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# Maritime & Yachting Museum Newsletter SEPTEMBER , 2005



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Newest Docent, Bea Radliff "swabs the decks" on Dick Berger's Watch!

## MODELING IS FOR GUYS AND GALS

The Museum recently acquired a fine set of nine hand-made ship models. The donor and builder is David Campana. Many thanks, Mr. Campana! Some of the Museum's models will be displayed in a **maritime display at the Elliott Museum in November**. This is the result of a special collaboration between our Museums.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**November 4, 2005**

**A special event at the Elliott**  
Bring your membership card.

**Captain Russell Bartell**, naval architect, marine engineer and circumnavigator, has agreed to give a talk for the Maritime & Yachting Museum about his trip around the world on "Victory", the boat he built. The talk will be held at the Elliott Museum on November 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., and will be free to members of the Elliott Museum or the Maritime & Yachting Museum. Bring your membership card. Others will be charged \$6.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am always pleased to see new programs, members and volunteers. This means that our organization is gaining and growing. Please bring your membership up-to-date. It is very easy to lapse; we want you with us! Join again and bring us your friends and neighbors too!!

Volunteers are sought for regular work sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and work all day or for a few hours, as your schedule allows. Work parties can clean our classic boats; helpers are needed to categorize our collections; writers are sought to write stories about the boating families who have given treasures to the museum. There are many jobs that need doing. Come for some work, refreshment and socializing.

## Board Notes

At the June Board meeting President Bill Lersch appointed a special Advisory Committee to prepare a strategic plan for the present and future years. Bob Bush is Committee Chairperson; other members of the Committee include Karlin Daniel, Gregg Burdick, Steven Shaw, and Mary Lersch.

In September the Board gave consideration to a reasonable offer to purchase our property. In summary, the Board thought that consideration of any offer should be secondary to our completion of our Strategic Plan for the museum. The process of undertaking such a plan will tell us which choices are best for MYM. In addition to exploring the potential of our own property, there may be interesting possibilities of collaboration with other museums and / or Martin County in other locations where we could build or renovate a building for our future. All-in-all a lot to think about.

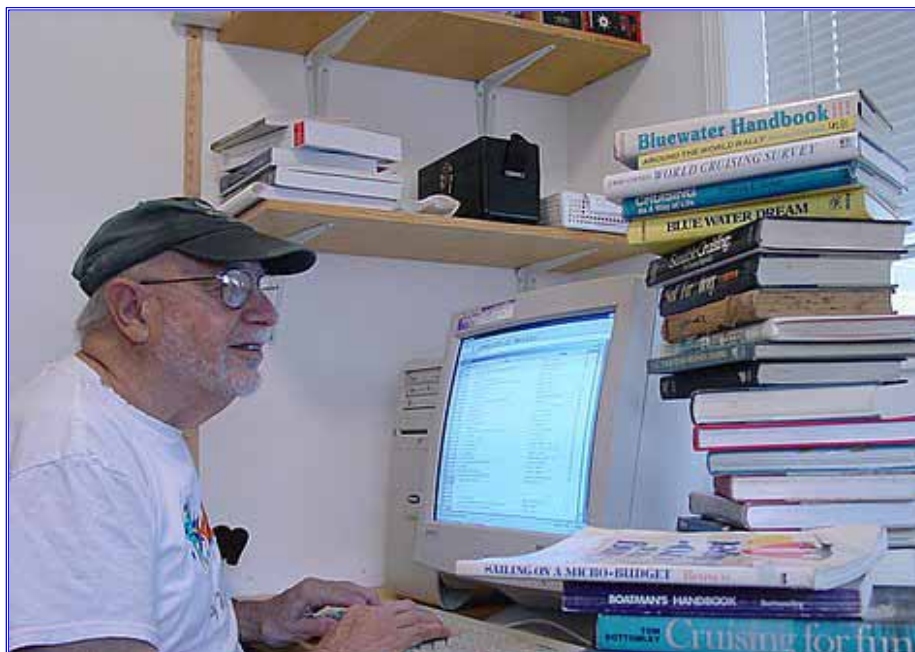
## WANTED!!

