

# SCHOONER ERNESTINA-MORRISSEY ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT







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Dear Friends,

2015 has been a remarkable year for *Ernestina-Morrissey*. In April of this year, she was towed to Boothbay Harbor Shipyard for a complete hull restoration. The Tug Jaguar pulled her carefully out of New Bedford Harbor, through Buzzards Bay, up the Cape Cod Canal and then continued northward until she reached her final destination in Boothbay Harbor. The trip took less than a day, but the journey we all have been on to see this day has been a longer one.



SEMA's journey began in 2008, when a few individuals had the idea of forming an organization to do fundraising for *Ernestina-Morrissey*. That was the spark that lit the fire - since then, we have witnessed extraordinary occurrences - thousands of people showing their support; millions of dollars raised; and large-scale institutions answering the call to support the ship. All of this support is what made her restoration possible. If not for you, she could have been forgotten and left as a dockside attraction forever.



Her restoration is due to be completed by 2019. After the restoration, Massachusetts Maritime Academy has said they will be her future caretaker. Cadets will train on the decks of a historic schooner. Programming outside of MMA in the summer months will ensure that we honor and share her cultural significance with many more generations of explorers.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for seeing that this ship means more than the sum of her parts. Thank you for honoring our collective histories that she embodies. Thank you for having the vision to see

what is possible in her restoration. Thank you for believing that we could make this happen, and for actually making it happen.

With much gratitude,

Julius Britto  
President



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS



*Ernestina-Morrissey arriving safely at the Boothbay Harbor Shipyard, with help from Tug Jaguar.*

The biggest highlight of 2015 was that the restoration on *Ernestina-Morrissey* began.

## April 2015

On a beautiful spring day -- Sunday, April 12th --- the moment *Ernestina-Morrissey* supporters had been waiting for was upon us --- she was towed from her berth in New Bedford Harbor, through the Cape Cod Canal and north through the Gulf of Maine to Boothbay Harbor Shipyard, where a total hull renovation is underway through 2019.

## June 2015

**AHA! Night** in New Bedford, themed "Latitude and Longitude" SEMA presented a program highlighting the many navigational points that *Ernestina-Morrissey* has visited around the globe.

## July 2015

### Cape Verdean Recognition Week - New Bedford

July 5th marked the 40th anniversary of the Cape Verdean independence. *Ernestina-Morrissey* was well represented in the festivities, including a featured speech by SEMA President Julius Britto on his experience in Cape Verde 40 years ago and on his introduction to *Ernestina* at that time.

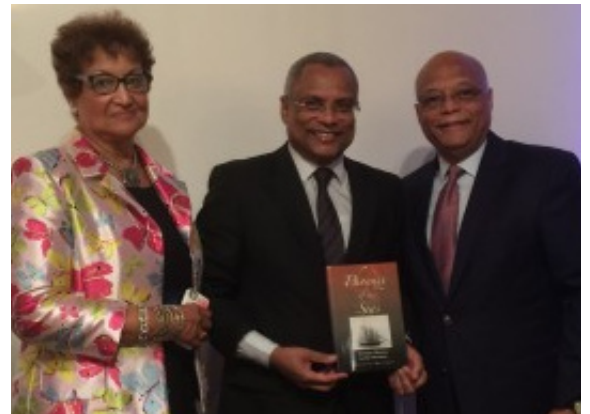
## August 2015

### "What's up with Ernestina-Morrissey?"

A community gathering offering recent updates about the schooner at the Cape Verdean Association Cultural Center in New Bedford.

## September 2015

SEMA was among forty organizations and individuals awarded a Distinctive Services Medal or Merit Medal by the Prime Minister of Cabo Verde, José Maria Pereira Neves. The presentation of medals was made at a "Gala Dinner & Cultural Evening" at the Venus de Milo restaurant in Swansea on September 26th. It was part of a five-month celebration that began in April of 2015 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Cape Verde's national independence.



*Commission Chair Laura Pires-Hester and SEMA President Julius Britto presented the Prime Minister with a copy of the new book "Phoenix of the Seas"*



*Work on Ernestina-Morrissey progresses daily.*

### Working Waterfront Festival & Gloucester Maritime Heritage Day of the Annual Schooner Festival

Volunteers shared pictures and information about the state's official vessel at both of these well-attended festivals.

# VOLUNTEERS

As an entirely volunteer-run organization, these generous people are the wind in SEMA's sails.  
Thank you to all those who gave of their time in 2015.

Paul & Louise Anthony  
David Arnold  
Bob Bailey  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

	FY2015
Individual Contributions	\$86,515.92
Investment Income	\$20.22
<u>Fundraising Income</u>	<u>\$2,117.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$88,653.14
Fundraising Expenses	\$29,614.59
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	<u>\$104,567.15*</u>
Total Disbursements	\$134,181.74
<u>Ending Net Income</u>	<u>\$(45,528.60)</u>

\* Includes \$100,000 disbursement to Ernestina Trust

## 2015 INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

# THANK YOU!

### Second Century Club Gifts of \$1,000+

Benjamin Baker  
Julius & Sandra Britto  
John Bullard  
David & Ann Kirk  
New Bedford Harbor Sea  
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*Ernestina-Morrissey is towed through the Cape Cod Canal on April 12, 2015, on her way to Boothbay Harbor for a total hull restoration.*



## **MISSION**

*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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