

THE STEAMER VIRGINIA V FOUNDATION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Top row, left to right: a student at Seafaring Adventure Camp tries their hand at the helm, Volunteer Cliff Olmstead and his father in the pilothouse.
Bottom row, left to right: The annual Members Cruise in October, the SS VIRGINIA V on Opening Day.

OUR MISSION

To promote the Puget Sound's maritime heritage through the restoration, preservation, operation, and interpretation of the National Historic Landmark vessel VIRGINIA V

VESSEL PROGRAMS

Youth Programs

The SS Virginia V provides opportunities for kids of all ages to have an interactive learning experience. Elementary and middle school aged kids learn about the Northwest's maritime history and gain early exposure to careers in the maritime industry. The *C. Keith Birkenfeld Summer Internships* provide opportunities for high school aged students interested in pursuing a career in the maritime industry to learn about working on a ship, gain usable skills, and to earn funds to help pursue further education.

2016 Highlights:

- Produced Seafaring Adventure Camp with MOHAI
- Increased Summer Youth Internships to 4



2016's Seafaring Adventure Camp students after their program on board the VIRGINIA V.

“The VIRGINIA V is the last of her kind, providing a window through which to view the history that shaped our region”

-Nina Altman, Fire/Water Tender

Open Ship & Visitors

In 2016, over twenty thousand visitors set foot on the deck of the VIRGINIA V. Everyone who visits the ship has the opportunity to learn about the history of the “Mosquito Fleet,” maritime transport in the northwest, and the National Historic Landmark vessel VIRGINIA V. Our Open Ship program provides docent led tours or self-guiding tours exploring the interpretive signage and elements throughout the ship.

When not at sea the vessel is docked on the south shore of Lake Union just behind the MOHAI. The ship is open most Thursdays to Sundays and is free to the public.

Visitors to the SS VIRGINIA V

2016

21,121

2015

15,690



Senior VIRGINIA V Captain Dale Pederson greets guests for the 2016 Christmas Ships Grand Finale Dessert Cruise.

VESSEL PROGRAMS

Public Sails

The VIRGINIA V is the last steamer of the Puget Sound's "Mosquito Fleet" and largest steam ship in the country certified to carry passengers. Keeping an operational artifact is a critical component of the mission of the Steamer Virginia V Foundation. In 2016, the VIRGINIA V took 14 public sails from the Foundation's annual Birthday Cruise Fundraiser in June to three Free Public Sails in partnership with the Center for Wooden Boats.

2016 Highlights:

- Opening Day
- Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival
- Free Public Sail (new)
- Locks Tour with MOHAI (new)
- Tour de Bainbridge
- Blue Angels
- Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival
- Members Cruise
- Christmas Ships Cruises



Agate Pass bridge from the foredeck of the VIRGINIA V during our annual circumnavigation with the Bainbridge Island Historical Society.

"It was so great to be on this historic vessel as we started our future together. We couldn't have asked for a better venue for our wedding, and we are now proud members of the Foundation"

-Kevin & Ashlee, Charter Clients & Members

Private Charters

The vessel has performed a wide variety of roles throughout her 94-year history; from serving as a precursor to the Washington State Ferry system as part of the "Mosquito Fleet" to carrying military supplies to the regions bases during WWII.

Today, the vessel can be chartered either dockside or underway and is regularly rented out for events from weddings to off-site business meetings. Private Charter rentals add to the ships rich history, expose the vessel to new audiences, and provide critical funds for the preservation of the ship.

2016 Private Events Summary

- 24 Private Underway Charters
- 22 Private Dockside Rentals



Kevin and Ashlee's wedding party at Kiana Lodge last August.

VESSEL STEWARDSHIP

Preserving and maintaining the vessel is a critical function of the Steamer Virginia V Foundation. Each year, the ship receives ongoing maintenance and undergoes a bi-annual haul-out to preserve the structural integrity of the ship.

The SS VIRGINIA V renewed her Certificate of Inspection from the United States Coast Guard in June of 2016. She remains the largest operational wooden steamboat in the country thanks to you.

Volunteer Service

Volunteers are essential to the continued operation of SS VIRGINIA V. Volunteers participate in every aspect of the ships restoration, preservation, operation, and interpretation. Every time we get underway, volunteers handle the lines, oil the engine, and keep the vessel and her passengers safe. In 2016, 100 volunteers contributed over 4,000 hours of service to the organization.



The VIRGINIA V making her way around the Point Hudson breakwater at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival in 2016.

“I feel honored to serve on the V5 and be part of Seattle’s maritime history; to realize that your name will be included with the others before you. I also volunteer because it’s just plain fun to be out on the water with a community that thinks the same way.”

