



Faces of the Ernestina

Just a few of the many dedicated individuals who are working hard to get her sailing again.



SCHOONER ERNESTINA-MORRISSEY ASSOCIATION
2010 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc. (SEMA) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of raising funds to provide for the maintenance, equipment, manning, programming and operation of the Schooner Ernestina ex Effie M. Morrissey as a sail training vessel, school ship, and educational enterprise.

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Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

I grew up in Fairhaven, Massachusetts with my father's tales of a harbor full of schooners. In 1995, I had the opportunity to sail in the Gloucester Schooner Race on Ernestina. It was a chance to bring my Dad's stories to life. I never dreamed how it would change my life. I went on to bring marine science classes and ninth graders from Westport to sail and learn. I sailed with hundreds of students. I sailed during summer programs for students and for teachers. I saw how the experience of raising the sails together, of the power you feel as you handle the wheel, of the lessons you learn, of the importance of mathematics and science and observing nature, of the histories of the many very different people who sailed on this ship affected young and old.



Mary Anne sailing Ernestina to New York circa 1997.

I became president of the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association because I believed Ernestina's supporters needed to step up and do everything possible to assure that this historic ship returned to serving the Commonwealth as she had in the past.



Ernestina belongs to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The legislature created the Schooner Ernestina Commission to administer the ship in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. In 2008, a group of Ernestina supporters led by Bob Hildreth decided that the Schooner Ernestina Commission needed a private partner and incorporated the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association. Public-private partnerships have an important place in supporting our cultural and historical treasures.

We need to continue to demonstrate the depth and breadth of support that Ernestina has. The directors of SEMA are committed to partnering with the Ernestina Commission to help provide the support and resources the ship needs to serve the Commonwealth as she has in the past, as a SAILING educational vessel. In 2011, SEMA will be working hard to represent Ernestina and to help raise the necessary money to fund the restoration of this national treasure.

I have seen firsthand how Ernestina can touch the future in an irreplaceable way. This is why I thank you for joining us to say, "This is important," and I am so grateful for the support you have given to help chart her course for the future — one where she will surely be sailing again.

Fair winds,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Anne McQuillan".

Mary Anne McQuillan
President, SEMA

2010 Ernestina Activities

RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

March 24

Stephen J.W. Platzer discussed his book "Bringing E Home", describing Ernestina's 1982 repatriation voyage, at the Mystic Seaport Maritime Author series.

April 17

"Celebrate Bartlett" exhibit opened at the New Bedford Ocean Explorium. The exhibit, "Sea and Ice," designed by the Historical Sites of Newfoundland and Labrador, chronicled the life of Captain Bob Bartlett who sailed Effie M. Morrissey (now Ernestina) to the Arctic for 20 years conducting scientific and exploration expeditions. In partnership with the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, SEMA presented historic Pathe newsreels featuring Captain Bob Bartlett and Effie M. Morrissey.

May 22

Several volunteers participated in training on how to present the history of Ernestina as well as on safety procedures on board the ship presented by Leah Jeffries, DCR Visitor Services Supervisor.

June 9

The Barrouallie Whalers, singing Caribbean whalers, visited the ship and demonstrated their dory rowing skills along with rowers from the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club to promote the weekend's race.

June 9 & 10

SEMA hosted an interpretive/hospitality booth for Ernestina/SEMA at the Commercial Marine Expo at New Bedford's State Pier.

President's Report

2010 has been a remarkable year for the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association. We have grown in numbers and in resources. What began in 2008 as the idea of a few dedicated volunteers, came to fruition in 2010 as an official charitable organization, with hundreds of individuals convening time and again to show their support for Ernestina and the concept of a public-private partnership that will sustain her into the future. Key political partners – U.S. Congressman Barney Frank, New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang, State Representative Antonio Cabral – have all publicly shown their support for our cause. In 2010, Ernestina was designated one of the 1,000 Greatest Places in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

We launched our charter membership drive, and we're proud to say that at the close of the year we had over 200 new SEMA members!



Ernestina at her present-day berth in New Bedford Harbor - we look forward to the day when she will be sailing out into Buzzards Bay and beyond!

SEMA has made regular efforts to stay in touch with our new members and friends via our website, an e-mail newsletter and Facebook. It gives us great hope to see what the first official year of SEMA's incorporation has produced. With this kind of support, just imagine what we can accomplish in the years to come.

SEMA - It's Official!

