

# EMBARK ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE NAUTICAL HISTORY OF OUR BELOVED ISLAND COMMUNITY



## CITY ISLAND NAUTICAL MUSEUM

By stepping into the past and uncovering the stories of City Island's maritime legacy ~ from the early days when the island was famous for its oysters to a century of boat building and sail making ~ the museum preserves and celebrates every aspect of our nautical heritage.

Immerse yourself in a world of maritime artifacts, photographs, and exhibits that showcase the unique character and spirit of City Island. From historic vessels to navigational instruments, each display offers a glimpse into our rich nautical past.

The Museum is housed in a historic school building designed by C.B.J. Snyder and built by the City of New York in 1897. This handsome structure served as a vital educational hub for generations of City Islanders. Today, it stands as a beacon of maritime heritage, preserving the rich history of our island community for all to explore and enjoy.



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**PRESERVING CITY ISLAND'S MARITIME HERITAGE**



## SUPPORT THE MUSEUM HELP US KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE

### Visit

- Visit us April through October on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours may be arranged during the week or off-season.
- Admission: \$8 (members and children under 12 free).

### Join

- Become a member of the City Island Historical Society and help support our programs.
- Individual memberships are \$35 a year; families are \$45, and corporate memberships are \$75.

### Shop

- The museum's store features a variety of City Island items, including caps, bumper stickers, magnets, coasters, books, t-shirts, trivets, and much more.

### Volunteer

- Join our vibrant community of volunteers and make a lasting impact on preserving our maritime heritage. Whether you're passionate about history, enjoy working with artifacts, or have a knack for social media and promotions, there's a volunteer opportunity waiting for you.



## WELCOME ABOARD!

As you step inside the museum, you'll be transported back in time to an era when shipyards, sail lofts, and bustling waterfronts defined daily life on City Island. From the craftsmanship of boat builders to the bravery of Hell Gate pilots, our exhibits showcase the diverse stories and experiences that make up our maritime heritage.

Celebrate City Island's rich history and discover the wonders of the sea at the City Island Nautical Museum. Whether you're a longtime resident or a curious visitor, there's something here for everyone. Come explore, learn, and be inspired by the tales of our seafaring ancestors. We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

Photos: Ron Turner



The **Main Hall** is lined with photographic essays featuring historic City Island bridges and buildings, the America's Cup, Hart Island history, a timeline, a model of a minesweeper and images of other military vessels built on City Island, and a handsome wooden kayak built in the 1930s.

The **Sail Making Gallery** includes designs, tools, materials, sail bags, as well as flags, banners, signs, and photographs of legendary City Island sailmakers.

The **Walsh Library** features a collection of maritime history books, newspaper clippings, postcards, and photographs of City Island places and people. It holds an extensive selection of nautical magazines, a database of all boats built on City Island since 1848, an impressive display of ship models, and an oral history video on City Island history.

Shipyards, sail lofts, yachts, and the people behind them are all honored in the **Nautical Room**.

Celebrating City Islanders, the **Community Room** displays photos, maps, and memorabilia, including Native American arrowheads found in the area and a Revolutionary War cannonball.

The original principal's office is set up like a traditional **School Room** with exhibits of student registers, graduation pictures, the old school bell, artifacts giving the history of City Island's schools, as well as a navigation exhibit and unique map of Pelham Bay Park's WWI naval training station.