- Doug Brusig, Volunteer Mate

2016 Volunteer of the Year

Chief Engineer **Glenn Duncan** has been named our 2016 *Dan Ayers Volunteer of the Year*. Glenn has served admirably for many years as a chief, but last year he went above and beyond the call of duty by engineering, manufacturing, and installing a manual boiler firing system. This upgrade was mandated by the United States Coast Guard, and without Glenn, this project would not have been completed and the operational status of the VIRGINIA V would have been in jeopardy.

Glenn is selfless, a great teacher, and an amazing friend to the VIRGINIA V. We are honored to count him as a supporter. Thank you Glenn!



Engineering Volunteer Greg Sarantos at the VIRGINIA V throttle during the 2016 Christmas Ships dinner cruise.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCIALS

“2016 has proven to be another incredible year for the Steamer Virginia V Foundation and the vessel herself. Last year the VIRGINIA V successfully touched the community in many ways, allowing folks of all types to experience the wonderful steamship firsthand. With the assistance of our supporters and guests, and the dedication of volunteers and staff, the 2017 year for the VIRGINIA V looks exciting and prosperous as she nears her 100th birthday.”

-Erik Teevin, Board President

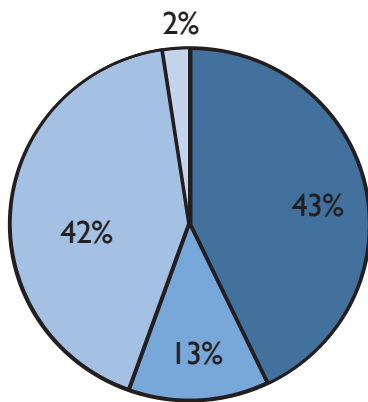
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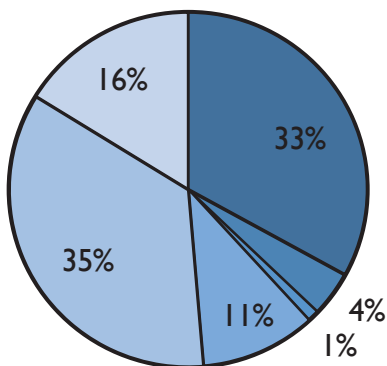
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Financials



2016 Revenue Breakouts

43%	■	Charters & Dockside Rentals	\$128,519
13%	■	Public Events & Retail	\$37,849
42%	■	Private Donations & Dues	\$126,260
2%	■	In-Kind Donations	\$7,248
Total			\$299,876



2016 Expense Breakouts

33%	■	Operations & Maintenance	\$102,234
4%	■	Programming	\$12,808
1%	■	Retail	\$3,327
11%	■	Administration	\$32,319
35%	■	Staffing	\$108,915
16%	■	Debt Service	\$50,150
Total			\$309,753

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A special thank you to all our donors and volunteers who are critical in both literally and figuratively keeping the ship afloat. The SS VIRGINIA V is the last ship of its kind and without your support it would be impossible to preserve her history for generations to come.

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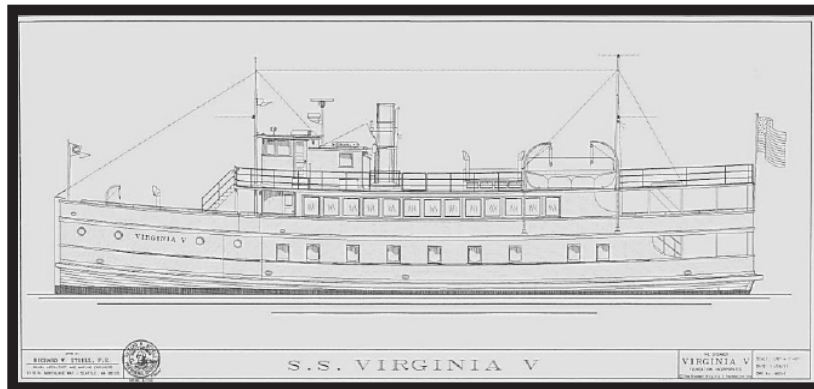
The VIRGINIA V is the last of the Puget Sound Mosquito Fleet steamers, and she deserves to be saved.

...in Youth Programs & Education

The VIRGINIA V provides an opportunity for kids to learn about maritime careers and to build skills.

...in an Operational Artifact

The VIRGINIA V creates a visceral connection to our history.



“We believe in a future where this artifact continues to provide a unique opportunity for all ages to delve into history, learn a skill, and access our remarkable bodies of water. You, our donors, make that vision a reality. Thank you for keeping history alive.”

-Heron Scott, Executive Director

Thank You !