In February, we received a letter of determination from the IRS affirming SEMA's 501(c)(3) status as a charitable organization. Being formally recognized as a non-profit enables us to receive tax-deductible donations, apply for private grants and certain government funding – truly giving us the foundation on which to build Ernestina's future. In June, SEMA elected three new directors: Polly Zajac, Christopher Davis and Captain Willi Bank. In November, we established four new committees:

- Maintenance and Operations Committee
Chair: Captain Willi Bank
- Financial and Operations Committee
Chair: Julius Britto
- Membership and Outreach Committee
Chair: Mary Anne McQuillan
- Fundraising Committee
Chair: Marc Pires

Planning for Her Future

In March, planning began for a fall “forum” to discuss Ernestina’s future, potential uses, obligations and expectations. The planning committee’s vision was to bring together the diverse constituents who have an interest in Ernestina and facilitate lively discussions on her potential future uses. We sought to have the outlines of an organized plan to sustain the ship’s restoration and operation.

SEMA received its first grant from the Island Foundation to offset the expenses of this free event. The New Bedford Whaling Museum, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) were also instrumental in providing resources to make the Forum a success.



The Consul General of Cape Verde was among the many dignitaries who showed their support at the Forum.

On October 30, nearly 200 people attended the Ernestina Forum at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Seven morning and afternoon break-out sessions were held, led by skilled facilitators on topics ranging from “Ernestina as a Tourist Attraction” to “Restoration as a Public Project.” Congressman Barney Frank delivered a luncheon keynote address, expressing his support for the ship. The Forum closed with an emotional plea from Maria Mendes, granddaughter of Captain Henrique Mendes, to help keep Ernestina sailing, resulting in a spontaneous audience donation of over \$700.

The information gathered in the break-out sessions at the Forum was compiled and distributed to attendees, and a follow-up meeting was held to plot out next steps.



Forum attendees, including Congressman Barney Frank, Consuls General of Canada, Cape Verde and Portugal, took a break from the lively discussions on Ernestina’s future to pose for this picture at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

2010 Ernestina Activities

RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

June 12

The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club, organizer of the Buzzards Bay Open



John & Laurie Bullard rowing one of Ernestina’s dories in the BBRC rowing race.

Water Rowing Challenge, welcomed Ernestina’s dories to their race. Two of Ernestina’s dories were rowed from their berth, out of the harbor and to Fort Taber, for eight miles round

trip. The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club dedicated a portion of the event’s net proceeds to SEMA.

July

SEMA participated in several events during New Bedford’s Cape Verdean Recognition week, including Cape Verde 35/350 and the 38th Annual Parade. SEMA volunteers marched with our National Park Service partners, and Ernestina supporters visited the SEMA booth, set up near the reviewing stand.

August 7

The Salem Maritime Festival was a wonderful opportunity for our volunteers to share Ernestina’s story.

August 14

SEMA had an informational booth at the Onset Cape Verdean Festival, where hundreds of visitors showed tremendous support for the Ernestina and SEMA’s efforts to help get her sailing again.

September 5

The Gloucester Schooner Festival was a great success, where schooner aficionados from around the world heard Ernestina’s story from our dedicated volunteers.

2010 Ernestina Activities

RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

September 25 & 26

SEMA partnered with DCR to tell Ernestina's story to over 3,000 visitors during the Working Waterfront Festival, which showcases New Bedford's waterfront and celebrates all the people who work to make the vibrant waterfront successful.

October 30

The Ernestina Forum, the purpose of which was to bring together Ernestina's diverse constituents and map out a plan for her future, drew nearly 200 attendees at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The event succeeded in setting forth plausible plans for the future of the ship.

December

SEMA publicized the posting of DCR's Rig Maintenance Project. An earlier posting had resulted in a single unacceptable bid. With our promotion several qualified bidders responded to the posting.



Growing Our Membership

The first phase of the SEMA charter membership drive began with an Internet campaign in July. Supporters of the ship come from across the U.S. and the world, in fact, 30% of SEMA's charter members came to us through the Internet campaign, allowing us to use our resources more effectively.

In late November, a team of volunteers spent two nights at the Global Learning Charter Public School in New Bedford preparing letters for mailing. The result was that we met the 2010 matching challenge set forth by Bob Hildreth – \$10,000 – and gained over 200 charter members.

Staying Connected

In addition to the many events SEMA and our volunteers participate in throughout the year, we have made a concerted effort to reach out to our constituents through the Internet, email and social media, all which are at minimal to no cost.

Ernestina.org

Our new site, including access to the pre-2005 archive site, was launched in early November. The new site allows us to make regular updates on our own, add photos and event information.



Our new website, in addition to an e-newsletter and Facebook, has been an excellent tool to communicate with Ernestina friends around the world.

