

Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum Ship

WAGB-83 NEWS

"We Move Ships When No One Else Can"

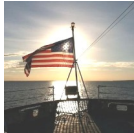


A UNIQUE AND LASTING GIFT!

A 3' X 5' American flag will be flown aboard the *Mackinaw* WAGB-83.

You will receive a Certificate of Authenticity naming the person the flag was flown in honor of, the date that it was flown and an emailed a photo of the flag as it is flown.

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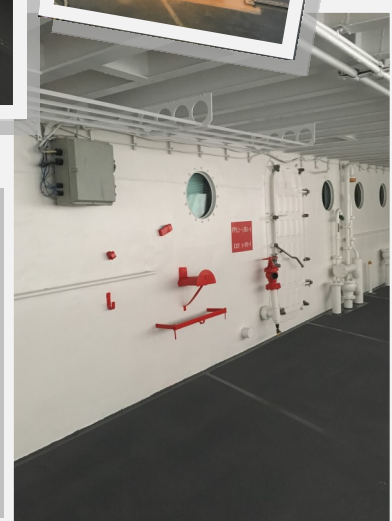
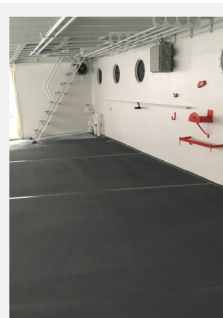
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Resurfacing and Painting Update

The ship's exterior painting project began in the late fall of 2017. Both port and starboard air-castles, and their walkways, were sealed with framing and shrink-wrap. This kept the areas contained and free of the elements of weather. In addition to work in those areas, some of the fantail equipment has been painted.



Sample of "BEFORE" Condition



As anticipated, work stopped as the air temperature dropped; winter arrived. As soon as the temperature rises to a satisfactory level, the project will resume. If the weather cooperates, they may be able to resume as early as late-March. We anticipate (in the perfect scenario) that the majority of the area above the hull will be completed by June in order to avoid interruption of the tours. The hull will likely be the last area to be resurfaced.

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Our sincerest thanks and appreciation to John Childs as he recently retired from our Board of Directors. John has been with us since the ship came to Mackinaw City and has been one of its biggest supporters. Over the years, he has held multiple officer positions. In addition to those duties, he has lent his technological expertise in all things from electrical to communications and so much more. He will continue to support us in the years ahead, and we are all grateful for that.

Thank you, John!

WIN THE CRUISE OF A LIFETIME!

Central Marine Logistics Fleet—*The Wilfred Sykes* | *The Joseph L. Block* | *The Edward L. Ryerson*



The Grand Prize Winner and a guest will enjoy an opportunity that very few have had. Accommodations are the Owner's Quarters, Staterooms and Lounge, overlooking the deck. You will dine at the Captain's Table and tour the entire ship from top to bottom, stem to stern. The trip for two, aboard the vessel of the company's choice, will depart from Port Inland, MI, Cedarville, MI, or Indiana Harbor, IN. The trip will take place in the summer of 2018 and will last approximately 5 days but may vary slightly depending upon the arrangements made between the raffle winner and Central Marine Logistics.

Second Prize is a trip for two aboard a **Shepler's Lighthouse Cruise.**



Ticket are \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00

Tickets are available on our website:

www.themackinaw.org

Or call (231) 436-9825

Most raffle tickets will ship the same day or the next business day, but in the event of holidays or weekends, please allow extra time to process your raffle ticket order. Thank you!

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 4, 2018

Michigan Raffle License # R45404

Winners need not be present to win. Great Lakes Freighter cruise is not handicap accessible. This is a "working" vessel. All winners are responsible for travel to and from port and for making arrangements with the trip provider.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ICEBREAKER MACKINAW MARITIME MUSEUM
A 501 (C) 3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



Join Us!

Over the past eleven years we have proven that the museum is an exciting and viable attraction for Mackinaw City and the area. Annually, we host over 20,000 tour guests. Our interactive Educational Tour Program has taught over 700 children knot-tying, safety aboard, communications and the history of the ship. And our Overnight Encampment Program allows the unique experience of sleeping aboard an actual USCG Icebreaker.

We need the support of those of you who, like us, love the *Mackinaw*, to enable us to continue moving “full speed ahead” with these and other programs. Our membership program gives you an easy way to contribute to the museum and also enjoy some great perks. The levels of support and their associated benefits are listed below.

Our Business Sponsorship program gives you an easy way to contribute to the museum and also promote your business. For your \$100 tax-deductible donation, you will receive listing on our website’s “Sponsor” page, in our quarterly newsletters and aboard the ship. We will provide you with passes for 4 people to watch the 4th of July Fireworks aboard the ship, and your employees are always welcome to tour, free of charge.

