**Channel Islands Maritime Museum**

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**Art Comes Alive: Anniversary Weekend**

**Hey, Sailor! Pre-Valentine’s Day Cocktail Party**

This year the Channel Islands Maritime Museum celebrates 25 years of Art That Sails in Oxnard! To kick off the anniversary celebration and welcome the Tall Ships to the Channel Islands Harbor, CIMM is hosting **Hey, Sailor!** a pre-Valentine’s Day cocktail party, on **Friday, February 12, 5-7pm**. Come mingle with the crew of Tall Ships *Lady Washington*and *Hawaiian Chieftain*currently visiting the Channel Islands Harbor! There will be a cash bar and light refreshments served - we provide the fun and the sailors!

To celebrate the weekend of its founding, CIMM hosts a 2-day event: **“Art Comes Alive,”** **Saturday, February 13- Sunday February 14**during regular museum hours**11am-5pm***.*

Docents and friends of the museum dress up in costume and activate the spirit of various paintings, ship models, and time periods featured in the pieces on display in the galleries. The characters, brought to life, will share stories and facts about the pieces they represent, creating an exciting experience unlike any other in the hallways and galleries of the Channel Islands Maritime Museum.

The event is family friendly and will include children’s activities in the front garden and inside the Museum, including Peruvian Moché mask making, dress-up photo booths (for grown-ups too!), and maritime art creation. Guests are encouraged to come in maritime theme costume, or as your favorite maritime character or artist!

Admission to the museum is $5 for non-members, and free for members and children age 12 and under.

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is open daily 11-5 pm. Located in Oxnard’s Channel Islands Harbor at 3900 Bluefin Circle, permanent exhibits include a seascape gallery of rare and beautiful maritime paintings dating back to the 1600’s and more than sixty world-class models of historic ships. Info: cimmvc.org or 805 984 6260.