

# FATHOM THIS!

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Welcome to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, your floating national park on San Francisco's historic waterfront, and to this issue of Fathom This! For more information see the links at the end of this newsletter.

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## FIND YOUR PARK

### #FindYourPark

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park joins parks, programs and partners across the country to encourage everyone to find their park and share their stories online at [FindYourPark.com](http://FindYourPark.com).

Launched by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, Find Your Park is a public awareness and education campaign celebrating the milestone centennial anniversary of the National Park service in 2016 and setting the stage for its second century of service.

Find Your Park invites you to see that a national park can be more than a place – it can be a feeling, a state of mind, or a sense of American pride. Beyond vast landscapes, the campaign highlights historical, urban and cultural parks, as well as the National Park Service programs that protect, preserve and share nature, culture, and history in communities nationwide.

"San Francisco Maritime is the perfect place to launch a search for your park," said San Francisco Maritime NHP superintendent Kevin Hendricks. "You'll be embarking on a voyage of discovery to some of America's most amazing places."

### National Park Week/Junior Ranger Day, April 18-26

"Find Your Park" is also the theme of this year's National Park Week. To celebrate, SF Maritime NHP rangers will recognize International Migratory Bird Day (10am, Saturday, April 18) with a free bird walk, will lead free historic waterfront walking tours through the local waterfront neighborhood (10:30am on April 18, 19, 25 and 26), and will climb the 1886 square-rigged ship BALCLUTHA's mainmast to demonstrate traditional sail handling skills (11am, April 19 and 26). Call the visitor Center at 415-447-5000 or see [www.nps.gov/safr/](http://www.nps.gov/safr/) for more information.

On April 25, the park will celebrate Junior Ranger Day on Hyde Street Pier with a variety of fun activities and demonstrations for all ages: constructing a compass, building a model boat, and making (and learning how to use) a signal flag. In recognition of their accomplishments, children will receive a Junior Ranger Day certificate of completion and will be able to select a prize! No admission fee for all on-the-pier activities.

### Launch of the *Eva B*.

*Saturday, April 11, 11am - 1pm on Hyde Street Pier. Free admission. Wheelchair accessible.*  
[www.nps.gov/safr/evablaunch.htm](http://www.nps.gov/safr/evablaunch.htm) Visitor Center Information Desk: 415-447-5000.

The 30-foot-long wooden power boat *Eva B*. slid out of Menotti Pasquinucci's Sausalito boat shop in 1936.

Built for “Batch” Batchelder’s family, this “getaway” boat was used for fishing trips and delta adventures. For five years, the park’s Boat Shop has worked to restore this beautiful piece of SF Bay history. Help us launch Eva B. into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! With the break of a bottle of sparkling wine we’ll return Eva B. to the waters of the Bay, commemorate a colorful chapter of San Francisco history, and preserve her legacy for future generations. Music and light refreshments. Join the conversation on Twitter at #EvaBLaunch

### **Volunteer Docent Training**

Sundays, May 3, 17, and Wednesday, May 6, 10am to 4pm. Free. Contact: Mark Neuweld, Supervisory Park Ranger. 415-561-7174 or [mark\\_neuweld@nps.gov](mailto:mark_neuweld@nps.gov).

The park is offering a free training course for those interested in joining the volunteer docent program. Participants will learn the diverse stories preserved by the park’s collection of authentic sail and steam ships and chart a new course as a guide and steward of this unique “floating national park.” The training will introduce you to maritime history, the park’s historic ships and research center, and the art of presenting public programs. This course takes place on two Sundays: May 3 and 17, and on Wednesday, May 6 from 10am to 4pm. The course will include additional on-site training to be scheduled later in May. You will then have the rewarding experience of sharing your knowledge with park visitors through interpretive programs and informal contacts. Become part of this community of passionate and dedicated stewards of our rich and diverse maritime history!

### **Links**

[nps.gov/safr](http://nps.gov/safr) San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

[fullfathomcollections.blogspot.com](http://fullfathomcollections.blogspot.com) The park collections blog.

[bywatersolutions.com](http://bywatersolutions.com) The Maritime research Center catalog.

[museum.nps.gov/parkindex.aspx](http://museum.nps.gov/parkindex.aspx) Museum collections. Choose our park from the list.

[facebook.com/SanFranciscoMaritimeNHP](https://facebook.com/SanFranciscoMaritimeNHP) The park’s Facebook page. Be sure to “like” us!

<https://twitter.com/SFMaritimeNPS> The park’s Twitter feed.

[youtube.com/user/SFMaritimeNHP](https://youtube.com/user/SFMaritimeNHP) The park’s YouTube channel.

[flickr.com/photos/sfmaritimenps/](https://flickr.com/photos/sfmaritimenps/) The park’s Flickr site.

[maritime.org](http://maritime.org) San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, the park’s nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

[maritimelibraryfriends.org](http://maritimelibraryfriends.org) Friends of the Maritime museum Library, the park Maritime Research Center’s nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

[recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) ALMA reservations.

[hydestreetlivinghistory.org](http://hydestreetlivinghistory.org) The park’s Living History program.

[corsair-viking.org](http://corsair-viking.org) San Francisco Sea Scouts, park partner and neighbor in Aquatic Park.

[weplayers.org](http://weplayers.org) Theatre company and park partner.