



## **New York Digital Maritime Heritage Floating Conference**

**Friday, January 25, 2019  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
The Waterfront Museum  
290 Conover St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11231  
(Red Hook)**



Thank you for your interest in attending the New York Digital Maritime Heritage Floating Conference. Here are all the details about this event, including the schedule, notes on getting to the event, and a partial list of attendees.

Through a National Park Service Maritime Heritage Grant, the Seamen's Church Institute will host this one-day workshop on digital maritime heritage on Friday, January 25th, 2019 at the Waterfront Museum, aboard the Lehigh Valley no. 79 lightering barge moored at 290 Conover St. in Red Hook, Brooklyn. The venue has limited capacity. Lunch will be provided.

Our goals for this conference are as follows

- Bring together people and organizations interested in preserving and providing access to New York's maritime heritage
- Learn about each others' collections, goals, and objects re: maritime heritage
- Focus on how basic technology and digital tools can help connect New Yorkers to maritime heritage online
- Share best practices, recommendations, and case scenarios from current/active digitization projects
- Discuss challenges and opportunities for shared resources, collaborations, and next steps

**Schedule** (all times approximate)

- 10:00-10:15 - Check-in & Coffee
- 10:15-11:00

**Opening Remarks and Introductions**

- Johnathan Thayer, Senior Archivist at the Seamen's Church Institute and Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Archival Studies, Queens College, CUNY
- David Sharps, President of The Waterfront Museum
- Rev. David Rider, President & Executive Director of The Seamen's Church Institute
- 11:00-11:30 - Presentation #1:  
**Memorializing Maritime Red Hook: PortSide New York's RedHookWaterStories.org**
  - David Levine, Peter Rothenberg, Carolina Salguero, PortSide New York
- 11:30-12:00 - Presentation #2:  
**Adapting Loan Contracts to the Internet**
  - Margaret Stocker, India House Foundation
- 12:00-12:30 - Presentation #3:  
**Maritime Archive Fever: The Sailors' Snug Harbor Archives and the Maritime and Naval Studies (MNST) program at SUNY Maritime College**
  - John Rocco, SUNY Maritime College
- 12:30-1:30 - Lunch
- 1:30-2:00 - Presentation #4:  
**The South Street Seaport Museum Inventory Handbook**
  - Martina Caruso, Michelle Kennedy & Shalan Webb, South Street Seaport Museum
- 2:00-2:30 - Presentation #5:  
**Project Management for Digitization of (Maritime) Cultural Materials**
  - Johnathan Thayer, Seamen's Church Institute and Queens College, CUNY
- 2:30-3:00 - Presentation #6:  
**Creating a Map-Based Digital Archive of New York**
  - Ben Smyth, Urban Archive
- 3:00-4:00  
**Conclusions and Next Steps**
  - Stefan D-W, Seamen's Church Institute
- 4:00 - Continue the conversation at Sunny's Bar

## **Basics**

This workshop will take place on the 105 year old Lehigh Valley #79 lighterage barge, which is floating next to a jetty accessible from the end of Conover St in Red Hook, Brooklyn. The barge is afloat, and there will be some slight movement from wakes and wind. Presentations will be made in a heated space with a window facing the Statue of Liberty. Please be conscious that there is a hot wood stove in the middle of the room.

The barge, which is red and has the words Lehigh Valley painted on its side in white, will remain moored at the jetty for the entirety of the workshop. There is a rustic toilet aboard the barge. The restroom sink has running water. A portable toilet will be available outside in the parking lot. There is no smoking aboard the barge, on the jetty, or in the adjoining park.

## **Transportation**

To reach the barge, attendees will cross a parking lot on the west side of Conover St., across from Sunny's Bar and the Fairway supermarket. Parking will be available to conference attendees in this lot.

**Car:** The Waterfront Museum is easily accessible by car from the Gowanus Expressway and the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.

**Bus:** The closest B61 stop is at Beard and Van Brunt. The route starts on Smith St. near the Jay St./Metrotech stop on the A/C, F and R, runs down Columbia near the Atlantic Ave. NYC Ferry stop. From the other direction, it starts in Park Slope, passing the F/G and R stop at 4th and 9th St and the F/G stop at Smith and 9th St. The B57 runs from Maspeth through downtown Brooklyn and stops a few blocks from The Waterfront Museum at IKEA.

**Subway:** The closest subway stop is at Smith/9th St., for transfer to the B61 bus or a 25 minute walk to The Waterfront Museum.

**Ferry:** The NYC Ferry stops at Atlantic Basin, Red Hook, a half mile walk down the length of Conover Street. Water Taxi ferries return to Wall St. Pier 11 from IKEA from 2:20 pm - 7:35 pm.

**Bike:** CitiBike stations are 3 blocks away from The Waterfront Museum on Conover and on Van Brunt Streets. Bike racks are available in the park adjoining the jetty.

**Hand Powered Vessel:** There is an official NYC Parks kayak launch/land site at Valentino Pier, a few hundred yards away.

## **Lunch**

We will offer coffee throughout the event and a selection of sandwiches and drinks during the lunch break.

Following the workshop we will head across the street to Sunny's bar. We hope all participants will feel free to join us and continue the conversations there.

## **Attendees**

Representatives of the following organizations are among those attending this event. Please note that this event is at capacity.

Baylander  
Fireboat John J. Harvey  
Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy  
Lilac Preservation Project  
National Lighthouse Museum  
Noble Maritime Collection  
NYC Economic Development Corporation  
Portside New York  
Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Studies  
Queens College History Department  
Queens College Rosenthal Library  
Seamen's Church Institute  
Snug Harbor  
South Street Seaport Museum  
SS Columbia  
SUNY Maritime  
Urban Archive  
Waterfront Museum

## **Troubleshooting**

Please address any questions or concerns about this event to

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This includes directions to the event on the day of and difficulty accessing the parking lot or the barge. Please note that the gangway gate may be locked during the event.





