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THE SEA IS CALLING

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Captain Michael Kellick - Photo Credit L. Lauren Kelly

Wind in her sails,

Lady Washington moves across smooth seas with an air of quiet anticipation as passengers intently scan the waves. They've put the singing of shanties and telling of tales on hold for a new goal.



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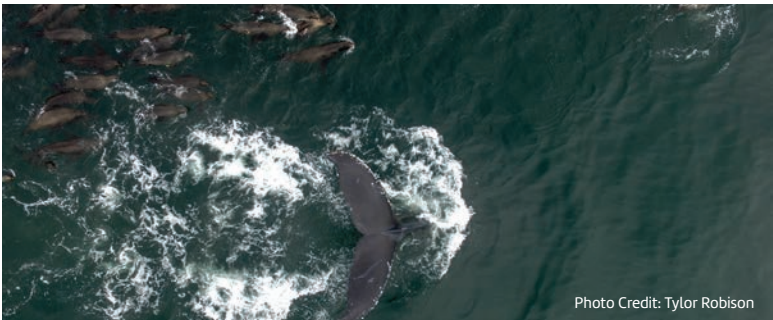


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"Look! There!" comes the excited cry, "A whale tail!"

It was an awe-inspiring season for watching sea life during Lady Washington's November 2016 stay in Moss Landing, California. Large schools of fish attracted California sea lions and gray whales, giving passengers a chance to experience the thrill of sharing the coastal waters with some of nature's most graceful marine animals. Is there any better way to feel our place in both natural and maritime history than sighting sea life from the deck of a wind-powered tall ship? Our crew would say "No way!". It's an experience that you simply cannot find elsewhere. Your generous donations help to keep this experience alive.

Thanks in part to your generosity, look at the incredible marine life our passengers experience. And now you can see it too!

2016 Gratitude Report

Friends, in 2016 your support was instrumental to Lady and Chieftain's success. You took 7,169 people sailing, allowed 54,878 people to step aboard a tall ship for the first time, and brought 8,260 schoolchildren on the educational adventure of a lifetime. For most of the kids you sent sailing, this was their first time on the water.

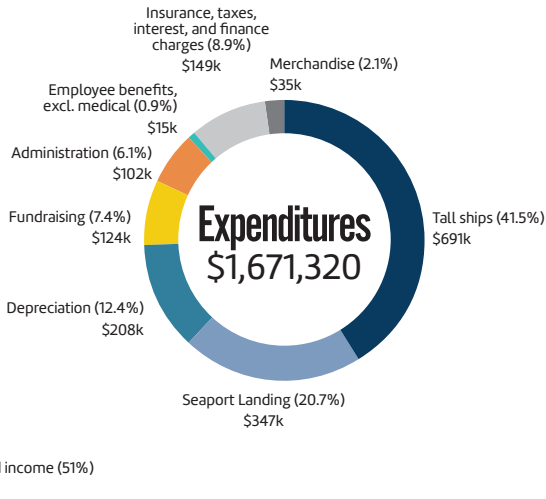
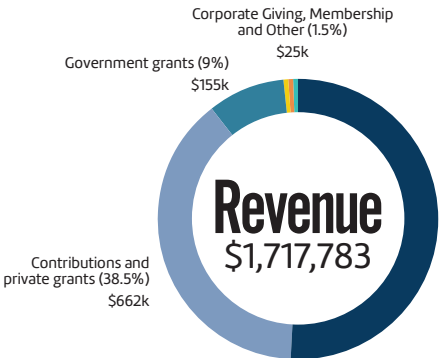
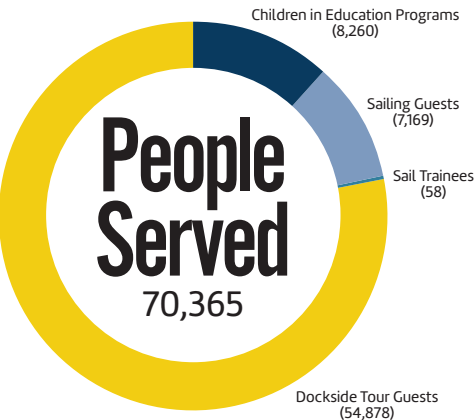
Grays Harbor Historical Seaport is committed to constantly advancing our transparency, and sharing our financials with the public. In 2016, we spent \$23 for each person served with public

sailing, kid's education programs, and sail training for young people. For every \$1 you donated, we leveraged \$4 in government and private grant dollars.

You donated \$43,968.16 to buy new spars for Lady Washington, and closed our year-end funding gap, generously giving \$66,009.00 to keep this organization afloat. When we call Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain "your" ships, we really mean it. These majestic vessels cannot sail without you! Thank you for your remarkable generosity in 2016.



