

National Maritime Historical Society's 2010 Gala Annual Awards Dinner Salutes Leadership in the Maritime Heritage Field

Captain Cesare Sorio and Daniel W. Whalen, co-chairmen of the 2010 NMHS Annual Awards Dinner, are pleased to invite you to join the gala celebration on Wednesday, 13 October 2010, at the New York Yacht Club. As Captain Sorio says, "Besides giving well-deserved recognition for excellent achievement, this festive awards ceremony helps to validate the importance of outstanding achievement in maritime endeavors and to serve as an inspiration for others."

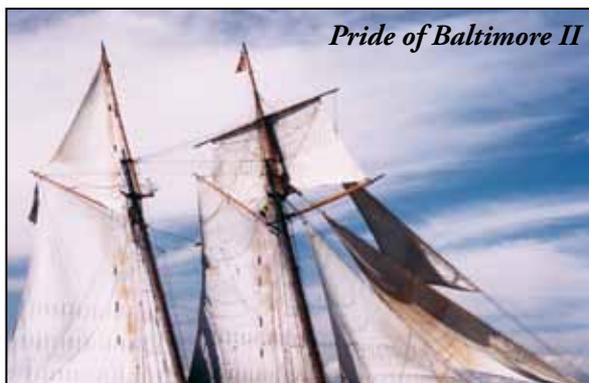
Nathaniel S. Wilson, Sailmaker

Nathaniel S. Wilson, Sailmaker will receive the NMHS 2010 Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Wilson will be honored for his thirty-five-year career as a sailmaker and rigger, recognized as the pre-eminent sailmaker of traditional sails in the country, if not the world. The Society salutes his extensive record of helping to keep many of the historic and replica ships sailing, such as USS *Constitution*, USCG *Eagle*, *Sultana*, *Clearwater*, *Spirit of Massachusetts*, *Harvey Gamage*, *Pride of Baltimore II*, *American Eagle*, *Lettie G Howard*, *Mayflower II*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*. Nathaniel Wilson sails are sought after for vessels large and small, from performance and classic yachts to hearty working craft. The vessels that hoist his sails span the history of water navigation, from replicas of Viking ships to modern vessels, and are true-to-form in look, materials, construction, and performance.

The Society also salutes Wilson's support of sail training and maritime heritage educational programs. His reputation of generosity in sharing his craft and its history precedes him: be it for visiting ships, school groups, or middle and high school history teachers, or the impromptu demonstration for the interested visitor who comes by his loft.



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David Rockefeller, Jr. and Sailors for the Sea

David Rockefeller, Jr. and Sailors for the Sea will be recognized with the NMHS Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education for their work in educating and empowering the boating community to protect and restore oceans and coastal waters. Their sailing program, "Around the Americas," exemplifies the standards by which NMHS recognizes excellence in maritime education. The vessel *Ocean Watch* navigated 25,000 miles, visiting 30 towns and cities in 11 countries, to educate their populations

about the health of our oceans and the effects of change in climate. David Rockefeller, Jr., a director and former chairman of Rockefeller & Co., is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a past vice chair of the National Park Foundation, reporting directly to the Secretary of the Interior. He served as a member of the Pew Oceans Commission that issued a comprehensive report on the health of US marine waters in June 2003. His commitment to ensuring that our government and communities embrace and implement the recommendations of the Pew Commission—and his passion for sailing and the sea—fueled the

formation of Sailors for the Sea, a "new voice for ocean conservation." He is an avid sailor and has raced and cruised for over forty years in waters from Labrador to Miami, from San Diego to Alaska, and from Scotland and Sweden to Turkey and Italy, and this past January, he rounded Cape Horn as a member of the Around the Americas crew in *Ocean Watch*.



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Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard of Mystic Seaport Museum, Dana Hewson and Quentin Snediker

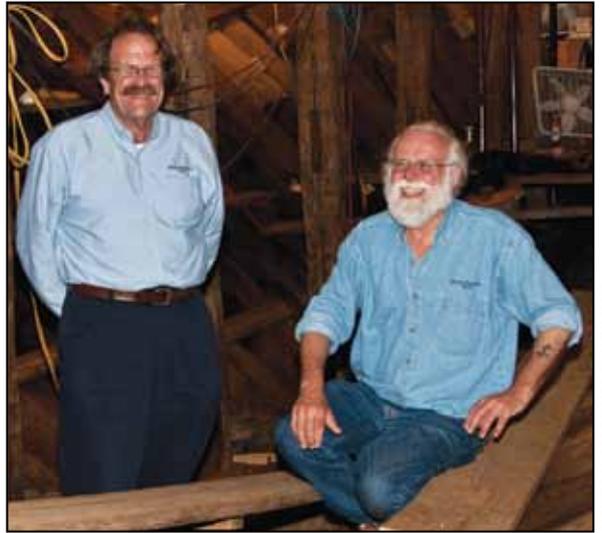
Dana Hewson, Quentin Snediker, and the staff and volunteers of Mystic Seaport's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard will be presented with the NMHS Distinguished Service Award. Mystic Seaport stands out as a beacon of hope for the beleaguered ship preservation community by not only restoring historic ships but also building important reproductions, as is the case of the *Amistad*. At a time when some museums are considering giving up the stewardship of the historic ships in their care, Mystic Seaport has taken bold strides to properly care for its historic ships and boats, and they do it all in-house. Of great significance is Mystic's commitment to the restoration of the 1841 whaleship *Charles W. Morgan*, a National Historic Landmark. Last year, they announced that they will not only restore the ship so she remains stable at the wharf, but that they are taking her restoration one step further: the goal is to restore her to seaworthy condition and take her to sea again, under sail.