“Friends of the Mackinaw” Support Program Application

Annual Membership Level:

- ☐ \$50.00 Petty Officer
 ☐ \$100.00 Chief Petty Officer
 ☐ \$250.00 Chief Warrant Officer
 ☐ \$500.00 Ensign
☐ \$100.00 Business Sponsor
☐ \$ _____ Donation

Name _____ ☐ I would like to Volunteer (please contact me)

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IMMM Levels of Support and Benefits for “Friends of the Mackinaw”

Level	Amount	Inaugural Gift*	Admission Benefits
Petty Officer	\$ 50.00		Unlimited for member + 1 guest, per visit
Chief Petty Officer	\$ 100.00	Lapel Pin or Key Chain	Unlimited for member + 2 guests, per visit
Chief Warrant Officer	\$ 250.00	Icebreaker Mackinaw DVD	Unlimited for member + 3 guests, per visit
Ensign	\$ 500.00	Icebreaker Mackinaw Book	Unlimited for member + 4 guests, per visit

- Inaugural Gift will be presented for first-year membership ONLY unless level of support is increased.
- Cardholders will receive, in addition to the above listed benefits: a 10% discount on Ship’s Store retail items, e-mail receipt of our newsletter and notices of special events and invitation to watch 4th of July fireworks aboard the ship.

*An equal value Inaugural Gift may be substituted due to availability.

Of Course, Donations Are Always Welcome!

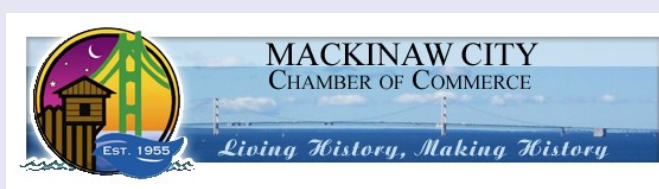
We have an endowment fund through the Straits Area Community Foundation! www.cfneem.org/sacf/ Your donation is tax-deductible.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

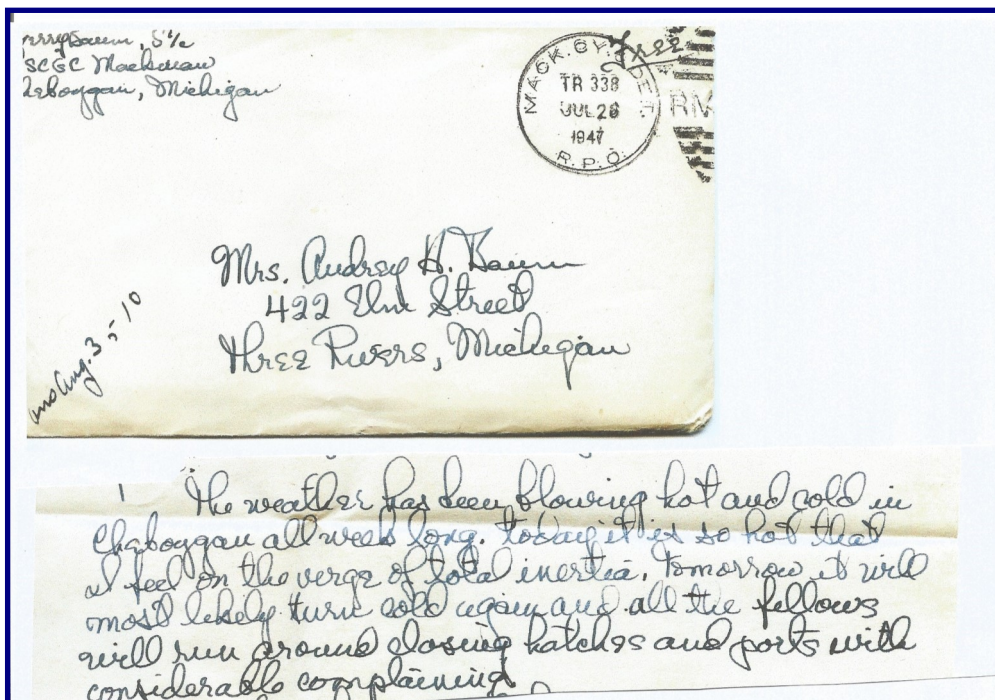
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Citizens National Bank, Cheboygan
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Mystery Spot, St. Ignace
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First Community Bank, Cheboygan
East Lake Resort, Fibre
Kilwin's Quality Confections, Mackinaw City
Straits Area Printing, Cheboygan
Mackinaw City KOA, Mackinaw City
Mitchell Graphics, Petoskey

Kilwin's Quality Chocolates & Confections, Petoskey
Pizza Palace, Mackinaw City
Teysen's Gift Shop, Mackinaw City
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Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry, Mackinaw City
Pancake Chef Restaurant, Mackinaw City
Mother Mary's Canning Co., Cheboygan
Bernard Building Center, Cheboygan
Kokosing Industrial/Durocher Marine Div., Cheboygan
Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows, Mackinaw City
Clothing Connection, Mackinaw City
Silver Sands Resort, St. Ignace
Tee Pee Campground, Mackinaw City
Straits Area Federal Credit Union, Cheboygan and Mackinaw City
Darrow Brothers Excavating, Mackinaw City
Odawa Casino, Petoskey

Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum Ship is proud to partner with these wonderful Straits area business community organizations and their members!



