

## **TUG HUNTINGTON HIGHLIGHTED IN NEW EXHIBIT AT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM**

On April 21, 2012, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) opened a new exhibit in St. Michaels, Maryland entitled *Push and Pull: Life on Chesapeake Bay Tugboats*. The exhibit includes this huge [four feet wide] photo of the tug HUNTINGTON fighting a fire at Newport News Shipbuilding in 1968, plus one of her life rings. The latter artifact was saved, along with her pilot house by Apprentice Alumnus Hudson Haile when the tug was scrapped in 2011. This exhibit will remain in place for at least two years.



The museum's current plan is to fully incorporate the HUNTINGTON pilot house into the exhibit next year; eighty years after the sturdy vessel was built primarily by apprentice labor. The pilot house is currently being restored to as near its original condition as possible. The crowning touch will be the addition of the replica eagle recently and beautifully handcrafted by present day NNS apprentices in tribute to the years of faithful service rendered by the HUNTINGTON to the shipyard.

Also currently included in the CBMM exhibit is one of the HUNTINGTON's fire monitors [nozzle] and the vessel's steering wheel. Both are partly visible in the extreme upper left-hand corner of this following photo.

These artifacts have recently been refurbished for use in this exhibit. At a later date, they will be returned to their rightful places when the pilot house is fully restored.

Based on the design and heft of the monitor, and the many coats of paint that it had accumulated, this sturdy piece of firefighting apparatus is undoubtedly an original part of the tug.

The steering wheel is not the HUNTINGTON's original wheel, which was larger and made of wood. It is shown in the circa 1940's photograph inserted on the right when Captain Ambrose was her master.

That handcrafted wheel was replaced in 1950 when the HUNTINGTON's steam power plant was replaced by a diesel engine, and the tug was generally modernized.

For more information about this exhibit and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, go to: <http://www.cbmm.org/>

The Apprentice Alumni Association continues to accept donations to help defray the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's costs in restoring the HUNTINGTON Pilot House. Information about the various options for contributing to this worthy effort can be found at the following link:

<http://www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/Huntington/updates.htm>

