

## Apalachicola Maritime Museum

The museum was founded to celebrate and preserve the maritime history of Apalachicola in an hands-on learning environment with active sailing, boat building, restoration and educational displays. Collectively, the activities of the AMM will provide a glimpse into the rich and diverse history of the three rivers that come together to form the largest river in Florida, the Apalachicola.



*Heritage in Apalachicola*

AMM's mission is to help broaden knowledge of this important, unspoiled resource and encourage stewardship of ecosystems in the Apalachicola/Chattahoochee/Flint river basin, and the Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico coastal regions, which rely upon river outflows.

The primary exhibit of the museum came into port in October 2007 with the arrival of the L. Francis Herreshoff-designed 58-foot wooden ketch, Quark. The Quark has since been renamed Heritage of Apalachicola to reflect the new mission of education. The design for this fabulous all wooden vessel first emerged from the drawing board in the 1930's, when it was used to build the Mobjack. The Heritage was the 63rd wooden vessel to be built to the Mobjack plans. She makes daily sailing adventures on the Apalachicola bay and river.

## Heritage Journals

The 2007 journey of the sailing vessel Heritage followed the route taken by the ocean going sailing ships of the mid 1800s from New England ports into the port of Apalachicola. Heritage started her voyage in Falmouth, Mass., and sailed south through Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, on through Newport, R.I. and down Long Island into New York Harbor. From there, Heritage proceeded through Chesapeake Bay and on the outside past the capes of the Carolinas and into



*NY harbor passage*

Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga. Sailing into St. Augustine, Fla., Heritage made way south along the Florida coast and then on into the Bahamas. Making south by west the trip continued through the Florida Keys, finally arriving in Apalachicola after a tempest-tossed 48-hour passage from Key West during which Heritage's dinghy was lost to a rogue wave on a full moon night.

Heritage's new mission, guided by volunteer captains and crew, is to carry passengers back to the days when sail ruled the seas and Apalachicola was the bread basket of the south. The sound of wind in the rigging and the slap of water on the wooden hull complete the effect of a journey through time. Through exhibits at the museum, see the history of the steamships that connected Apalachicola to the upriver ports of Bainbridge and Columbus, Ga. long before rail roads and highways came on the scene. If the winds are favorable the Heritage will travel upriver to Blount's Fort at Prospect Bluff, where in 1816 a single, red-hot cannon ball landed in the powder magazine, causing an explosion heard 100 miles away in Pensacola and destroying the fort, killing nearly all inhabitants.



*Steamship Callaban Jr.*

*The Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint River system begins at the Appalachian Trail in North Georgia and flows into Apalachicola Bay, creating a world famous estuary that provides vital nutrients that feed much of the Gulf of Mexico.*

## Take a Tour

Visit the museum to tour the exhibits and see the Heritage. The museum is located near the bridge at 103 Water Street. The museum is open from 10AM through 4PM Monday through Saturday and from noon through 4PM on Sunday. There is no charge for a visit or tour of the boat.



## Become a Member

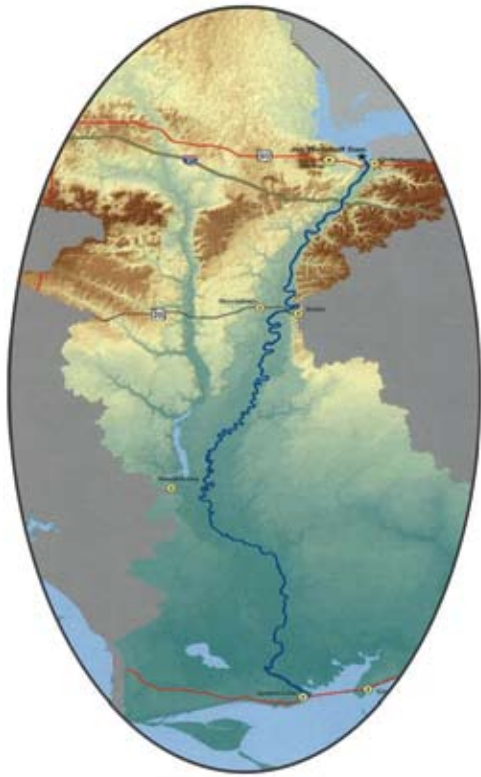
As a member you are entitled to unlimited sail trips aboard Heritage at no cost. You also receive the Apalachicola Doin' Time documentary CD and museum newsletters and event alerts. Annual membership levels include

- Mate (Individual) \$20
- Crew (Family with minor children) \$35
- Captain (Corporate) \$100
- Commodore (Fly your pennant) \$1,000

## Become a Volunteer

Learn to crew the Heritage sail trips, participate in special events and be a part of the operations of the museum. The experience is priceless and the rewards are many.

For information visit [www.ApalachicolaMaritimeMuseum.org](http://www.ApalachicolaMaritimeMuseum.org) ([www.AMMFL.org](http://www.AMMFL.org)), call us at 850-653-2500, send an e-mail to [information@AMMFL.org](mailto:information@AMMFL.org) or just stop by.



## Apalachicola Paddle Trips

Sign up for one of four 8-day canoe and kayak trips from Lake Seminole to Apalachicola. Scheduled for the autumn months, these trips are an excellent way to see the Apalachicola River and learn of the flora and fauna unique to the basin. See our web site for more information and to sign up.



*Passing through the Bob Sikes Cut on St. George Island into the Gulf of Mexico.*

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Apalachicola, FL 32320



## Heritage Sail Trips

Heritage is now making daily sail trips on Apalachicola Bay. The trips are available at no charge to members of the museum or any organized group affiliated with a charitable entity. You may reserve your trip at our web store at [shop.RiverEcologic.com](http://shop.RiverEcologic.com) or by calling or stopping by the museum. Departure times and schedules will vary with the season and the weather.



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