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Sail Trainees Give Hawaiian Chieftain Two Thumbs Up

Lauren Korth and Brian Snyder are two of the most recent graduates of Two Weeks Before the Mast, a program made possible by you—our donors. Though fairly new to tall ships, both brought a wealth of experience when they arrived aboard.

Brian, 64 and retired, has spent years volunteering in elementary schools and Oregon State Parks. He first saw the Chieftain and Lady Washington when they visited Vancouver, Washington and knew he wanted to join the crew. His chance came this past September!

Here is an excerpt from Brian's log of his journey:

"Since my childhood vacations in Maine I've had a romantic attachment to sailing vessels large and small—to the way that they work mechanically, as well as to their sheer beauty and rightness—that is, they just seem right to me, unlike power boats. But for years I



Lauren Korth and Brian Snyder with the Hawaiian Chieftain

have wanted to temper this view with a dose of reality. That is why, at the grand age of 64, I committed to two weeks as a deckhand aboard Hawaiian Chieftain. The crew are 'deckhands' for the most part, with the emphasis on 'hands'. 'All hands on deck!' 'Hands to set the mains'!! 'Hands to douse the upper tops'!!"

Lauren, 22, is a recent graduate of U.C. Santa Cruz with a degree in Environmental Studies. During her time in school, she fell in love with life on a sailing vessel while participating in a Sea Semester abroad. She jumped at the chance to become a sail trainee on Hawaiian Chieftain.

When asked about her favorite part of being a deckhand, she said "learning

the lines, and being a small part of getting this magnificent vessel sailing... without any engine power."

And how did Brian and Lauren find life aboard? When asked if they would return, both were certain they will.

Brian shared, "I have dreamed about being on Chieftain every night since I came home. For the first couple of nights I would wake in the darkness, thinking that I was either on the quarter deck or in the aft cabin, and wondering why the floor didn't slope -- and why it had carpeting! Besides, I hadn't yet felt competent on board; it was a job left unfinished... I'll go back."

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport is thankful to you, our donors, whose support makes the Two Weeks Before the Mast program possible.



Director's Note

Thank you for all of your support in 2016!! Thanks to you, the Lady Washington was able to get her new spars, a beautiful paint job, and some other needed maintenance at her biannual haul out. You also donated enough scholarship money to **send an additional 285 kids sailing** this school year!

Without you, our dedicated supporters, these things wouldn't happen. It is thanks to you that we continue to sail up and down the West Coast, allowing our youth to experience history first hand.

In 2017, I am working on bringing you new adventures including themed sails and a new membership program

that I am very excited about. I hope to increase the number of kids that we reach by 10%. I will continue to work hard at preserving Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington in peak condition, so they can continue to sail.

Thank you for all that you do! I look forward to seeing you on the ships this upcoming year. The Chieftain and the Lady would like to show off the work that you helped to make happen. So step aboard, and let us take you away on a new adventure.

Sailing forward because of you,

Brandi



WHERE ARE THE SHIPS?

Come and see us! Here are the Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington's upcoming ports:

Oakland, California
Feb. 18–Mar. 16

Redwood City, California
March 16–29

Oakland, California
March 29 – April 18

Bay Area TBA
April 19–May 1

Crescent City, California
May 10 – 19

Newport, Oregon
May 18 – 28

Coos Bay, Oregon
May 24 – June 5

All dates are subject to change without notice. Check our website for the most up-to-date schedule.

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Don't Leave Us Hanging Off the Bowsprit Without a Harness!

Photo Credit: Jennifer Long

Visiting over 22 ports a year, Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain are hard-working ships with hard-working crews. Adult passengers and children alike are often surprised when our costumed crew members, sometimes thought to be actors rather than sailors, begin swiftly climbing the rigging to unfurl sails high above the water. Our crewmembers take on many different roles in their daily work, from history educator to skilled sail handler. Their clothing and safety equipment work hard to see them through all of those roles. From time to time, our historical costumes (which we call 'funnies') and safety harnesses need to be replaced.

The ships require some attention, too! One of Lady Washington's most important accessories, her ramp, is

in need of an update. In 2016 alone, over 70,000 people walked our tall ships' decks. In order to keep those people and more safely enjoying the ships, it's time to put a new ramp under their feet.

The 'Equip and Repair' campaign is your opportunity to furnish our ships and sailors with what they need to keep smoothly switching gears and providing the quality experiences our ships' visitors have come to love! Our goal is to raise \$18,000 to purchase a new custom ramp for Lady Washington, 20 new sets of safety harnesses, and all new funnies.



See your chance to equip the ships inside!

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