concert of "Songs of Sea Labor." The sea chantey band Salty Walt and the Rattlin' Ratlines perform at 12:00, followed by the duo Holdstock and Macleod. Hear these outstanding performers of traditional sea chanteys, and other songs of the sea, in this unique floating waterfront setting. No advance reservations. Simply purchase a ships boarding pass from the ticket booth on Hyde Street Pier, adjacent to the Eureka's entrance. There's plenty of space on the ferry, so everyone with boarding passes, and accompanied children, will be admitted.

HANK CRAMER SEA MUSIC CONCERT

Saturday, September 26, 8:00-10:00pm, aboard Balclutha. \$14 general, \$12 San Francisco Maritime National Park Association and Maritime Library Friends members. Series discount ticket, \$36. Tickets and information: 415-561-6662, ext. 33. Wheelchair accessible.

Hank Cramer, one of the best-loved folk singers in the American West, begins the park's 21st annual Sea Music Concert Series. Accompanying himself on guitar, Hank possesses a booming voice and a repertoire of sea songs and chanteys that enthrall listeners. Hank has been a chanteyman aboard a square-rigged ship, an underground miner, a professional soldier, a wrangler, and a world traveller. He brings his wealth of experiences to every performance. Also in this year's series is famed Irish singer and guitarist Robbie O'Connell (Saturday, October 17, 8pm) and New York City's powerhouse quartet of singers, The Johnson Girls (Saturday, November 14, 8pm).

CELL PHONE TOURS

Use your phone as a portal to maritime history! The park now offers cell phone tours at Hyde Street Pier. Listen to park rangers give two to three minute talks about the park's collection of historic vessels. There are eight stops along the pier. Dial 415-294-6754 and enter the tour number at each stop. Stay connected during the entire tour, or hang up and call back. Your cell phone carrier will charge their usual rate for the minutes used in the 415 area code. For a complete list of tours with their corresponding numbers, please see the park website: <http://www.nps.gov/safr.htm>, and open "audio tours."

NEW ACQUISITIONS

In the Historic Documents Department, Lower Fort Mason, Bldg. E, 3rd Floor. For appointments, please call the Maritime Library desk: 415-561-7030.

Newly catalogued and ready for public viewing are documents of the barks *Great Britain* (built 1902), the *Champigny* (1843), the steamship *Roanoke* (1882), and the steam tug *Hercules* (1907).

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The Maritime Library, located in Lower Fort Mason, Bldg. E, 3rd Floor, is open to research your maritime history through an extensive collection of books, photographs, tapes, films, periodicals, and programs. open M-F by appointment. Beginning Saturday, September 19, open weekend drop-in hours change from the first Sunday of the month to the third Saturday, 10am-5pm. 415-561-7030. For program information: 415-561-7040.

IN MEMORIAM: BRUCE SHERMAN

On August 9, the park lost one of its treasured longtime volunteers, Bruce Sherman. A man of many talents, he was a multi-instrumentalist, playing accordion, concertina, fiddle, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, and musical saw. He was also chantey singer and a noted glass artist. Local and international visitors to the park were charmed by his singing and playing aboard *Balclutha*, where he held court in the chart house on weekends, and by his performances at the park's Sea Music Festival and Festival of the Sea. Bruce was also known to those who heard him at musical gatherings in several San Francisco cafes and stores. His presence is already missed.

LINKS

<http://www.nps.gov/safr.htm>. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

<http://www.maritime.org>. San Francisco Maritime National Park Association

<http://www.maritimelibraryfriends.org> Friends of the San Francisco Maritime Museum
Library

<http://hydestreetlivinghistory.org> The Living History Program's volunteer created
and managed website.

<http://corsair-viking.org>. The San Francisco Sea Scouts, the park's neighboring
partner in Aquatic Park.

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