

24th annual Sailors' Series to spotlight America's Cup



Four part lecture series begins February 27

The New Bedford Whaling Museum has announced that the 24th annual Sailors' Series will spotlight the America's Cup, one of the most challenging and prestigious sailing races in the world. The four part illustrated lecture series presents a wide variety of experiences and adventures by individuals with lifelong commitments to sailing, boats, and the sea.

The 2014 series will begin with award winning photographer Daniel Forster, on Thursday, February 27. Forster will present "36 Years of 12 America's Cups, 1977-2013." He has covered twelve America's Cup races and ten Olympic Games during his 40 year career. His photographs have appeared in every major nautical magazine in America, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia, as well as on the cover of Time Magazine. He will discuss his extraordinary career and the inside stories behind his iconic images of the modern America's Cup competition.

On March 27, ORACLE TEAM USA's Dirk Kramers and Scott Ferguson will present "Innovations in 21st Century America's Cup Design." Chief Engineer Dirk Kramers and Wing Designer Scott Ferguson will discuss their experiences on the 2013 America's Cup winning team and how recent design innovations have affected their work and the competition. A thirty-seven year veteran of the America's Cup community and proponent of multihulls, Kramers has been part of five winning teams.

Ferguson, a Naval Architect and a specialist in the design of carbon fiber grand prix racing spars, has participated in two winning America's Cup teams.



SAILORS' SERIES 2014
February - May 2014

Thursday, March 27
Innovations in 19th Century America's Cup Design
With ORACLE TEAM USA's Dirk Kromers and Scott Ferguson

Engineers, designers, and equipment specialists, the essential components of a winning America's Cup team, ORACLE TEAM USA's Chief Engineer Dirk Kromers and Chief Designer Scott Ferguson will discuss their fascinating careers and their experience on the two America's Cup-winning teams. They will also review recent innovations in America's Cup design and discuss how these changes have affected their work and the competition. A 19th-century sailmaster of the America's Cup, conversely and proponent of sailboats, Kromers has been part of the sailing team. Ferguson has participated in two winning America's Cup teams, he is a Naval Architect and a specialist in the design of carbon fiber grand prix racing spars.

Thursday, April 24
Maritime Paintings in the William I. Koch Collection
With Natasha Khandekar

American businessman and 1992 America's Cup Winner William I. Koch has an unparalleled collection of maritime paintings. Experience the extraordinary art collection through a presentation and discussion with Natasha Khandekar, Director and Curator of the William I. Koch Collection. Joining Mr. Koch's team, Khandekar worked in the public sector with the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Art Interactive, Cambridge, and the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles.

Thursday, May 8
A Shared Passion: Father and Son America's Cup Winners With Jerry and Rome Kirby

Jerry and Rome Kirby of Kirby Kirby both hold the distinction of winning the America's Cup. Jerry is a veteran of six America's Cup campaigns and won the Cup in 1992 on AMERICA. Rome was the only American and the youngest member of ORACLE TEAM USA, which staged a dramatic comeback to win the America's Cup in 2013. Both have also successfully raced in the Volvo Ocean Race. They will talk about their "family business" of competitive sailing, sharing their challenges, successes, and hopes for the future.

Thursday, February 27
35 Years of the America's Cup: 1977-2013
With Daniel Forster

Award-winning photographer Daniel Forster has covered the America's Cup races and the Olympic Games sailing for 40 years. His photographs have appeared in many major magazines in America, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia, as well as on the cover of Time magazine. He will discuss his lifelong career and the people he has met in his images of modern America's Cup competition.

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On April 24, Natasha Khandekar, Director and Curator of the William I. Koch Collection, will present a comprehensive overview of the unparalleled collection of maritime paintings of American businessman and 1992 America's Cup Winner William I. Koch. Before joining Mr. Koch's team, Khandekar worked with the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Art Interactive in Cambridge, and the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

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All Sailors' Series lectures occur at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on Thursday evenings, starting at 7:00 p.m. with a pre-

lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery. Tweet the Sailors' Series with hashtag #SailorsSeries24.

Admission for individual lectures: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$20. For the four-lecture series: Members: \$60 / Non-Members \$80. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (508) 997-0046 ext. 100 or visit whalingmuseum.org/programs/sailors-series. The Sailors' Series is sponsored in part by C.E. Beckman and Luso Auto Center.

Schedule at a glance

- **February 27:** Daniel Forster: "36 Years of 12 America's Cups, 1977-2013"
 - **On March 27:** Dirk Kramers & Scott Ferguson: "21st Century America's Cup Design"
 - **April 24:** Natasha Khandekar: "The William I. Koch Collection"
 - **May 8:** Jerry & Rome Kirby: "A Shared Passion: Father & Son America's Cup Winners"
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