

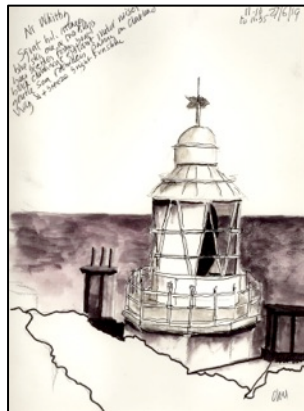


SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

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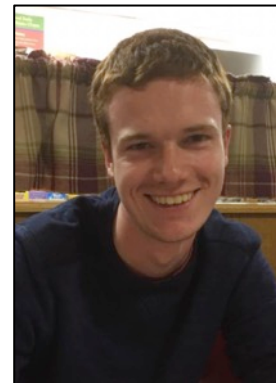
New Exhibition

From October 1st to Christmas our new exhibition will be about lighthouses on the Yorkshire Coast. The exhibition has been put together by Colin Challen, a local artist and former SMHC trustee who has just completed an MA in fine art at Teesside University. As part of his studies he decided to take a look at all of Yorkshire's 16 lighthouses. Considering that climate change will raise sea levels he thought that some of them may have to be moved! In this exhibition he has photographed each of them and made an on the spot study in pencil and charcoal, seeking to understand their physicality and unique properties either in construction and/or location. Colin said, "*Lighthouses have a fascination in the imagination and how we relate to the singular relationship between land and sea. They feature in films and literature. They signify both hope and distress and we may need more of them in the future, although sadly in the future they won't exist physically but as signals from some distant satellite. I hope the actual lighthouses we have got - most of which have been retired - will remind us of our perilous but romantic relationship with the uncontrollable forces of nature which no human technology will ever master.*"



Maritime Careers Week, 12th to 18th October

The SMHC is supporting 'Maritime Careers Week' which will shine a light on working in the UK's maritime sector, its role now and in the future. The sector has been fundamental in enabling trade and freight supplies into the country during the COVID-19 pandemic. Being 95% of the UK's global trade, the maritime sector touches every part of our lives. Without it half the world would freeze and half would starve. From working at sea or in a port, cleaning the oceans of plastics or designing super yachts, the maritime sector is big business and adds more value to the economy than the rail and aerospace sectors combined. Working in the maritime world is exciting, rewarding and unlike any other industry. The sector is expected to double in size, to \$3 trillion a year by 2030. The next generation of innovators and problem solvers need to join up and shape the future of the world we live in. There are numerous routes into careers including university qualifications and apprenticeships. Maritime UK Week will feature a combination of virtual and physical events, taking place across the breadth of the sector and the length of the country. You can find out more on the Maritime UK website and also read a first hand account on our website of working in the offshore wind industry, written by Scarborough's Matt Newsome.



Visitor numbers

The SMHC has been open since July and is fully Covid compliant with everyone wearing masks and keeping their distance. Hand sanitiser is used by everyone on entry and exit. We welcomed about 700 visitors during the past 3 months, all very grateful for our efforts.

Press Coverage

Thanks to Ruby Kitchen, a journalist for the Yorkshire Post, we were featured as part of a page three article about repurposing old BT phone boxes. The article featured our History Box on the seafront. We have also just welcomed a journalist for the monthly publication, Yorkshire Life, which will also feature the History Box.

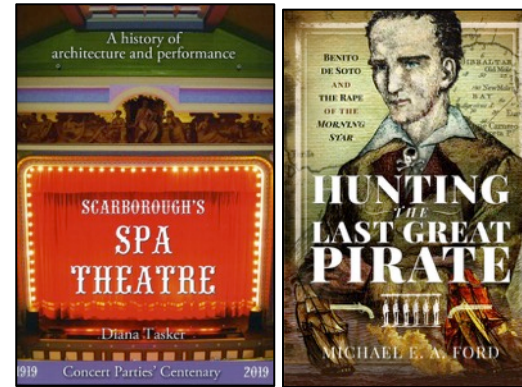
Centenary of Trawler Sinking

On Friday 4th September a small delegation gathered to mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Scarborough steam trawler, Jack Johnson. Several descendants of the crew members that died were present along with Martin Johnson, whose family owned the trawler. The names of the crew were read out and flowers cast into the sea in their memory. The Jack Johnson was one of three steam trawlers sunk in 1920 by sea mines left over from World War One. You can read the full story on our website.



Photo above is of the commemoration including a lifebelt from the Jack Johnson, the only item ever recovered from the sea.

New Books



We have a newly published book on sale for £6 by local author Diana Tasker. It tells the story of the Spa Theatre.

'Hunting The Last Great Pirate' by Michael Ford is a book about the attack of a Scarborough built ship. It is available online at Pen & Sword Books.

Scarborough Seaweed Rum

Scarborough seaweed farmers 'SeaGrown' has joined forces with Yorkshire-based artisan spirit producer Yorkshire Explorer to create the first Yorkshire seaweed rum. It is harvested and distilled in the region. Find out more at www.seagrown.co.uk or www.yorkshireexplorer.co.uk

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations.
We always need volunteers. No special knowledge or skills are required.
Please contact us if you can spare two or three hours a week?
Thank you



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