

SCHOONER ERNESTINA-MORRISSEY ASSOCIATION

The Vision



2011 ANNUAL REPORT

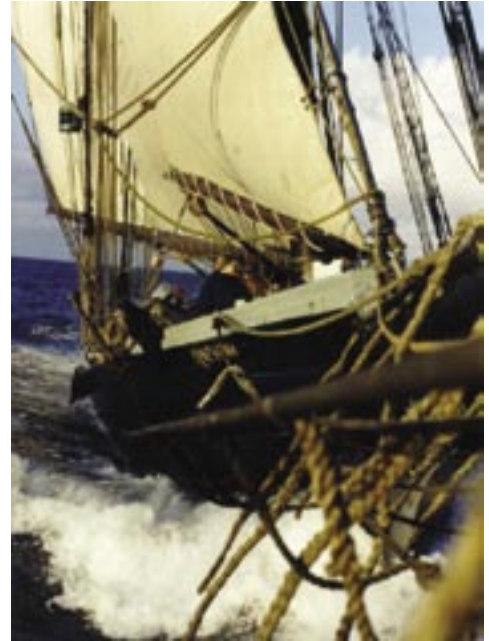


The Vision

Last year, nearly 200 people from as far as Newfoundland and Philadelphia – Cape Verdeans, Canadians, sailors, civic and business leaders, educators, maritime museum representatives, students – came together for the Ernestina Forum at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The idea behind the Forum was not only to convene Ernestina's diverse constituents, but also to hear what people thought her future should hold. Again and again, the idea was reiterated that "something special happens" when you are aboard Ernestina; she is a "one-of-a-kind" historic ship that we cannot allow to deteriorate.

SEMA has kept a strong sense of the sentiment expressed at the Forum in every action we have taken over the past year. And, as we look forward to the coming years, we know that with all the support we've seen, it is inevitable that Ernestina will sail again.

Our vision is to see her, as you do on the cover of this report: heading out to sea — out to race her sisters in Gloucester, out for another educational ocean expedition, out for a day-sail enjoying the wind and water, out to train the next generation of mariners, out for another trans-Atlantic voyage to Cape Verde, or for some other amazing adventure yet to be imagined.



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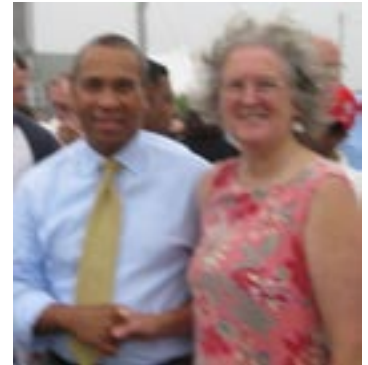
Derek Stevens

Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

When I took up the challenge to be President of SEMA, I did so because my experience with Ernestina had a profound effect on my life. I brought my students from Westport to sail Ernestina, and I saw how the experience changed them. I sailed Ernestina as far as New York City and Halifax, Nova Scotia, and I felt that sailing, the joy of it and the teamwork involved, stirred my soul. I knew that I needed to make sure others could continue to experience what my students and I did. And I knew that Ernestina is extraordinary.

Three years have passed since a few of us sat around a table and thought that developing an organization to do fundraising for Ernestina would be a good idea. In that time, we've seen amazing things happen – over 200 new members and over \$100,000 raised!



Mary Anne greets Governor Patrick, who promises to “get it done” for Ernestina.



Mary Anne with Ernestina Commissioners, Gene Monteiro and Laura Pires-Hester, at the opening of the Cape Verdean exhibit at the New Bedford Whaling Museum in July 2011.

In 2010, we demonstrated, through our fundraising and public advocacy, that Ernestina truly has a depth and breadth of support. In 2011, we used our network and funds to show how SEMA is useful and important in the restoration and renewed life of the Ernestina. We purchased a new foremast and pushed for three new commissioners to be appointed to the Ernestina Commission, thus allowing the Commission to be fully operational once again. We've been working diligently to have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) approved by the state, so that we may have the ability to run programs and raise grant and public funds. With cooperation from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), we organized two volunteer days when dozens of people were able to do much needed hands-on work on the ship.

2012 holds much promise for those of us committed to restoring Ernestina – the DCR has begun the process of seeking a lessee for Ernestina through their Historic Curatorship Program. I believe that, with the right partner, a curator could be the path to a renewed life for Ernestina, one where her history and rich cultural heritage are honored and where she is able to ply the seas proudly once again.

