Descendants of Whaling Masters 40th Annual Meeting Program — Captain Richard (Kip) Files of the Charles W. Morgan Whaler



Captain Richard (Kip) Files of the Charles W. Morgan whaler (Mystic Seaport)

Descendants of Whaling Masters 40th Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, 2014 at the Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Social hour 1-2, with luncheon and a business meeting, election of officers and program following. Luncheon menu choices are: Baked stuffed breast of chicken, baked scrod or Caesar salad with grilled

chicken. \$26 per person (all inclusive). Guests welcome. Keynote Speaker is Captain Richard (Kip) Files of the Charles W. Morgan Whaler. R.S.V.P. by June 15, 2014 with menu selection for each reservation. For more information and to make reservations call William Potter, Jr. at 508-994-0961. Please mail check made payable to: "Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc." c/o William H. Potter, Jr., Treasurer 194 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.



Captain Richard (Kip)
Files at the wheel
(Fred LeBlanc
Photography)

Descendants of Whaling Masters, Inc., was founded in 1974. There are more than 450 members of the Descendants of Whaling Masters in 30 states and overseas territories of the United States who treasure their connection with their whaling heritage. Membership categories are Descendant, Relative, Crew, Associate, Family and Contributing. Membership to DWM in the past was limited to persons who were direct descendants of whaling masters. However, under a newly established "Crew" category, anyone who can document that a relative served in any capacity on board a whaling vessel is eligible to join and encouraged to contact DWM. Persons interested in membership in Descendants of Whaling Masters and for more information about the organization should contact membership chairman, Chris Davis, 275 Mechanic Street, Foxboro, MA 02035. Membership information also available online is at www.whalingmasters.org.

The whaling industry is a slice of Americana that may go unrecognized unless organizations such as the Descendants of Whaling Masters take steps to educate today's public about this awe-inspiring and at times turbulent period of early life in America. The Descendants of Whaling Masters is committed to remembering and preserving our important legacy so that this thrilling history will not be lost to future generations.

Goals of DWM are to encourage members to preserve and keep safe their whaling artifacts and records; to work on projects which increase understanding of the whaling era's many aspects; to inform young people of the significance of the whaling period and its impact on world economy; and to enjoy the sharing of common interests.

For more information about Descendants of Whaling Masters visit www.whalingmasters.org or write to: P. O. Box 3026, New Bedford MA 02741.