Built by Jethro & Zachariah Hillman of Fairhaven, MA, the *Morgan* sailed for eighty years before retiring from whaling. Today, she remains the last wooden whaleship in the world—an icon of America's seafaring history. More than 20 million visitors have come to Mystic Seaport to walk her decks and experience American maritime heritage in a unique and personal way.

But, it is the people and their skills, learned and passed along, that are the heart of all heritage work. NMHS is honored to recognize Dana Hewson and Quentin Snediker and their staff and volunteers for their talents, dedication, and skill, and for the long hours and commitment to the ships that are an inspiration to all. Dana Hewson has been an integral part of the Mystic Seaport waterfront for more than thirty years. Currently, Vice President for Watercraft Preservation and Programs and the Clark Senior Curator for Watercraft, Dana has been involved with all aspects of maintenance, restoration, and operations related to the Museum's watercraft collection. Dana's influence reaches far beyond the museum. He is currently the vice president of the Council of American Maritime Museums and has served in an advisory capacity for such diverse vessels as Ernest Hemingway's *Pilar* at the Hemingway home in Havana, Cuba;

the National Park Service's steam schooner *Wapama* in San Francisco, California; *Ernestina* in New Bedford, Massachusetts; and the *Evelina M. Goulart* at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum in Essex, Massachusetts.

Quentin Snediker is a graduate of SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler and holds an M.A. in Historic Preservation from Goucher College. Throughout his career he has supervised the construction and maintenance of, as well as captained, traditional sailing vessels. He also co-authored *Chesapeake Bay Schooners* and has written several articles and presented numerous lectures on ship preservation. He led the research and construction of the freedom schooner *Amistad*, and for the last decade he has served as Director of the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard at Mystic Seaport overseeing professionals, apprentices, and volunteers working year-round to preserve, restore, and maintain the museum's more than 500 historic vessels.



Dana Hewson and Quentin Snediker
below deck in the *Charles W. Morgan*.

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Charles W. Morgan

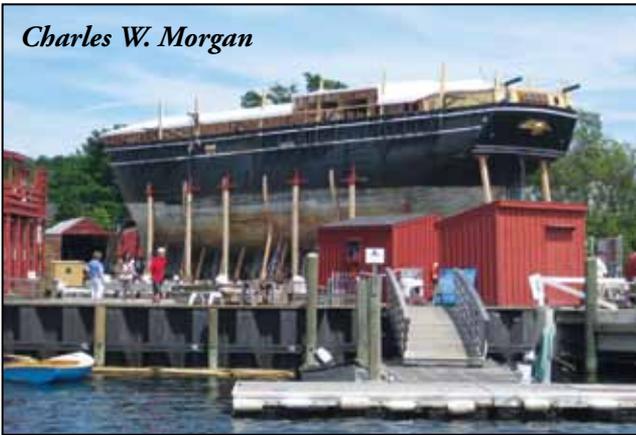


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NATIONAL MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Wednesday, 13 October 2010

Reservations are \$385 per person; \$7,000 sponsors a table for ten, plus a feature ad page in the dinner journal.
Call 800-221-6647, ext 0 to make your reservation. Black tie optional. Visit www.seahistory.org for more information.

The gala event takes place at the historic New York Yacht Club in Manhattan. **Richard du Moulin**, an award winning yachtsman and leader of the shipping industry, will again serve as our Master of Ceremonies. The **US Coast Guard Academy Cadet Chorale**, directed by **Dr. Robert Newton**, Director of Cadet Vocal Music at the USCG Academy, will provide the evening's entertainment. This affair is traditionally sold-out and seating is limited, so early responses are recommended. For information about sponsorship opportunities or to order tickets for the Annual Awards Dinner, please contact the Society's headquarters at: Ph. 914 737-7878 ext. 0; or email nmhs@seahistory.org. Be sure to visit our website, www.seahistory.org, for more information.