



THE AGE OF SAIL MARITIME ALLIANCE



A not-for-profit historical association formed to promote sailing, seamanship and the maritime arts.

TREASURY REPORT

As of this publication, the ASMA has in its treasury a sum of \$402.35. These funds reflect dues paid by the membership in 2008 and private donations. Membership dues are paid on a yearly basis starting June 30th.

501C3 TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The ASMA is currently a non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, however it does not yet have federal tax exempt status as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The application fee can be as high as \$500, and once this status is obtained the ASMA can operate as an organization with all the benefits of tax exempt status such as applying for grants to pay for educational programs and providing letters of receipt for donations that can be used for potential tax credits.

ASMA EVENTS in 2008

The ASMA sanctioned two events this past season. The first was the "Rabble in Arms" at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum the weekend of August 16-17. Four ASMA boats and elements of other ASMA boat crews were in attendance and helped man the "Philadelphia II" during public educational programs on both days.

The ASMA sponsored an award for "Best Overall Maritime Impression." The award, a rum-filled onion bottle, was given by the LCMM staff to the crew of the gunboat "General Arnold" for the authentic appearance of their camp, boat and crew.



The LCMM staff present the ASMA award to the crew of the "General Arnold" during the Rabble in Arms event.



Members of the ASMA crew the "Philadelphia II."

The second ASMA sanctioned event was the 1812 Grant Tactical held at St. Leonard, MD the weekend of September 20-21. The ASMA award for "Best Overall Maritime Impression" was given by the event staff to the crew of "Ship's Company" for their accurate portrayal of an American naval force.

The ASMA congratulates the crew of the "General Arnold" and the members of "Ship's Company" for a job well done!

In addition to the two ASMA sanctioned events, the ASMA was formally invited to participate in its first "Big 3" event with the Continental Line, the British Brigade and the Brigade of the American Revolution. "The Battle of the Hook" took place the weekend of October 18-19 at Gloucester Point, VA. One ASMA boat was able to attend and a number of ASMA members showed up to help crew the other vessels that were there. It was a very successful event that marked the beginning of a formal cooperative effort between the ASMA and its Rev War ground-force counterparts.

ASMA EVENTS in 2009

Now is the time to start considering what events you would like to see sanctioned by the ASMA for next year. Sanctioned events are those that have the support of the ASMA membership and warrant special consideration for attendance. One 2009 event will be chosen as the location for the ASMA annual meeting. Please login to the ASMA Yahoo Group and post your suggestions for next year's events and your recom-

mendations for where to hold the first ASMA annual meeting.

Events that have been suggested so far:

The 250th of the Siege of Fort Niagara, NY
July 3-4-5

The 250th Founding of the Dockyard in
Halifax, NS
July 18-19

The Battle of Plattsburgh, NY
September 11-12-13

The Burning of Kingston, NY
October 16-17-18

FUNDRAISING

The ASMA executive board has been discussing ways to generate revenue for the organization to help pay for the 501(c)3 application, event awards and educational programming. It was decided during the October board meeting that t-shirts were a logical first step, and a committee is going to be formed to work on the design and find a reasonable source for having the shirts made. Other ideas include ASMA bumper stickers and boat pennants. Anyone with fundraising ideas is asked to please post their ideas on the ASMA Yahoo Group.

MEMBER LAUNCHINGS

The “Dark and Stormy” was launched by Jamie Parillo on August 1, 2008 at Galway Lake in New York. The boat was built by Parillo to plans for the bank dory in John Gardner’s “Dory Book.” With a LOA of 20’ (16’ bottom length) and a beam of 5’6”, the boat is planked with pine over white oak frames and has a spruce bottom.

The boat was built with a dagger board, and Parillo is planning to make a sprit sail rig for the boat. He credits Scott Padeni, Ed Bethel and Dale Henry for their guidance in helping him build “Dark and Stormy.”



The crew of the “Dark and Stormy” at the launch, Galway Lake, NY.

In September of 2008 Damian Siekonic completed construction of a pair of full scale 3-pounder naval cannon. He used plans adapted from Muller’s 24-pounder garrison carriage shown in the “Treatise of Artillery” and built his carriages out of white oak. The barrels are 48” long and with the carriages weigh about 500 pounds each. The cannon are identical to a pair that Siekonic built in 2000, and have been fitted out with the tools, side tackle and train tackle needed for shipboard use.



Naval 3-pounders built by Damian Siekonic.

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