

Activities Offered



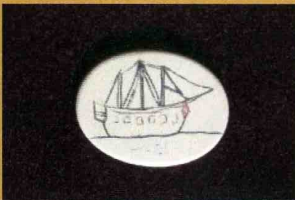
Merchant Sign
\$11 each
people: 18
time: 2.5 hours



Sailor's Valentine
\$15 each
people: 18
time: 3 hours

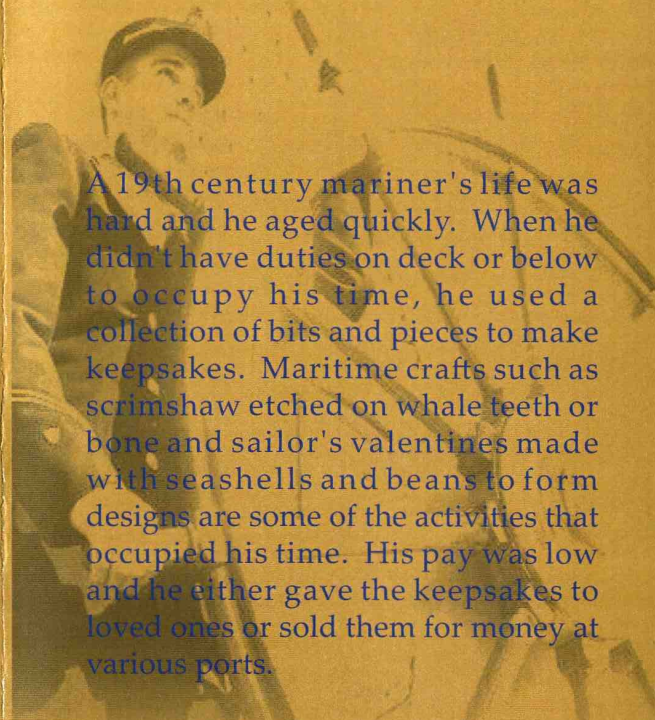


Scrimshaw Box
\$10 each
people: 18
time: 2.5 hours



Scrimshaw Magnet or Pin
\$6 each
people: 24
time: 1.5 hours

Each project includes a guided tour of the Museum



A 19th century mariner's life was hard and he aged quickly. When he didn't have duties on deck or below to occupy his time, he used a collection of bits and pieces to make keepsakes. Maritime crafts such as scrimshaw etched on whale teeth or bone and sailor's valentines made with seashells and beans to form designs are some of the activities that occupied his time. His pay was low and he either gave the keepsakes to loved ones or sold them for money at various ports.



Come sail with us on a journey into 19th century maritime life and experience the mariners' craft of your choice.

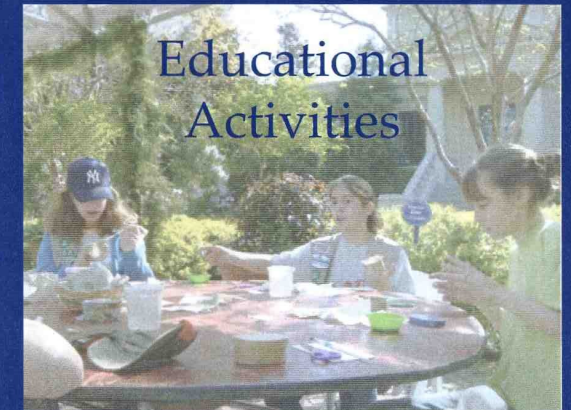
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SHIPS



OF THE SEA Maritime Museum



Educational Activities



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The Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum would be pleased to have your youth group visit us. We have a variety of programs which last approximately one and a half to three hours and include a museum tour as well as the opportunity to create crafts patterned after items found in the Museum's collection.



Sailor's Valentine

Lonely sailors at sea would make sentimental gifts for girlfriends or wives using shells and other bits and pieces of scrap material found on board the ship.



Our educational programs focus on 19th century sailors and the crafts they created while at sea for themselves or as gifts for loved ones. Program choices include creating sailor's valentines, merchant signs, and scrimshaw boxes or medallions.

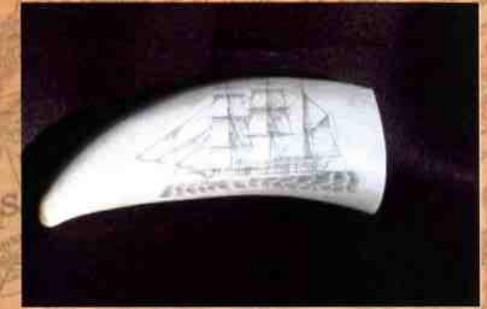
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Merchant Sign

When they returned home, sailors would find a familiar welcome at taverns along the quays of English ports.



If your group would prefer only a guided tour of the Museum, the cost is \$4.50 per person and lasts one hour. Reservations are required for all tours and educational programs. Fees for programs are based on choice of craft. A 50% deposit is required for all programs one month in advance. If you have any questions, please call us.



Scrimshaw

The two greatest dangers sailors faced at sea were probably drowning and boredom. Drowning was mostly in the hands of God, but boredom could be reduced by hobbies. The most memorable of these was making scrimshaw - decorative carvings on walrus tusks, whale teeth or other bits of bone, ivory, coconuts or even ostrich eggs.

