Mystic Seaport Museum: MJM Rendezvous
August 24-25, 2018

Hosted by Mystic Seaport Museum, Premier Sponsor: Gowrie Group

Dear MJM Owner,

We are looking forward to hosting a very special MJM Rendezvous on August 24-25, 2018. We hope you’ll join us!

Mystic Seaport Museum is the nation’s leading maritime museum with a 17-acre historic waterfront and an unrivaled collection of American maritime fine art, artifacts, and watercraft, including America’s oldest commercial vessel and sole remaining wooden whaleship, the Charles W. Morgan, launched in 1841. With the opening of the award-winning Thompson Exhibition Building, Mystic Seaport Museum also embarked on a new Era of Exhibitions. MJM Rendezvous attendees will be able to enjoy two major Era of Exhibitions presentations - The Vikings Begin, featuring rare Viking artifacts on-loan from Sweden’s Gustavianum, Uppsala University Museum and The Vinland Map Saga, on loan from Yale University’s Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

In partnership with MJM and with support from Gowrie Group, a premier corporate partner of Mystic Seaport Museum and the corporate sponsor for the MJM Rendezvous, participants in the MJM Rendezvous will receive admission to the Museum, lunch on Friday, and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Museum’s Collections Research Center where you will be able to explore some of the world’s finest collections of scrimshaw, nautical photography, maritime fine art and artifacts. In addition, attendees may join in a Friday evening cocktail party, along with a complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning.

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MJM Yachts: Stronger, lighter, faster. It’s not just the mantra of performance sailors, it’s the inspiration for the MJM brand. In 2002, MJM Yachts teamed up with yacht designer Doug Zurn to create its narrower (3.5:1 length-to-beam ratio,) modified deep-V hull. After a lengthy search for a builder, founder Bob Johnstone turned to someone immersed in the more sophisticated disciplines of making a boat go fast without an engine, Mark Lindsay and his yard, Boston BoatWorks. He had built World and Olympic Championship, as well as America’s Cup sailboats. There MJM was able to reap the benefits of wet pre-preg epoxy composite construction to become the leader in fuel-efficient, fast powerboats. Over 250 MJMs have been built to date, the most recent of which are the company’s innovative line of 35, 43 and 53-foot outboard express cruisers. The company continues to benefit from active family management with Bob Johnstone as president and son Peter as Director of Product Development. www.mjmyachts.com

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Background and FAQs. Boaters who have spent a night at the Mystic Seaport Museum docks know that the evening and morning hours at the Museum are magical. In the words of one: “To wake up at Mystic Seaport among the historic vessels and seaport village is to imagine yourself as the boy or girl you would have been 150 years ago.” With this in mind, we have launched a Mystic Seaport Affinity Program (MAP) and the MJM Rendezvous is part of this program.

Who will participate in the Rendezvous? The MJM Rendezvous is open to all MJM owners. While we expect that most attendees will come by water, we will also welcome MJM owners coming by car as general admission visitors to Mystic Seaport Museum.

What is the cost to participate? MJM boat owners coming by boat for Friday-only will pay a $75 registration fee. MJM owners staying overnight will register for dockage at our membership rate of $3.25 a foot per night. The fee will cover the cost of general admission for those aboard, lunch, the behind-the-scenes tours, the cocktail party, and complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning for those staying over Friday evening. MJM owners coming by land/car should register by emailing John Urban at john.urban@mysticseaport.org and purchase General Admission tickets at the gate.

When will the Rendezvous take place? Participating boaters should make their reservations via Dockwa (using the Member rate) or through the dock office - mentioning the MJM Rendezvous. The program aspects of the Rendezvous will commence at 12 noon on Friday, August 24, 2018. Attendees arriving by land early are free to experience the Museum throughout the day. Boaters should plan to arrive for a 10:40 AM – or at the latest 11:40 AM - Mystic River Highway Bridge opening. The formal program is as follows:

**Friday, August 24, 2018:**

11:45 AM: Welcome/Greeting  
12 Noon: Lunch  
1:15 PM: Behind the Scenes Collections Research Center Tours  
- Examination of Select, Rare Ship Logs & Ship Plans  
- Watercraft Hall Tour  
4:00 PM: Private Tour – *The Vikings Begin*  
6-8:30 PM: Cocktail Party – sponsored by MJM Yachts & East Coast Yacht Sales

**Saturday, August 25, 2018:**

8:30 AM: Complimentary breakfast  
9:00 AM: Private Tour – *The Vinland Map Saga*  
11:00 AM: Boat Parade

How do I register? To make your reservation online, please visit Dockwa (enter under Member rate for the $3.25 per foot rate) or contact Dock Master Greg Zabel at 860.572.5391 or docks@mysticseaport.org. To register for arrival by car, please email John Urban at john.urban@mysticseaport.org.

Special Thanks to our MJM Rendezvous event sponsors: