In September 2018, she was moved to Tilghman Island, to begin her restoration and shelter from advancing Hurricane Florence. While she was hauled out, a thorough inspection was conducted by the USCG, shipwright Mark Weist, and naval architect Iver Franzen. A comprehensive restoration strategy was formulated to enable Wilma Lee to pass the rigorous USCG inspection for a small passenger vessel. To date, the shipwright, has replaced the port side rub rail, major structural components such as the bowsprit, walk boards, strong back/mast step, and given a fresh coat of paint to her bottom and topsides. The fabrication of a new mast is scheduled to begin in mid-June, as well as complete inspection of all standing and running rigging. Captain Craig Biggs and Dennis Krizek, two Museum members, have volunteered as project managers to represent AMM’s interests. They have organized a cadre of volunteers to complete dozens of small projects, up-dating various ship’s systems and restoring the bright work.

Your help is needed: The mission of the Museum is to preserve maritime heritage. In fulfillment of our mission, we are asking for donations that would go directly towards our restoration efforts for this Chesapeake icon. The preservation of this rare maritime vessel will elevate the Museum’s programs to a new level. Once the Wilma Lee is restored, visitors to the Museum will be able to tour the boat at the dock with a docent, and students visiting the Museum on field trips will be able to receive lessons on the deck. “We look forward to seeing students and Museum visitors aboard the Wilma Lee,” Estrada said. “Our education programs and exhibits have always been hands-on, but what an authentic experience it will be to give people a glimpse of what it was like to work in the oyster industry 80 years ago.”

Follow along to stay up to date with Wilma Lee’s progress at amaritime.org/Wilma-lee-update/.

ALL HANDS ON DECK! As the Musem continues to grow and flourish, volunteers are needed to help make our spaces and events the best they can be. Interested? Email volunteer@amaritime.org.
BOARD CHANGES

The Museum is pleased to welcome Jeffrey Jeffers and Frank Thorp to the Board of Directors.

Jeffrey Jeffers joined the AMM Board in 2019. He is currently the Senior Development Manager at Trammell Crow Company, where he manages all facets of the development process and is responsible for planning and preconstruction, as well as the implementation process for new construction. Jeff graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science.

Frank Thorp joined the AMM Board in 2019. He is a 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and as the Navy's Chief of Information. Following his Navy career, he was Vice President for Communications and Government Operations for AM General and Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications for the USO and is a principal in Quattro Communications Inc. Currently he is the President/CEO of the Navy Memorial.

DIGITAL ARCHIVES

AMM has expanded its Heritage Portal with the Oral History initiative. The portal is an online collections database of selected photos and archival documents from the AMM permanent collection. A team of six highly trained volunteers have built an end-to-end infrastructure for digitizing its archives. From a Museum member to a maritime enthusiast in another country, any visitor to our website can access a catalog of historic photos and oral histories focused on our local heritage. These items reflect the rich maritime heritage of the Annapolis area and more specifically it's Eastport neighborhood.

The Oral Histories capture local residents’ first hand experiences. An authentic time capsule preserved through the technology of the 21st century. “We like to view the project from the lens of the future. What threads will be pulled by local researches for the next generation?” said John Gudas, Lead Volunteer. Enter the Research Portal: amaritime.org/museum/research-collection

A TOTAL OF 250 HOURS have been spent archiving to date.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

TIDES & TUNES

MCNASBY’S CAMPUS | 7 PM

6/27  Timmie Metz Band & Tambo  Modern & Classic Rock
7/4  Kings of Crownsville  Americana, Blues, & Jazz
7/11  Dublin 5  High Energy Irish Rock
7/18  Mike McHenry Tribe  Soul, Funk, & Rock
7/25  Joey Harkum Band  Unique Brand of Americana
8/1  Eastport Oyster Boys  Folk, Island Rhythms, & Rock
8/8  Mixed Business  Eclectic Music Experience
8/15  Sean Hetrick & the Leftovers  Alternative Rock

SEPTEMBER SUNSETS

ELLEN O. MOYER NATURE PARK | 6 PM

9/5  Pressing Strings  Folky, Soulful, & Bluesy
9/12  Swamp Candy  Primitive Blues
9/19  Johnny Monet Band  Rock N’ Roll
9/26  Dublin 5  High Energy Irish Rock

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EDUCATION UPDATE

SUMMER CAMPS AT AMM

Campers will get to explore the revitalized 12-acre Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park outfitted with classrooms, amphitheater, walking trails, and a kayak/canoe launch.

We have programs available for rising kindergartners through 9th grade. You can register for any of these one week session camps at amaritime.org

PARTNERSHIPS

AMM educates over 10,000 students each year on the ecology, environmental stewardship, maritime heritage, and cultural importance of the Chesapeake Bay. This would not be possible without the contributions of so many amazing partnerships. The continued success of AMM’s educational programs with local schools echo the famous quote by Helen Keller: “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Oyster Education Program: Watermark Cruises and Anne Arundel County Public Schools Office of Environmental Literacy and Outdoor Education
Little Skipjack Program: PNC Bank
Chesapeake Champions: ClearShark H2O
Oyster Gardening Club: Howard County

OUR SUCCESS COMES FROM YOU

100% OF MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Day Docking
Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) Nationwide Reciprocal Membership
AMM Gear

Renew at amaritime.org

Ask about our boat donation program. Contact: office@amaritime.org
The Museum’s annual Parrothead celebration is just around the corner. Mark your calendars and get your tickets early - this event sells out each year! Tickets will go on sale in July. Sponsorships available! Contact development@amaritime.org.