

The Wreck of the US Army Transport *Northern Pacific*

at the Fire Island Lifesaving Station on January 1, 1919

Please join us as we welcome Captain Harold "Harry" Stumme, SUNY Maritime Graduate. Stumme sailed break freighters and containerships throughout his 35 year career as a U.S. Merchant Marine. After retirement from the I.O. Masters, Mates, & Pilots; Stumme returned to his roots here on the Great South Bay. He started as a docent here at the museum, became a member of the initial crew aboard the oyster sloop *Priscilla*, and is currently a member of the Museum's Board of Trustees. He is also a Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society Trustee and a member of the Marine Society of the City of New York.



Carrying 2,508 passengers, mostly “dough boys” just free from the trenches of World War I, the *Northern Pacific* went aground on the outer bar nearly in front of the US Coast Guard Lifesaving Station on Fire Island at 0200 hours on January 1, 1919, during heavy weather.

A dramatic rescue followed for three days before all were evacuated from the ship.

Harry will share the history of this vessel as well as historic photos of the remarkable rescue.

He will also provide the history of the lifesaving service at Fire Island as well as a brief follow up on the USAT **HENRY GIBBONS** of World War II.

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Lecture: 1:00 - 2:00pm

Reservations required, please call LIMM to reserve your seat!

Masks are required.

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