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Grays Harbor Historical Seaport

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Lady Washington - Photo by Bob Harbison



Hawaiian Chieftain - Photo by Bob Harbison

About Grays Harbor Historical Seaport

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority is a municipal non-profit corporation 501 (c)(3), (Public Development Authority) created by the City of Aberdeen in October 1986 for the purpose of: Undertaking, assisting with, or otherwise providing for the development, operation, and maintenance of a first-class development devoted to maritime heritage, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Operation of a maritime museum, with related theater, archival research and educational activities
- Construction, maintenance and operation of historical exhibits, including construction and operation of replicas of historical vessels
- Promotion of the maritime heritage of Grays Harbor County
- Acquisition, display, interpretation and maintenance of boat and nautical artifacts for Authority purposes
- Operation of a gift shop in relation to museum activities
- Operation of a restaurant, or other food, beverage, and banquet service facilities to enhance the attractiveness of the Historical Seaport to visitors and increase the visibility of the Seaport to the public
- Any other uses reasonably or necessarily related to the operation of a Historical Seaport

The current mission of Grays Harbor Historical Seaport is: To provide educational, vocational, recreational and ambassadorial activities and experiences that promote and preserve the maritime history of Grays Harbor, the Pacific Northwest and our nation while serving the needs of our community.

GHHS is governed by up to 12 Board of Directors who are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Aberdeen. GHHS has both standing and ad-hoc committees as well as an Advisory Council to assist with planning, special projects and networking.

GHHS currently employs approximately 24 people who strive to carry out the organization mission to the best of their ability while:

- Adhering to the highest standards of honesty and ethical behavior toward consumers, employees, suppliers, and the community;
- Identifying and understanding the unique needs of each customer, always making an effort to meet or exceed the expectations of our customers and our partners;
- Maintaining our ships, our facilities and equipment to a high standard to ensure a safe environment for our staff and the people we serve;
- Providing each employee with the training and support they need to serve the organization mission, to grow both professionally and personally.



Hawaiian Chieftain Crew - Photo by Rick Horn



Lady Washington Crew - Photo by Rick Horn

Organizational History

The original vision for GHHS was to create the “Mystic Seaport of the West” on leased property at the confluence of the Chehalis and Wishkah Rivers. GHHS’s first major project was the construction of the Lady Washington. This was followed by the construction of two ship’s longboats, the acquisition, environmental clean-up and redevelopment of the Seaport Learning Center in Junction City in 2000. The Spar Shop was built in 2003 and in the fall 2005, after leasing and a major renovation of the Bill of Rights, GHHS purchased and restored Hawaiian Chieftain.

Today, GHHS is a dynamic organization whose clients include major corporations, film companies, small businesses, non-profit organizations, members of the general public, schools, and home school groups. Each year GHHS ships provide quality, hands-on education programs to thousands of children in dozens of communities from San Diego to British Columbia, Canada. GHHS has an unrelenting commitment to excellence and the fair and equitable treatment of its employees, volunteers, members, supporters and the people we serve.

Seaport Landing

In 2013, the Historical Seaport acquired approximately 30 acres of waterfront property in Aberdeen, Washington. The redevelopment of Seaport Landing will create a vibrant, mixed-use, working waterfront that will embrace and reflect the rich history and character of Grays Harbor. Seaport Landing will reflect the original vision which the Seaport was chartered under in 1986. Seaport Landing will serve as the homeport for Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington. The development will include dynamic education opportunities, tourism attractions, public waterfront access, and maritime-related businesses.



Seaport Landing renderings – courtesy of Grays Harbor Historical Seaport

Vessels

LADY WASHINGTON. Launched on March 7, 1989 in Aberdeen, Washington. Built by Grays Harbor Historical Seaport. A full-scale replica of the original Lady Washington, the first American vessel to make landfall on the West Coast of North America, Hong Kong, Japan, and Honolulu. King Kamehameha was a partner in the ship.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length on deck: 67 feet
Overall length: 112 feet
Type: Brig
Draft (Depth): 11 feet
Beam (Width): 22 feet
Mast height: 89 feet
Gross tonnage: 99 tons
Total sail area: 4,442 sq. feet
Rigging: Approx. 6 miles
Crew compliment: 12
Passenger capacity: 45



Lady Washington - Photo by Rick Horn

HAWAIIAN CHIEFTAIN. Launched July 7, 1988 in Lahaina, Oahu, Hawaii. Commissioned by Laurence H. "Baron" Dorcy, Jr., and constructed by Drake Thomas, owner of Lahaina Welding Co. Design based on 19th century packet ships used to ferry cargo in small ports because of their shallow draft. Sold in 1994 to Wolverine Motorworks of Fall River, MA, and renamed Spirit of Larinda. Purchased by GHHS in October 2005.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length on deck: 65 feet
Overall length: 103 feet
Type: Gaff-rigged Topsail Ketch
Draft (Depth): 5.5 feet
Beam (Width): 22 feet
Mast height: 75 feet
Total sail area: 4,200 sq. feet
Crew compliment: 12
Passenger capacity: 43



Hawaiin Chieftain - Photo by Rick Horn

Our Programs

Voyage of Explorers

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport's signature educational field trip. A hands on exploration into maritime heritage aboard Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington. Designed to align with the classroom curriculum standards of grades 4, 5, and 6 in WA, OR, and CA. Offered Tuesday – Friday in every port the tall ships visit. Over 9000 students participate annually. 1 hour non-sailing dockside programs, and 2 or 3 hour sailing programs are available. Title I Public Schools are eligible for scholarships with successful application.

The Seafarer Collective

A professional maritime workforce training program offered to live-aboard cadets on the tall ships. Provides sea time, technical training, mentorship, and field-wide networking for young adults hoping to pursue careers in professional maritime industries. Those aged 18 – 29 are eligible to apply, scholarships available to select applicants from underrepresented demographics in the maritime field.

