

FATHOM THIS!

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Welcome to the October issue of Fathom This! October brings the city's annual Fleet Week, the return of the park library's evening Klebingat Lecture Series, the final sea music concert of 2008, and continuing beautiful weather. For information on all the programs offered at the park, please see the park website at www.nps.gov/safr or call the Visitor Center at 415-447-5000. Feel free to forward this newsletter to friends, and enter it, in whole or in part, into blogs. You may cancel at any time by emailing the editor peter_kasin@nps.gov. Your name is never loaned or sold to any other organization.

WINTER HOURS

The park is now on a winter hour's schedule: Hyde Street Pier is open daily 9:30am-5:00pm, with last entry to the pier at 4:30. The Visitor Center is open daily 9:30am-5:00pm. The Maritime Library is open by appointment. Please call the library's main number at 415-561-7030 for appointment hours.

FLEET WEEK

October 10-14 is Fleet Week in San Francisco. We invite you to visit Aquatic Park and Hyde Street Pier on Saturday, October 11, to view the parade of Navy vessels coming through the Golden Gate, followed by the air show. The parade is from 11:30am-12:30pm, with the air show 12:30-4:00, highlighted by the Blue Angels and the Canadian Forces Snowgeese. The Blue Angels fly from 3:00-4:00. The air show will be repeated at the same times on Sunday. Sunday-Tuesday, ships will be open for tours at piers 15, 29, and 30/32. For more information, please see the official Fleet Week website at www.fleetweek.us or call 650-599-5057.

Taking public transit to the park is recommended on Fleet Week's Saturday and Sunday. Large crowds are expected both days, with very limited parking in the wharf area. For bus, cable car and streetcar information, please call Muni Information at 415-673-6864, and see their website at <http://www.sfmuni.com>.

KLEBINGAT LECTURE SERIES: *Collecting Evolution: The Unintended Vindication of Charles Darwin*, Saturday, October 11, 6:00pm in the Maritime Library, Lower Fort Mason, Building E, 3rd floor. Admission by donation. Information and reservations: 415-561-7040, or email melani_van_petten@partner.nps.gov.

Connect with your seafaring heritage through this series of presentations by sea scholars and adventurers. Produced by the Friends of the San Francisco Maritime Museum Library, the series returns this month with a presentation by Professor Matthew James of Sonoma State University's Dept. of Geology. Sailing on the 89-foot schooner *Academy* in 1905, this 17-month expedition from San Francisco Academy of Sciences collected some 75,000 biological specimens from the Galapagos Islands. Professor James will examine the historical background and lives of the scientists, why Darwin went to the Galapagos in 1835, and the lasting significance of the 1905 expedition.

SEA MUSIC CONCERT: **IDA RED**

Saturday, October 18, 8pm, aboard Balclutha. Tickets: \$14 general, \$12 San Francisco Maritime National Park Association and Friends of the San Francisco Maritime Museum Library members. To order tickets: 415-561-6662, ext. 33. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Maritime Store, at the entrance to Hyde Street Pier, daily, 9:30-5:30, and at the door on concert night (if still available). Door opens 7:00pm; entry to venue begins 7:30.

Join us for the second and final concert of the 20th anniversary Sea Music Concert Series. We're proud to present the exciting and innovative sea music band, *Ida Red*, performing in this unique waterfront setting. Experience sea music at its finest from the deck of a historic sailing ship! On tour from the East Coast and making their exclusive Bay Area Appearance, *Ida Red* has taken traditional old school harmonies through the spinner of modern influences and the byways of America, and wrung out a new kind of folk. Emerging from the New York City music scene, they sing a cappella, and accompany themselves on banjo, fiddle, and guitar. Reserve your berth now! Tune in KALW FM, 91.7, on the day of the concert, 3:00-5:00pm, when they will appear live on the weekly show "Folk Music and Beyond."

C.A. THAYER RESTORATION RECEIVES AWARDS

The park received the Governor's Historic Preservation Award for 2008, for the ongoing rehabilitation of the *C.A. Thayer*! This prestigious award is the only official preservation award presented by the State of California. More information can be found on the commission's website at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov. Congratulations to the park's team of preservationists!

The *Thayer's* Chief Shipwright Phil Erwin has been selected to receive the National Park Service regional Director's Cultural Resource Award for leading the ongoing preservation work on the *C.A. Thayer*! This is an annual award for outstanding contributions to cultural resources by a National Park Service employee. We invite you to board the *Thayer* and see the work in progress. Phil will be glad to talk with you about the rehabilitation of one of only two remaining sailing lumber schooners on the West Coast. Ranger-led tours are also available. Please call the Visitor Center at 415-447-5000 to find out when the next tours will be offered. The *Thayer* is also open for self-guided tours.

LINKS

www.nps.gov/safr San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

www.maritime.org San Francisco Maritime National Park Association.

www.maritimelibraryfriends.org Friends of the San Francisco Maritime Museum Library.

www.hydestreetlivinghistory.org The park's volunteer-created Living History Program website.

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

www.fleetweek.us The official Fleetweek website.