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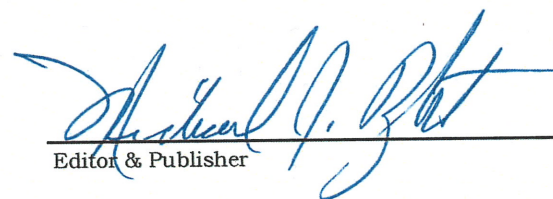


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Anchors aweigh: Maritime Museum reopens in Biloxi

Sunk more than nine years ago by Hurricane Katrina, the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in Biloxi, Miss., has been resurrected and re-launched as a three-story beauty at Point Cadet, the Gateway to Biloxi.

Originally established in 1986 to interpret the maritime history and heritage of Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the new 20,000-square-foot museum carries on the mission with an array of galleries, exhibits, and artifacts. One of the main features of the new \$8.98 million museum is the *NYDIA*, a

gaff-rigged cabin sloop built in Biloxi in 1898, displayed in the Grand Hall. Also included is a timeline that ranges from the first Indian settlements through current maritime history, telling the tale of more than 300 years.

Other exhibits feature wooden boat building, schooners, shrimping, oystering, recreational fishing, art, wetlands, charter boats, the barrier

Museum visitors will admire the *NYDIA*, built in 1898. Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum photo

islands, and a priceless collection of historical photographs.

In addition, walk-on or charter schooner sailing is open to the public from the museum's Schooner Pier Complex. Maritime history comes to life aboard the museum's

two authentic replicas of Biloxi oyster schooners that plied the Gulf Coast in the late 1800s and early 1900s—the *Glenn L. Swetman* and the *Mike Sekul*.

The museum is open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon–4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for AAA members and seniors, and \$6 for students 5–15. Schooner excursions are priced separately. ●

For more details, visit MaritimeMuseum.org or call (228) 435-6320.

