



South Carolina Maritime Heritage Foundation



Captain Named for the *Spirit of South Carolina*

Anthony Arrow announced as captain for South Carolina's tall ship

CHARLESTON, SC (July 18, 2006) - The South Carolina Maritime Heritage Foundation announced today that Anthony L. Arrow has accepted the position of captain aboard the *Spirit of South Carolina* tall ship. With construction of the ship continuing at a brisk pace, Captain Arrow will play an integral role in leading the final construction from now through completion, some time in early 2007. He will also be actively involved in developing the educational programs that will be implemented on board, which are scheduled to begin in the fall of that year.

"It is crucial that we have our captain in place now," explained Executive Director Brad Van Liew. "Tony will be hands-on in the final construction. He'll help to ensure that the quality of the work is first-rate, and that it makes sense for the educational programming that will take place on board. He has the experience and expertise to manage this final stage of construction, to assist with educational programming plans, and to eventually lead classroom experiences aboard the *Spirit of South Carolina*."

Anthony Arrow hails from San Francisco, California, and boasts more than twenty years of experiential education aboard tall ships. He holds a 1,600-ton Merchant Marine Master's license and is also a Medical First Responder. Arrow first experienced sailing as an apprentice with his father aboard the *Liberty Clipper* (previously the *Mystic Clipper*). The call of the sea lured him to excel first as a steward, then a cook, deckhand, and finally captain of some of the most famous tall ships in America. He has held positions aboard *The Niagara*, *The Californian*, *The Spirit of Massachusetts*, *Harvey Gamage*, *Westward*, *Highlander Sea*, and *The Mystic Whaler*. One of his more interesting roles was aboard *The Rose*, now famous for the film "Master & Commander." During his tenure on that ship, Arrow climbed the ranks from deckhand to captain, and served in that position during some of the filming.

"I was actually headed out of the education-at-sea business," said Arrow recently. "But when I saw the professional nature of the South Carolina Maritime Heritage Foundation and the commitment of those involved, I was engaged. Educational programs under sail challenge kids in a way they've never been challenged before. These programs bring them outside of their comfort zone. They accelerate the process of building a team, while forcing them to be responsible for themselves, fellow crewmembers, the ship, and their environment. I'm thrilled that South Carolina students will have the chance to gain these skills and experience their potential."

The next milestone in the construction of *The Spirit of South Carolina* will be the addition of the final "whiskey" plank, which will be installed this Friday, July 21. After that, the construction team will begin concentrating on the ship's interior, its decking, and ultimately the launching and rigging.

Donors to the *Spirit of South Carolina* include Ginn Clubs & Resorts, the Joanna Foundation, Centex Homes, Anthony McAlister, the Turner Foundation, Elizabeth & Jay Luzuriaga, Buddy Darby, Hank Holliday, Cummins Marine, Kevin High, Bennett-Hofford Construction Company, and many other companies and individuals devoted to giving valuable assets back to the South Carolina community. Learn more about the *Spirit of South Carolina* by calling (843) 722-1030 or visiting www.scmaritime.org.