**Public Relations /Events Planner**  
(Keep our organization in the public eye)  
**Substitute Docent Needed**

**Donate your Riding Lawn Mower** (We need it to move our boats)



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### Jack the Librarian Catalogues a Mountain of Books

As I sit here at my keyboard, nearing the end of August, I am reminded that summer is coming to an end. Well maybe for our members who spend the summer up north. But for us die hard's who choose to stay and enjoy the fine Florida boating, fishing and sunshine down here all year, it just gets cooler, not a lot colder. During the summer, we do not have to put up with the crowded roadways and restaurants, not to mention the wall-to-wall boat ramps and sea ways of the season. We also can relax and sit in our air conditioned homes and watch the weather reports on TV from up north, with their 100 and over degree temperatures while we bask in our 80s to low 90's down here. And of course, don't forget our 90 degree ocean temperature for swimming.

All kidding aside, we will be glad to welcome back the snow birds, as well as our stay-at-home friends and members who just leave us for a while to go see the kids up north. But we haven't been idle here all summer. We inherited Bill Milligan's extensive marine library of books and magazines. I have just finished cataloging and accessing the donated book collection of 15 boxes which totaled over 454 books. I am indebted to Dick Frawley who is a big help to me, as well as a couple of other volunteers who did the heavy box moving. That took care of much of the summer for me, being at the library a couple of days a week.

Bill's books cover all phases of the marine environment including over 50 books alone on model building. Some of the many books were duplicates of books we had in the library, so we plan on having a book sale in the future, with members having first choice of these outstanding books. We hope to incorporate the book sale with some kind of activity or social. Any ideas out there on what you all would like? As our library is already filled to capacity, I had to re-box most of the books, but I catalogued them by marked boxes so we can easily find any given book.

Now for the magazines: They are going to take a while as I have to check each issue so we can fill in the gaps of our present collection. (Which hasn't been fully cataloged. However, I did start). Bill had subscribed to many different marine magazines and I think he kept every one. I know that many were on model building. I hope to have a better handle on the magazines by the next newsletter. Many hands make short work, so please come down and volunteer to help me. I need help to organize the book shelves, as well as help on cataloging all these boxes of magazines, so we can finally get a handle on just what we own. I did get 1 box of "Nautical Quarterly", from it's first premier issue. Besides, you get to see and enjoy some of these old books and magazines before they make it to the shelves. If you can volunteer in the library, please call me at 283-2978, or Email me at: [jhandre561@peoplepc.com](mailto:jhandre561@peoplepc.com)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EVENRUDES TOUR THE MUSEUM

The Evenrude outboard room was visited by the Evenrude family who seemed very pleased that their collection of outboard motors was a prominent and treasured part of our display.

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### TEAM ROW SCHEDULE DISRUPTED BY DANGEROUS WATERWAYS

Although the young rowers of the Treasure Coast are eager to get back on the water, **Team Row has had to suspend its activities for the Season.** A search for a coach and manager was a priority until the condition of the waterway took that priority away. Currently, regrettably, we have suspended our search for a new coach/manager and suspended our program indefinitely. We hope, one day, to resume our activities and to offer this popular and much needed program to the young people of the Treasure Coast, once again when the waters are safe.

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### Tony Dattalo, 83, Was Jovial Volunteer!

Anthony “Tony” Dattalo, an advocate for volunteer work known for his boisterous jokes and laughter, died last June while visiting his son in Ohio.

Tony worked as a docent every Sunday for MYM. He volunteered for many organizations including ours.

A U. S. Merchant Marine veteran who served in World War II, Tony worked for the Great Central Insurance Co. in Columbus, Ohio before he retired in Jensen Beach. Tony spread his special brand of warmth and good cheer to young and old alike, telling jokes and offering encouragement to hundreds of people who treasured his friendship. He will be missed!

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Your opinions matter. If you have a suggestion, a criticism or applause, please send to me at the Museum at [mym34994@adelphia.net](mailto:mym34994@adelphia.net) or to our mailing address on page 1. Thanks, Bill Lersch.

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