E-mail newsletter

We created an e-mail newsletter in March that is sent to several hundred recipients monthly with updates on Ernestina events, volunteer opportunities, and online donation links. Anyone can sign up to receive the e-newsletter at ernestina.org.

Facebook page

We created an Ernestina Facebook fan page in March, which is updated at least monthly, including the latest photos and happenings involving SEMA. It has been an excellent tool for communicating with Ernestina friends around the world, many of whom frequently post comments on the page.

Letter from the Vice President and Treasurer



As a young man I had the privilege of attending the first Independence celebration of Cape Verde in Praia, Santiago on July 5, 1975. I pledged to myself and freedom fighters that I had met in Cape Verde that I would find a way to keep Cape Verde's aspirations in the hearts and minds of people in the United States and around the world. In my view as a social scientist, I truly believe that the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey is one of the most powerful vehicles to tell the story of how people of many cultures and backgrounds can come together to teach tolerance, cultural understanding and environmental education.

As SEMA's Vice President and now Acting Treasurer and a long-time Ernestina volunteer, the support that I have witnessed in 2010 - from the October 30th Forum to the new memberships of over 200 people - has been invigorating for my family, myself and many other individuals who have cared about the Ernestina-Morrissey.

I view the year 2010 as a new beginning for Ernestina — a beginning that will promote even greater participation in shaping future programming and possibilities for the ship. With continued financial and volunteer support, I have no doubt that this public/private partnership between the Massachusetts Schooner Ernestina Commission and SEMA will chart a vigorous and robust future for the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey one where her stories, cultures and lessons will live on.

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Warm regards,

Julius Britto

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Vice President/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

| | FY2010 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Public Contributions | \$75,636 |
| Program Income | \$4,547 |
| Total Receipts | \$80,183 |
| Program Expenses | \$5,732 |
| Development Expenses | \$14,265 |
| Administrative Expenses | \$2,402 |
| Total Disbursements | \$22,399 |
| Ending Net Income | \$57,784 |

Many Thanks!

The support of the community and the following organizations has made an enormous difference in SEMA's inaugural year.

Arthur Moniz Gallery

Baker Books

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club

Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts

Global Learning Charter Public School

Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center

The Island Foundation

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

The New Bedford Whaling Museum

The Ocean Explorium

Onset Cape Verdean Festival Association

Reynolds DeWalt

Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL)

Statewide Software & Systems

Thank you!

Over 200 new members – individuals connected with Ernestina's past, present and future – joined us in 2010. We are so grateful for their vision and support.

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David Baker

**Gift given in memory of a loved one. Please see "in memoriam" section.*

Dorymate Members (continued)

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In Memoriam

The following individuals made gifts to honor the memory of a loved one.

Stephen H. Brown
*In memory of his mother,
Elsa Parshley Brown*

Carolina Internal
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In memory of Fred Littleton

Cordelia Clement
In memory of Fred Littleton

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In memory of Raymond Almeida

Jonathan DePina
In memory of Raymond Almeida

Ron & Marie Havens
In memory of Gene Bissing

Jane Johnson Kent
*In memory of Warner W. Kent, Jr.,
"who loved his three summers
with Captain Bob."*

Martin A. Koski
In memory of Raymond Almeida

Brittany Logan
In memory of Fred Littleton

Marian Payson
In memory of Amanda Lake

In-Kind Donors

Thank you to our supporters who helped us with in-kind donations.

Penny Brewer
Celtic Coffee House
Ted Hugger
Stephan & Linda Platzer

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Mrs. Irene Rex & Ms. Inette Rex
Dr. John G. Santos
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Volunteers

SEMA would be nothing if not for the many, many volunteers who give of their time and lively spirits to wholeheartedly support Ernestina.

Buddy Andrade
Edith Andrews
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Paul Anthony
Andrew Awad
Willi Bank
Jim Bean
Cindy Bean
Sean Bercaw
Paul Brawley
Julius Britto
Sandra Britto
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Laurie Bullard
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William Carmo
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Tally Garfield
Stephen Gaun
Donald Gomes
Guillermo Gonzalez
Claudia Grace
Thomas Grace
Joshua Harding
Carl Herzog
Bob Hildreth
Jonathan Howard



Getting the ship ready for summer, like Louise Anthony (above), is just one of the many ways volunteers help.

Visit ernestina.org to find out how you can get involved.

Leah Jeffries
Greg Jones
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*"We are tied to the ocean.
And when we go back to the
sea, whether it is to sail or
to watch - we are going back
from whence we came."*

- John F. Kennedy



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