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HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM

The *Messenger Line* is the museum's periodic newsletter. A life-saving crew initiated a rescue involving a breeches buoy by firing a line-carrying projectile from shore to ship using a small, cannon-like gun. This first, light line, that was used to haul a series of ever-stouter lines to the wreck, was known as *the messenger line*.

The Messenger Line

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24th Annual Head of the Weir

Saturday, October 29

Race Start: 1:30 pm

Fee: \$20 per rower; spectators free

On Saturday, October 29, the Hull Lifesaving Museum will host its annual celebration of open-water rowing and the glory of autumn in Boston Harbor, the Head of the Weir. More intimate than our winter Snow Row, the Weir draws up to 60 boats who jockey for position racing out the winding, narrow estuary, past World's End, and into open water at Sunset Point, from West Corner (on the Hingham/ Hull/ Cohasset line), past Bumpkin Island, across Hull Bay, to HLM's Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut. A highly contested 5 1/2 miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult crews in gigs, single and double scullers, currachs, Alden ocean shells, and kayaks. In the Head of the River format, boats leave the starting line at closely-timed intervals, and times are collated at the finish to determine winners. It is an exceptionally exciting and demanding race and a great spectator event, featuring over 150 of the region's finest rowers from Boston Harbor, Plymouth, Martha's Vineyard, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York. Best views are from the George Washington Boulevard bridge on the Hingham-Hull line (5-to-15 minutes after the start), at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the boathouse finish line. Spectators should show care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

The race start is at 1:30 pm. Registration, required for all participants, is from 11:30-12:30 pm at the starting line, behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull Town Line on Route 228. The race put-in is one-mile up river, at Steamboat Wharf, in Hull, where ample parking for cars and trailers is available. Cars and trailers also may be left at the Boathouse finish line. No cars or trailers may be left at the public works building during the race. The race fee is \$20 per person. Race information is available on the museum's website, hulllifesavingmuseum.org. Registration forms are available on line as well, and must be brought to the registration table on the day of the event. Please do not mail registrations in advance.

With questions, please call Ed or Lory at 781-925-5433 or email us at info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org



First Thursday Lectures

The Charlestown Connection

Reading & Book Signing

with author Tom MacDonald

Thursday, November 3, 7 pm

Hull Lifesaving Museum

\$3 Members, \$5 Non-Members

Join author and South Shore resident Tom MacDonald for a reading of his new thriller, *The Charlestown Connection*.

“Dermot Sparhawk, a former All American Boston College football hero, is stacking cans in a parish food pantry in Boston’s Charlestown, when his godfather, Jeepster Hennessey, shows up with a knife in his back and dies at Dermot’s feet. Once slated for a professional football career, now a recovering alcoholic, with a torn-up knee, Dermot sets out to solve the murder...Dermot’s investigation has him tangling with members of the IRA, FBI, and the Boston mob. Feeling like he did at the height of his game, Dermot uses his Native American intuition and Irish good looks to help him uncover clues. Dermot stumbles upon bits and pieces of information that he cobbles together into an unlikely theory which leads him on an unexpected trail to a new mystery that could cost him his life.”

Tom MacDonald is the Director of Social Ministries at St. Mary’s-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Charlestown.

2nd Annual

Boston Harbor Youth Championships

Saturday, November 5

10 am – 2 pm, Free

Boston Harbor’s enthusiastic youth rowers will come together near the end of an intense fall rowing season to compete to be the best in the harbor! Athletes from all over Boston – from public schools, alternative schools, residential programs, and the South Shore Youth Rowing program converge on the wonderful Fort Point Channel watersheet to sprint around marks and under bridges in a day of high-energy, high-fun competition. Races take place out of HLM’s Boston Rowing Center, at the Barking Crab restaurant. Please come be part of this great, new tradition!

2010 Boston Harbor Youth Championships
Photo: Lory Nemmyer



Bathhouse Lectures

A Special Veteran’s Day Celebration

Thursday, November 10, 7 pm, Free

Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse, Hull

Join us in recognizing our veterans, past and present. Beginning with the American Revolution in 1775, and through the present day, military re-enactors, veterans, and current soldiers will depict more than 200 years of dedicated service to our country. We’ll learn about the challenges that faced our troops in the first days of independence, and those that our troops face today. What has changed and what remains constant? We also will collect items to send abroad to a unit serving in Afghanistan and Kuwait. Please email jessica.renehan@state.ma.us for a complete listing of recommended items.

23rd Annual Icebreaker: Northeast Regional

Youth Open Water Rowing Championships

Saturday, November 19

9 am - 4 pm

Windmill Point Boathouse, Hull

Come be inspired! Watch and cheer as the best youth open-water rowers in New England – from New York City, New Haven, New Bedford, Boston Harbor and the Massachusetts coast, Lake Champlain, and Maine’s North Haven and Vinalhaven – compete for the coveted “Key to the Harbor.” The day offers unequalled opportunities to see over 200 young people give everything they’ve got during non-stop, round-robin style racing, showcasing their superb athleticism and sportsmanship. Racers include tiny middle-schoolers, varsity-level seniors, and everything between. This event is by invitation only; pre-registration is required. Please call Lory at 781-925-5433 or email info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org with questions.



Pub Night!

with the Jolly Rogues

Friday, December 2, 7-10 pm

Raise a Pint to the Holidays with Celtic Tunes & Hearty Pub Fare!