Crewmember's Letters Home Come Full-Circle



We recently received copies of letters that were written by a crew member to his family. Ralph Jerold "Jerry" Baum served aboard the Mackinaw WAGB83 from 1946 – 1949. The letters will be displayed in the berthing area of the ship to portray a bit of "Life in the Coast Guard." Notice that there is no postage stamp; it reads "free."

Special thanks to his daughter, Patricia Baum, for sharing the letter with us!

“Maggie of the Mackinaw”

Edited Excerpt from “USCGC Mackinaw” by Mike Fornes

Ken Patrick served on the *Mackinaw* from October 1955 until May 1957. The way Patrick tells it, “That time in the Coast Guard changed my life. It was a time to grow up. Often people pass through our lives, and we fail to recognize the influence they have. Many played a role in helping me to determine what direction my life would take, including a mascot on the *Mackinaw*, a dog named ‘Maggie’.

“I remember one time in 1957 when the ship was in dry dock in Manitowoc; it was our first afternoon after arriving. Three of us decided to head to the pub in a cab, and we took Maggie with us. She was a hit, as we were also. If you remember, everyone loved the Coast Guard, and they adopted our mascot, too. She was given leftover beer by the patrons and seemed to be having a great time.

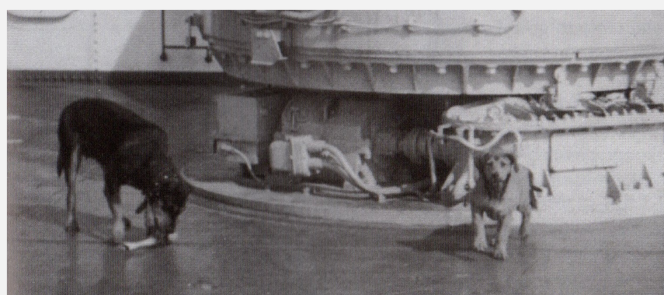
“After several hours of partying, we met some girls. We were ready to continue our tour of town but now with female escorts. Sadly, there was no room for Maggie. We all tried to convince each other it was their duty to take Maggie back to the ship but to no avail. We finally came to the conclusion that we couldn’t leave without our new friends. We had to find a solution for Maggie.

“We finally did. Maggie was put in the back seat of a cab by herself, a little tipsy perhaps,” Patrick concluded. “The cabbie probably thought he’d seen it all until he was told to drive the dog to the shipyard dock, open the door and let her out.

“We paid the cabbie and gave him a nice tip, and off went Maggie back to the ship. We often wondered what other drivers thought pulling up to a traffic light, seeing a dog in the back seat of a cab. Nothing but first class for our Maggie!”

For years afterward, the crew of the *Mackinaw* told the story of the night Maggie showed up in a cab, jumped out the door and trotted across the yard and up the brow to the ship!

On New Years Day, WCBY Radio held a contest to determine the first birth of 1957. The *Mackinaw*’s crew thought Maggie’s litter, born early that morning, should qualify and entered her in the contest. The ship’s newsletter later reported that since Maggie could not identify the father, she was disqualified. The dog was noted for rushing at landing helicopters and snapping at exhaust pipes. She rarely had whiskers....

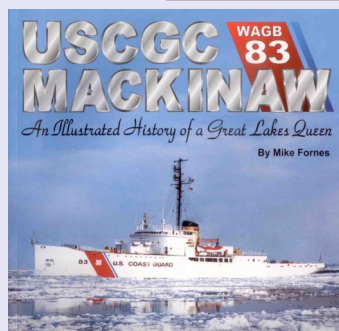


Maggie on deck with one of her pups.



Tom Dellabeck holds WAGB-83 Mascot, “Maggie,” seen here as a pup.

Steve Paddock is holding the broom for clean-up.



If you enjoyed this story, you will LOVE the book!

USCGC MACKINAW

By Mike Fornes

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Upcoming Events

We are excited to give you a “sneak peek” into some of the things that we have planned for the 2018 season.

- **July 28th:** #MeetMackinaw event “Meet *THE Mackinaw*.” We’ll offer a few hours of fun for the entire family. Special guest will be Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan Chillers book “Great Lakes Ghost Ship.”
- **Acclaimed artist, Martina Hahn**, has signed on to conduct four “Paint and Sip” events aboard the ship. Dates are: June 30, July 20, August 28 and Sept. 11. Details will be available soon via our website, www.themackinaw.org, where you will be able to reserve your spot.
- **Save the Date:** A reunion of former crew and all current/past USCG personnel will be held on September 16 and 17.

Please watch our website, www.themackinaw.org, more details as they unfold.