

Santa Barbara Maritime Museum hosted:

The Californian

WHEN THE CALIFORNIAN, the official tall ship of California, docked in the

harbor to offer dockside tours to the public, the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum hosted a private reception aboard which included donors, board members, and members. The evening allowed guests to tour the ship prior to the public opening, talk with crewmembers, and learn about the ship's history.

"It's an impressive ship," Greg Gorga, Director of Development for SBMM shared. "It has four six-pound deck guns, the largest on any tall ship." Gorga also noted that one of the guns from the ship now sits on Sterns Wharf and

crewmembers jokingly threaten to steal it back every time they dock in the harbor.

Tickets to view the ship were sold out but the Museum hopes to bring the Californian, Spirit of Dana Point, and possibly the Lynx to town, for the annual Harbor & Seafood Festival in October.

"The SB Maritime Museum enjoys bringing two to four ships a year as part of its educational program to help share the Museum's history with the community," concluded Gorga.

Owned and operated by the Maritime Museum of San Diego, the Tall Ship Californian was built in San Diego in 1984 at Spanish Landing. She is a replica of the C.W. Lawrence,



Greg Gorga, Director of Development for SBMM and **Pat Hinds**, SBMM Board Member



Steve Berkus, SBMM Board Member with wife **Dana Berkus**



Back: **Gordon Schontzler**, SBMM Member; **George Writer**, George Writer, Past SBMM Board President; **Lessie Nixon Schontzler**, SBMM Member; **Frank McGinty**, SBMM Member; and **Sheila McGinity**, SBMM Member.



SBMM Members **Jerry** and **Helene Beaver**



Captain **Chuck McGohey**; **John Bridley**, Waterfront Director; **George Writer**, Past SBMM Board President

which was built in 1847 in Washington D.C. and sent to the west coast in time to be part of the Californian Gold Rush. The C.W. Lawrence was part of the Revenue Service, a precursor of the modern United States Coast Guard.

For more information about the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum call 962-8404 or visit www.sbmm.org.



Peter Durdaller, MMSD operations manager; **Tricia Dixon**; **Dick Ellison**; **Jane Ellison**; Captain **Chuck McGohey**; **Gloria Perry**; and **Tim Putz**

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