Your support, hard work and dedication to Ernestina are the heart of SEMA, and I sincerely thank you for all you do.

Fair winds,

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

Mary Anne McQuillan
President, SEMA

Ernestina - 2011 Highlights

At the start of 2011, the **Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)** appointed **Ed Lambert**, former mayor of Fall River, as its Commissioner. He has been a supporter of Ernestina, and his leadership gives us great hope for her future.

In February, **Ernestina's 117th birthday was celebrated** at M&C Cafe in New Bedford. Cape Verdean Ambassador Fatima Veiga and Gunga Tavares from the Boston Consul's office presented donations in support of Ernestina, and Congressman Barney Frank, Dana Mohler-Faria, President of Bridgewater State University, DCR Commissioner Ed Lambert, Mayor Scott Lang, Senator Marc Pacheco, Representative Tony Cabral and Consul General Graca Fonseca from Portugal's New Bedford office all spoke in support of the ship. Barbara (Monteiro) Burgo organized the event, which raised \$4,000 for SEMA.



Candida Rose performs at Ernestina's 117th birthday celebration.



Ernestina gets some help from Tug Jaguar as she crosses New Bedford Harbor in June 2011.

On June 6, the Tug Jaguar took Ernestina alongside and the two vessels traveled in tandem across New Bedford Harbor to the **Fairhaven Shipyard, where she would remain for four months for assessment and repairs.**

While on the rails, the **DCR invested \$183,000 into necessary work** on the rigging, hull and estimates. The repairs addressed issues of leaking and Coast Guard-required maintenance. SEMA thanks the Commission and DCR for beginning to do the necessary maintenance to ensure her future survival.

Over the summer, **Master Shipwright Leon Poindexter conducted an assessment** of the repairs and cost necessary to bring Ernestina back to sailing shape, which would be put into a full report in 2012. The Massachusetts Historical Commission noted that "his familiarity with the vessel should insure that the methods and materials employed for this project are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Vessel Rehabilitation and the existing vessel fabric."

The inspection by Poindexter confirmed an earlier DCR report that stated, "Unfortunately during [inspection] a severe amount of rot was found at the top of the foremast. This rot extends approximately four feet down from the top of the mast and the early prognosis is that the mast will need to be completely replaced." With the funds from SEMA's generous supporters, **SEMA was able to purchase the foremast** (from a Pacific Northwest Douglas fir) in August. SEMA worked with Mystic Seaport, who also had a shipment for another vessel, to combine the shipments, thus greatly reducing the totally cost of the foremast.



Ernestina was on the rails in Fairhaven for assessment and repairs during summer 2011.



Some of the many Ernestina artifacts now in the UMass Dartmouth archives include portraits of Effie M. Morrissey and Ernestina Mendes Randall.

SEMA Directors, Julius Britto and Chris Davis; National Park Service Superintendent Jen Nersesian; (then-active) Ernestina Commissioners, Ken Foley and Steve Walsh; and Attorney MarDee Xifaras continued **work on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** during the summer and fall, which would need to be signed with the DCR in order for SEMA to run any programs or raise grant money. The MOA has been reviewed by the Attorney General and the process continues to move in the right direction.

In September, **the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth accepted valuable items from the Ernestina Commission archives**, including numerous photos, ship's logs, written and artistic materials from students who sailed Ernestina, and much more. The items were temporarily on display at the UMass Library

and then transferred to the Archives and Special Collections at the University, where they will be properly stored and cared for.

SEMA closed the year with a great show of support - Bob Hildreth offered a **\$10,000 matching donation** if SEMA could raise \$10,000 by the end of 2011 - we were able to raise \$17,000 (before the match) in one short month! Thank you!

2011 Events

SEMA participated in the following events in 2011:



Volunteers oil the spars at a work day in April.



August's AHA! night at Ernestina was a lot of fun with starfish painting and rope bracelet making.

March

Maine Boat Builders Show

April

First volunteer work day on "DCR Park Serve Day"

May

National Park Volunteer Day

Hello Cabo Verde Expo

July

Cape Verdean Independence and Recognition Parade in NB

Opening of Cape Verdean exhibit at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

Brockton Cape Verdean Festival

August

Onset Cape Verdean Festival

AHA! night with craft-making at Ernestina

September

Gloucester Maritime Heritage Day

Working Waterfront Festival

Thank you!