\$25 members; \$30 non-members

What a wonderful way to welcome the holiday season! Please join us, and our favorite band of rogues, as we transform the museum into a festive neighborhood tavern, with traditional Celtic and American tunes and hearty pub fare. Don’t miss this delightful and relaxed evening of seasonal merriment. For tickets, visit the museum website, hulllifesavingmuseum.org. Please call 781-925-5433 or email info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org for additional information.

Boston Adult Rowing – A Program Evolves

Many know that HLM runs open-water rowing programs out of its two exceptional waterfront locations, in Hull and Boston. For over three decades, we have offered youth rowing in Boston (in a program we call Home Waters) year-round, to hundreds of kids throughout the city annually. Since 1985, when the museum expanded into the city, we have widened the view of thousands of young Bostonians, enabling them to see their city and themselves from new, multi-dimensional perspectives. As the program helps the city's young people appreciate their place as members of a larger community, we have witnessed those children deepen and better understand their connections to their families, friends, and teachers, as well as to the place they call home. Through long-term relationships with students, we have had the privilege of seeing their understanding, and those connections, mature and evolve. This has been especially rewarding to HLM, as several of our most exceptional seasonal and full-time staff have emerged from the ranks of our city and South Shore youth rowers.

While our Hull-based rowing programs have been offered to both youths and adults from the first, until this summer, the wealth of Boston offerings belonged solely to kids. This June, we opened a rowing club for adults at HLM's Boston Rowing Center on Fort Point Channel, moving us toward our important strategic goal of developing



a cadre of adult support in Boston that might mirror our superb South Shore family. Boston rowing takes place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays,

and has drawn about 50 adventurous souls onto the excellent waters of Boston's inner-Harbor so far. As with the youth programs, adult rowing explores the city waterfront, from the Navy Yard to the North End, the Mystic River to Castle Island, and everything in between. And, also like the youth programs, adult rowing explores the connections in our lives, from the micro to the macro. Just as the hand connects to the oar, the oar to the boat, and the boat to the water, we connect individual to individual, to the harbor, the built environment, to nature, and to our essential selves. If you're a leader, you learn how to follow; if you follow, you test the waters of leadership to lead. If you are fearful, you put your toe over the edge and... discover.

Boston Adult Rowing continued...

Rowing strengthens and exposes each of us and our relationships, ultimately strengthening the communities we choose or create. For years, some of our most dedicated volunteers and talented youth coaches have come out of our Hull adult rowing program; we look forward to seeing a similar passion evolve among our new Boston crewmates as they become more involved in the larger HLM community. Want a taste of the fun and adventure? Check out our website for program hours, or contact Rafael or Beth at 617-443-1900. Everyone is welcome!



Photo by Jillian Hurley
Youth & Adult Rowers "Drownproofing!"

Lighting the Night, the Town, & Our Hearts

The 2011 Illumination was spectacular. Glorious Maureen Gillis (HLM Board member, rower, and community organizer extraordinaire) once again lead the charge – this year to an even bigger, brighter success. We doubled the number of flares sold and lit (1,500), and raised a staggering \$20,000 toward the Point Allerton Station's Roof and Building Restoration fund! THANK YOU ALL for this smash success. Now is the time to mark your calendars for the 2012 Illumination: Saturday, July 28, Sunset.

Also, please continue to support the event by thanking the people and businesses that support this gift to the town of Hull. Our breathtaking leadership team: Theresa Albano, Henry Faaland, Moe Gillis, Rachel Hurley, and Corinne Leung. Our Lead Sponsor: Pyne Keohane Funeral Home. Other fabulous Sponsors: Beach Fire Restaurant and Bar, Bloomenthal and deBastos, LLP, Fruit Center Marketplace, Nantasket Eye Care Associates, Nantasket Survey Engineering, LLC, Sea Dog Brew Pub, and WBZ 1030 News Radio. In addition to the hundreds of volunteers who helped in myriad ways, those who also made the event possible include: The Town of Hull Fire, Police, Highway, and Harbormaster departments, our three Illumination Admirals, John Capellupo, Mark McDonnell, and Nowell Bloomenthal, and 32 fabulous neighborhood Captains.

Finally, thank you, Brian Tague, for taking such brilliant photographs (which can be seen on HLM's website), and for sharing them with us so generously. Shine on, great friends and wonderful town!



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Coast Guard Cutter to be named for Joshua James

Joshua James is one of the service's most celebrated lifesavers credited with saving 600 lives from the age of 15 when he first joined the Massachusetts Humane Society until his death at the age of 75 while on duty with the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Last week, the Coast Guard announced that the fifth of eight planned national security cutters would be built and named in honor of this service legend. "Our new national security cutters are being named after legends who define the 221-year legacy of our service," said Rear Adm. John Korn, assistant commandant for acquisition. "It seems only fitting for a cutter that will protect the lives of millions of Americans to bear the name James."

The 418-foot national security cutter is the newest addition to the Coast Guard fleet with an operational range of 12,000 nautical miles, a top speed of 28 knots and capable of extended 90-day patrols at sea.



SAVE THE DATE

Sea & Sky Art Show!

February 2012

This year, we are looking forward to a mid-winter break with a full juried art show celebrating the 15th anniversary of Sea & Sky, along with exciting hands-on workshops. Please help us celebrate New England summer - in mid-winter! For information, check our our website, www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org, or call 781-925-5433. We can hardly wait!

Museum & Program Hours

Open Year-Round: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,
10 am - 1 pm

November - June: Closed Weekends

July - October: Also Open Weekends, 10 am - 2 pm

Additional Hours and guided tours are available by appointment.

Program Hours:

Year-round; see our website for specific program hours.

HLM Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 5 pm

Friday: 9 am - 1 pm

HLM Closed (Furlough): December 17 - January 2, 2012.