
COMANCHE NEWS, FALL 2020

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Fellow shipmates and friends of COMANCHE

The other days we received a message from fellow Historic Naval Ships Association member concerning the hardships of the Corona virus on historic ships like COMANCHE. "As you all are very aware, the historic ship community has been crushed by the COVID-19 pandemic, what with the need to close, the loss of staff members, and of course, the huge impact it has had on all our bottom lines. The future of many historic naval ship museums is in real peril. We will be closing the *New Jersey* and furloughing the majority of our staff, including myself, next week. We hope to reopen next April 2021 but who knows when it will be deemed safe and economically viable to reopen." *Philip P. Rowan, Executive Director and CEO Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial.*

As a HNSA member ship, COMANCHE depends a great deal on visitors making donations as they explore the ship. We are one of the few historic ships that can get around on its own power. Normally we might have about 10,000 visitors through the summer. But this summer all the events at all the ports we visit are cancelled thus we have remained at our home port moorage in Tyee Marina, Tacoma, WA thus, no visitors and no income.

The burden of supporting COMANCHE as fallen mostly on friends who make donations via PayPal or checks sent to us on Garfield St. in Tacoma... with some income from our selling surplus items off the ship. It's been difficult.

Any help you can give to COMANCHE will be greatly appreciate.

Other news: Our moorage location within Tyee Marina has shifted from the south entrance north about 1 mile to the west entrance. We are still pulling breakwater duty in a location that makes it easier to come and go from the marina. At the south end getting in and out required the marina crew to move a bunch of floating objects that were in our way and that took time to shuffle around. Now we can head right out and back without the fuss.

WHAT WE NEED FUNDS FOR THIS FALL

Generally, every month our usual bills are about \$800 to \$1,000 for such necessities as insurance and fuel to keep the lights on.

We have a new location in the breakwater at Tyee Marina gives us a better view, too! But it requires we get out to the ship in a short hop from gate 4 area to the ship. That's what we did at Tyee when we first started "breakwater duty" there in 2013. We have a small 12' dingy with a 3 hp outboard we use right now but hopefully we'll have the 26' motor whale boat up and running for shuttling folks out to the ship

and back. That requires funds.

Aboard the ship the important projects are getting the deck AC generator running well. That will save on fuel to run the larger DC generator and relieve it for some maintenance (on the DC 6-71 diesel generator in the engine room.)

Besides the maintenance on the DC axillary generator, the engineers are eager to finish up work on the Cleveland main V-12 unit #1. Thus far we have been depending on the #2 main to push us around the Puget Sound and we want to be ready for a hoped for cruising season in 2021.

DONATION\$ can be made via check to COMANCHE, [403 Garfield St. S., Tacoma, WA 98444](#) or via PayPal.com COMANCHE 202 FOUNDATION.

These friends have donated to Comanche this year: Dean Alexander, Joe Bartlett, Tom Boerger, Chris Collins, George Collie, Patrick Donnelly, Colin Farquhar, Susan Fino, Nick Jackman, Steve Jacobs, Jason Jarrett, Doug Johnson, Andre LeNay, James McKenna, Mike Meineke, Art Murphy, Rick Odell, Bruce Painter, John Parker, Joe Peterson, John Roads, Jesse Schwartz, Milton Studly, Russell Trip, Edward Zacharias and those who have donated via Facebook and PayPal whose names were not give! Thanks to you all! You make this all possible!

Photos attached: Comanche at her new place in the north breakwater, west entrance Tyee Marina, Comanche underway for Seattle (May 2019), the 12' dingy, the 26' motor whaleboat.

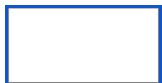
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