**We are so grateful
for the continued
support of
our members.**

**Second Century Club
Members**

Gifts of \$1,000 and above

Benjamin & Deborah Baker
Robert Bernert, Jr.
Patrick Carney
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Bob Hildreth
Laura Pires-Hester
Onset Cape Verdean
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Gifts of \$500 to \$999

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Gifts of \$250 to \$499

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Gifts of \$125 to \$249

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David Eatough
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Jonathan Howard
Clement Littleton
Ronald Locke
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Tony & Dorothy Morse
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My Small Boats
Neves Travel
Kristen & Reza Sarkarati
Sabrina Schlumberger
Chuck Smiler
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John Veale
Neal Weiss
Veronica & William Wilcox

Shipmate Members

Gifts of \$60 to \$124

Norman Baker
Ruthann & Steven Baker
Jim & Cindy Bean
Kathleen Billings
Ann & John Bocon
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Manuel Burgo
Melissa Burgo
John Callahan
Scott Cann
Erik Collasius
Gerald Conway
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Gabriel Darosa
Christine Dostal
Tom Dzioba
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Naomi Rappaport
Inette Rex
Frances Ricketson
Tracey Saltus Ritter
Michael Ruddy
Jane & Phil Shute
Gilbert Simpkins
Wendy Sinton
Alice & William Smith
Sally Spooner
Fred Sterner
Robert & Judith Sterns
Stephen Swift
Stephen Thompson
Marjorie Waite
June & David Wallace

Dorymate Members

Gifts under \$60

Robert Ackert
Edward Amado
Robert & Leona Andrade
Sandra Arnold
Hope Atkinson
Victor Balla
David Bellows
Martha & Gunnar Berg
Albert & Tracy Berwick
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Joel Teixeira
Susan Todd
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Beth Wolfson

** Gift given in memory of a loved one.*

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	Daniel Keith
Louise Anthony	Michelle Keith
Paul Anthony	Paul Kelly
Andrew Awad	Paul LaPointe
Willi Bank	Lynda Thomas LeGay
Alfred Barnaby	Lisa Lemieux
Denise Barnaby	Joe Lopes
Christopher J. Barros	Christian Lovaut
Naia Barros	Ariane J. Martin
Cindy Bean	Annie McDowell
Jim Bean	Mary Anne McQuillan
Paul Brawley	Gene Monteiro
Julius Britto	Rachel Mulroy
Nia Britto	James Pacheco
Sandra Britto	Joe Pacheco
Barbara (Monteiro) Burgo	Joe Pacheco, Jr.
Debbie Cardoza	Laura Pires-Hester
Marty Casey	Marlene Pollock
Don Collasius	Alison Robb
Katie DePrato	Christine Santos
Rich Drolet	Kristen Sarkarati
Tally Garfield	Chuck Smiler
Stephen Gaun	Fred Sterner
Norman Gomes	Steve Swift
Tom Grace	Matt Sydlowski
Teheene Hart	Vi Taylor
Victoria Hart	Gerald Vinci
Bob Hildreth	David Vitale-Wolff
Jeanette Hoyt	Christy White
Sam Hoyt	Polly Zajac
Christina Jones	Fred Zinger

Treasurer's Report

FY2011

Individual Contributions	\$37,024.00
Investment Income	\$151.00
Fundraising Income	\$7,347.00
Total Receipts	\$44,522.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$3,417.00
Administrative Expenses	\$5,626.00
Total Disbursements	\$9,043.00
Ending Net Income	\$35,484.00

Community Support

The support of the community and the following organizations has made an enormous difference in SEMA's development in 2011.

3rd Eye Open

Arthur Moniz Gallery

Baker Books

Brockton Fair

Cape Verdean News (CVN)

*Community Foundation of
Southeastern Massachusetts*

Coollywood

Global Learning Charter Public School

Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center

The Island Foundation

*Massachusetts Department of Conservation
and Recreation*

Mayor Scott Lang's Office

New Bedford Cable Access

*New Bedford Harbor
Sea Chantey Chorus*

*New Bedford Whaling
National Historical Park*

New Bedford Whaling Museum

The Ocean Explorium

Onset Cape Verdean Festival Association

Rose Alley Ale House

*Southeastern Environmental
Education Alliance (SEEAL)*

WBSM-AM

Working Waterfront Festival



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.

Photo by Fred Sterner

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