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Dear Friends,

When SEMA was formed in 2008, there were just a few of us tossing ideas around on how we could help save Ernestina. We were concerned about her future and thought – there must be something we can do! We believed that if private citizens could join with Ernestina’s government caretakers, many people would seize the opportunity to be involved in setting a new course for the ship, one that would see her restored and sailing again.

Well, here we are, six years later, and we all have much to be proud of. Through SEMA, thousands of people have been given a voice in advocating for restoration of this historic vessel. Since 2008, individuals have given millions of their own dollars to ensure this ship is properly restored to sailing condition. And because we had financial proof that many people care about Ernestina-Morrissey, in 2014, the Commonwealth pledged $2.5 million for her restoration. Then, Massachusetts Maritime Academy also pledged to be the future caretaker of the vessel, ensuring her sailing future for many, many years to come. Wow! Just, wow!

I’m sure that these amazing feats would never have happened if SEMA had remained just a few people tossing around ideas. They happened because of all of you – attending events, posting or sharing on Facebook, donating annually, calling your elected officials and writing to your local publications. You made it clear that Ernestina-Morrissey is worth saving.

Who are Ernestina-Morrissey’s supporters and why? I can tell you, because over the years volunteering with SEMA, many people have shared their experiences and thoughts with me. They are former students who sailed upon her two decades ago and had an experience out on the wide, blue ocean that changed their world view. They want the next generation to sail on the open sea too. They are lovers of maritime history, who want to preserve the last wooden Essex-built Grand Banks fishing schooner. They know that her history is like no other and it would be a tragedy for her to rot at the dock. They are Canadians who remember her as Bob Bartlett’s “little Morrissey” and who took great joy in seeing her heading out for adventure in the Arctic in the early part of the 20th century. They want to see her visit Canada again and to share her story with the next generation of seafarers. They are Cape Verdean-Americans, like me, who want to maintain this wonderful gift from the people of Cape Verde to the people of the United States of America and to preserve an important piece of our culture. We remember seeing her off the shores of Cape Verde and look forward to the day when she can make the transatlantic voyage again, greeted by young Cape Verdians who have only seen her in pictures.

Her history binds all of us together, and we can take pride and comfort in knowing our collective efforts have ensured a renewed life for Ernestina-Morrissey. I can’t wait to see what the next leg of her journey will bring and how many more lives will be touched by her.

With much gratitude,

Julius Britto
President
2013 and 2014 were pivotal years for Ernestina-Morrissey. In these years, it became clear that her full restoration was certain.

May 2013
A new mast was raised and ceremonial coins were placed before masts were stepped (pictured at right). The coins placed in the ship represent her diverse life. They include a 1945 Newfoundland five-cent piece representing the Captain Bob Bartlett Arctic exploration years; a Cape Verdean 50 Escudos piece and a 2013 “America the Beautiful” quarter recognizing Ernestina’s partnership with the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. The new mast was paid for by donations from SEMA supporters, with an additional 2-to-1 match for contractors and rigging provided by the Massachusetts DCR.

October 2013
Harold Burnham, a shipwright who supervised the 2008 rebuild of the ship’s forward section, was contracted by DCR to assess the work needed for a complete rehabilitation of Ernestina. The report represented an important step in ensuring a sailing future for Ernestina.

January 2014
In a report to the DCR and Schooner Ernestina Commission, Shipwright Harold Burnham estimates the total hull restoration at $5.9 million.

February 2014
Ernestina-Morrissey turns 120! We celebrated the oldest wooden Essex-built Grand Banks schooner’s birthday at the March AHA! night in New Bedford. In addition, Timothy Walker and Waltraud Coli held a joint lecture to mark the occasion at the Claire T. Carney Library Archives and Special Collections at UMass Dartmouth, home to the Ernestina-Morrissey archives.

December 2014
Through a vote of the Schooner Ernestina Commission, the ship’s name was officially changed from Ernestina to Ernestina-Morrissey, reflecting her full 120 year history. She was named Effie M. Morrissey from 1894 to 1948. She was then bought by Henrique Mendes and renamed Ernestina.

Massachusetts DCR announced $2.5 million in funding to restore the ship, alongside commitments from philanthropists Bob Hildreth and H.F. “Gerry” Lenfest for $2.8 million. The announcement was made at the New Bedford Whaling Museum to a packed room of Ernestina-Morrissey supporters (pictured at right). “We’re thrilled that Governor Patrick allocated the funds to set these repairs in motion,” said then-DCR Commissioner Jack Murray. “We look forward to seeing the Ernestina-Morrissey seaworthy and sailing from New Bedford Harbor once again."

At the same event, Admiral Richard Gurnon, then-President of Massachusetts Maritime Academy, voiced his support for the vessel’s re-birth “Massachusetts Maritime Academy is pleased and proud to be able to be part of the next chapter of the life and legacy of the famous Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey,”
TREASURER’S REPORT

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The purpose of the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc. is to raise 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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