Two Weeks Before the Mast

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport's beloved volunteer sailing program, offered continuously on both vessels. Anyone over age 16 in good physical health is eligible to purchase a berth onboard one of the tall ships, living and working as a member of the crew for two weeks. All meals included. Successful two week trainees can reapply to become long term volunteers of the tall ships and crew continuously for months-long terms.

Public Sails

The Historical Seaport offers exciting opportunities for the public to interact with the tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain:

Dockside Tours: Self directed explorations of the tall ships at the dock (\$5 suggested donation)

Adventure Sails: 2 or 3 hour sails aboard one tall ship in local waters (\$42 - \$49)

Evening Sails: 2 or 3 hour sunset sails aboard one tall ship in local waters (\$42 - \$49)

Battle Sails: 3 hour cannon battles between both boats while sailing (\$42 – \$79)

Special Event Sails: Specialty sails offered periodically in collaboration with local businesses and groups (\$Varies)

Passages

The tall ships are available to offer guest transportation on select transits between ports. With advanced booking, members of the public can book a passage and travel by tall ship, departing from one port and disembarking in another. Passage length can vary from 6 hours to 4 days. Price varies by transit, meals and bunk included.



Voyage of Explorers - Photo by Cooper Carras



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Private Charters and Film

The tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain are available for private charter for up to 45 or 43 passengers, respectively. Interested parties are able to reserve the use of one or both of our tall ships by the hour or by the day for a variety of events:

Dockside Charter - An event aboard one stationary tall ship at the dock
\$450.00 per hour**

Sailing Charter - A sailing excursion aboard one tall ship in local waters.
\$750.00 per hour**, three hour minimum.

Battle Charter - A sailing excursion and cannon battle between both tall ships in local waters.
\$900.00 per hour** per boat, three hour minimum.

All Day Charters - A 12 hour reservation of one tall ship. Available for daily transit between ports, sailing and dockside events, festivals, etc.
\$5000.00**

**Additional fees may apply given the nature of each event

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport's tall ships are also available for Film and Television productions. All Film Charters are for a full day, and can involve transport to shooting locations. Baseline pricing begins at \$6500.00 per boat, per day.

Film credits include *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*, *Star Trek: Generations*, ABC's *Once Upon a Time*, *Black Beard*, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' video "Can't Hold Us", and more.



Private Concert Charter - Photo by Grays Harbor Historical Seaport

FAQs

Q - Are your programs about pirates?

A – No. Our programs focus exclusively on our primary interpretive theme, 18th century Pacific maritime history and trade. Our sailors are not historical reenactors. While we present certain programs in costume as an example of period attire, our crew's primary skill set is in facilitating learning experiences for guests using the actual techniques of mariners past and present.

Q – Who are your crew members?

A – The crew of both ships is 85% long term volunteers and trainees and 15% paid officers. The ages range from 16 to well into senior years, and our sailors come from all over the world. Each tall ships typically carries between 10 – 14 crew.

Q – Are the boats safe?

A – Yes. Our ships are inspected often and rigorously in accordance with US Coast Guard standards. If the ship was not fit to sail, we wouldn't sail it. Furthermore, our crew is well trained in the most accepted emergency response techniques. There will always be enough life vests for guests and you will receive a safety orientation upon arrival. Weather is always a factor, but our ships are equipped with engines, radios, and signals in the extremely unlikely event of an emergency.

Q – What should passengers wear?

A – We advise our guests that temperatures on the water are usually colder than expected. Ticketed guests should dress in layers and keep a rain jacket handy. Boots or sturdy shoes are best, and high heels and bare feet are not allowed. Sunglasses and a hat are important to bring, along with sunscreen and a water bottle.

Q – Are there ever weather cancellations?

A – Rarely. We plan our sailing schedule specifically to accommodate fair winds and skies, but at times we may need to cancel a planned sail due to foul weather. We may suspend tarps to create a canopy and allow programs to continue as scheduled, but all guests should prepare for wet weather. In the event of a canceled sail, guests will be refunded the full cost of your trip or given the option to reschedule on a different day.

Q – Will I get seasick?

A – Depends. The vast majority of our guests do not get seasick during our sails, however guests who you are prone to motion sickness should prepare with whatever seasickness aid they and their doctor feels is best. In the event someone becomes ill, we will take care of it quickly and discretely, and without judgement.



Battle Sail - Photo by Bob Harbison



Volunteer Crew - Photo by Grays Harbor Historical Seaport

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Style Guide

Please adhere to the following style guidelines when writing about Grays Harbor Historical Seaport:

ACCEPTABLE LOGOS



NAMES

- **Grays Harbor Historical Seaport** – use in first reference
- **Historical Seaport** – useable in references after full name reference
- **GHHS** – useable in references after full name reference
- **Lady Washington** – use only as written. Abbreviations or definite article “the” is unacceptable
- **Hawaiian Chieftain** - use only as written. Abbreviations or definite article “the” is unacceptable

GENERAL NOTES

- Our vessels should be referred to ONLY as “tall ships” or “historic ships”, and Lady Washington can additionally be referred to as a “replica”, or “Washington State’s Official Ship”. Collectively our vessels can be referred to as “The West Coast’s Tall Ships”. Our vessels should NEVER be referred to as “pirate ships”, “cruise ships”, or similar.
- Our tall ships often attract historical reenactors, interpreters, and other costumed guests. These guests are not members of our organization and should not be referred to as staff or crew. Any costumed guests should be referred to as members of the general public in photographs and publications.
- The historical time period our education and public programs reflect is circa 1788.
- Please properly attribute and photos supplied by Grays Harbor Historical Seaport and its partner photographers.