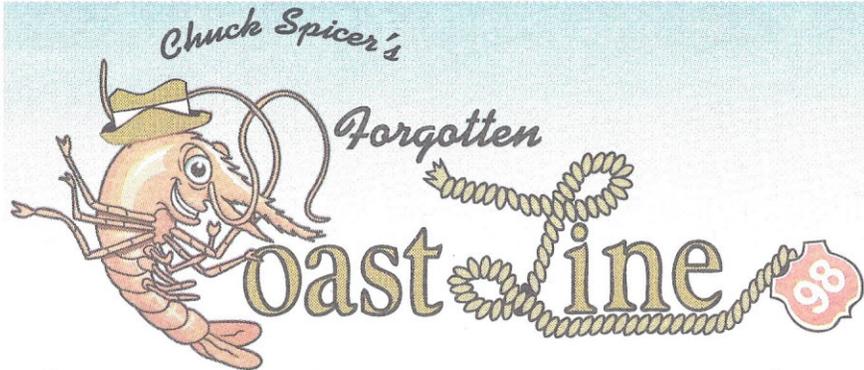


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AMM Mission Important to Preserving Maritime History



The Mission and History of the Apalachicola Maritime Museum
The Apalachicola Maritime Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization founded to celebrate and preserve the maritime history of Apalachicola in the form of a maritime museum, active sailing, boat building and restoration programs, educational programs and stewardship of ecosystems in the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint River System, the Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf Coastal regions which rely upon river outflows.

Originally founded in 1995 with the Governor Stone, the Apalachicola Maritime Museum quickly became an icon for maritime heri-

tage in Apalachicola. Maintenance and lack of adequate funding led to dissolution of the Apalachicola Maritime Museum in 2004 and departure of the Governor Stone. Our original goal was to bring the Stone back to Apalachicola. Unfortunately, she has found a new home to the west and we hope her new owners will take their role of stewardship of this fine old lady very seriously.

Realizing that the return of the Stone was no longer an option, a search was begun that took a dedicated crew of visionaries in search of an appropriate alternative. The search went from Miami to Maine and from Newport, California to the Abaco Island group of the Bahamas. After sailing and searching many wooden vessels, we found the Quark, a faithful replication of the L. Francis Herreschoff ketch design of the 1930s named Mobjack. The Quark was built in 2002 by

Steve White of the Brooklyn Boat Yard in Brooklyn, Maine. She is double planked with fir over cedar and fastened with custom forged Monel fasteners. Her decks and house are teak and she is one solid boat easily handling up to 20 passengers for a day sail.

The Apalachicola Maritime Museum has two locations. The first location has been open since late 2007 and is located at the end of the Apalachicola River in the city of Apalachicola. The second is at the start of the Apalachicola River in the city of Chattahoochee. There is a lot of planning and construction going on at each location which will span the next several years as we seek to make the Museum a world class attraction by which to spread the educational message of economic opportunity through environmental stewardship, working waterfront maintenance, heritage based skills and ecotour adventures



This is the route that the AMM paddlewheeler will take as it embarks to Apalachicola.

that broaden the mind, renew the spirit and tone the muscle. We encourage your feedback on our plans.

Apalachicola, Florida Location
103 Water Street, Apalachicola,

Florida 32320 - (850) 653-2500
Hours: Monday through Saturday,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This museum location is at the end of the Apalachicola River as it flows into Apalachicola

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Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The museum is directly across the parking lot from the Franklin County Courthouse and in the heart of the Apalachicola historical downtown district and working water front. The museum location can be easily identified by looking to the right as you head west across the high span of the US98 bridge.

Our educational programs focus on all aspects of maritime experience where the goal is to expand knowledge through experience. Excursions to pristine barrier islands, kayak rentals, estuary cruises, wooden boat building school, sail training... we have something for everyone. See below for information on boat tours. Click the Wooden Boat School link to the left for more information on classes.

On our cruises, we host school groups, families and the individual adventurer. Custom trips are available for large groups. See our current offerings below. For all trips, please plan to arrive 25-30 minutes prior to departure. Picnics are welcome aboard the boats. Email us or call 850-653-2500 for more information!

Wooden Boat School

The Wooden Boat School has a new captain at the helm, Ron Dierolf, who has come on board with a clear vision of the future. Individuals and small groups can now enroll to build a variety of small vessels including a canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, or passagemaker dinghy. To get involved, contact Ron at 850-653-2500 or via email at WoodenBoatSchool@AMMFL.org We'll be happy to discuss your goals and objectives, and to help you build the boat you have always wanted.

One of our ideal classes for beginners or families is the weekend canoe or "pirogue" project. The boat is simple and children 10 years and up can participate in the construction, but it is not a toy. This is a genuine canoe suitable for lakes, ponds and other protected waters. The project includes all the aspects of building a larger boat and will be a wonderful introduction to the art and science of boat building. Museum staff will guide the process but it will be your boat. Come on out and have fun and building a real boat.

The museum also offers classes on kit-boat building. Options include the Kaholo paddleboard and the Wood Duck kayak. Both are available in two or more lengths. The shop is evaluating other kits and boat designs plans are to offer several more options.

You can also read more about our Wooden Boat School in each edition of our newsletter, archived on the "News" page.

While all this is going on the masts and bright work on the Heritage, our flagship, are being varnished. If you stop by the museum you might catch Mike Anderson up the mast with a brush and can of varnish.

The introduction of a wooden boat building and maintenance program has been a subject of much discussion and planning at the Maritime Museum since the museum was re-founded in 2007. All of this preparation work is, at last, coming to fruition. We have researched numerous other museum and professional wooden boat building programs since 2007. From this ongoing research, we have, over the years assembled the key elements to launch this educational program expansion.