e to our coastal past

ay "Santa Barbara" and people think of a vacation destination that's also home to the rich and famous. While that's true today, for more than 10,000 years it's been a gathering spot for a variety of people with one thing in common: a dependence and interaction with the sea.

Our coastline has been the site of various prehistoric settlements. It's seen pirates, seafaring explorers, whalers, fur hunters and enemy submarines, to name just a few. If you find that hard to believe, visit the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (it use

to be the Naval Reserve Center) and you'll discover how unique our coastal community really is.

Yesterday

The museum has two floors packed with exhibits and interactive displays that will appeal to young and old alike. On the ground level are historical displays that begin with the Chumash era. You'll find displays and models of the tools and techniques the Chumash used to lived from the ocean. A 23-foot tomol, or wooden plank canoe, is one of many items on exhibit.

Ever had a hankering to go deep-sea fishing? You can, in a way, with the Virtual Deep-Sea Fishing exhibit. Strap yourself into the seat, get your heavy ocean rig ready and wait for the big one to strike. Once you set the hook it's up to you to land it ... or have it throw the hook out and swim away. It's one of many hands-on exhibits that use technology in a different way.

On the ground floor you'll find a comprehensive history of Santa Barbara's love affair with the sea. Models, charts, diagrams and miniatures trace the appearance of galleons and caravels by European explorers.

As California evolved under many flags, it was still dependent for supplies that were carried by ships. All these eras, and the types of ships that plied the channel, can be seen in displays that also tell of California's whaling industry, active up to 1971.

You'll see how Stern's Wharf became an essential fixture for Santa Barbara; allowing supplies and people to come ashore in this part of California. There's even a display of the Santa Barbara's Undersea Garden, a tourist attraction that opened in 1967 and was an attempt to create a marineoriented tourist attraction in the harbor. Check this one out; you're in for a surprise.



Tripper

Tony Galván

What's happening?

Santa Barbara High School

Loughead brothers went on

to start their own company,

Much of Santa Barbara's

heritage is filled with unusual

episodes and events. Today,

technology pays a big part

in marine study and explo-

ration, and you can find

samples of this at the mu-

seum as well. The Fred Kavli

Diving Technology Exhibit

is filled with tools and items

from early hard-hat diving

diving suits that are basically

Upstairs you'll find

more multimedia exhibits

days to present deep-sea

one-main submarines.

displays. Don't be surprised when

along with more traditional

you see a ship on the second

floor, it's the Munger Theater, a

state-of-the-art hall that features

marine-themed documentaries

and shorts throughout the day.

a chance to spy on the harbor

through a submarine periscope.

As you walk around the various

get a bird's-eye view of the F-1

a model, not the real thing!

Flying Boat. Keep in mind this is

exhibits on the second floor you'll

Just behind the theater you'll have

who later on went to start

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The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum offers many ways for young and old alike to share and learn about our maritime history. Boat handling courses are offered as are navigation workshops. Presentations and lectures are always scheduled at the Munger Theater, check its website for details. The first and third Saturdays during the summer are Saturdays for Kids Day. Check the website for details and times.

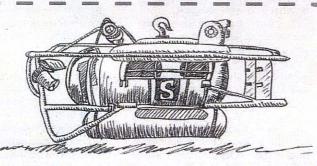
Whether you romanticize about the sailing ships of yesterday or want to plunge into the murky depths in a high-tech submersible, take a walk along the decks of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and learn more about Santa Barbara's maritime heritage.

Alongside models of sailing ships you'll find scale models of submarines, naval war ships and transports. The museum has an incredible collection of models, many made by Dwight Brooks, whose attention to detail and workmanship is legendary. If scale models are your thing, you'll find the

museum's collection outstanding.

Today

One of the most incredible models to be seen at the museum is a quarter-scale flying model of the Loughead Brothers F-1 Flying Boat. The model, with an 18-foot wing span, hangs from the ceiling above the main floor. It was built by the Santa Barbara Radio Control Modelers Club for the museum and flown in November 2004 at Lake Cachuma. It was built in a small shop at the end of State Street in 1918 by Allan and Malcolm Loughead, with assistance by Jack Northrop, a graduate of



If you go

Santa Barbara Maritime Museum:

Admission: Adults, \$7 Military active duty, \$4; in uniform, free Seniors (62+), \$4 Students (with ID), \$4

Youth (6-17), \$4* Children (1-5), \$2* Infants, free Members, free

Community Day: The third Thursday of every month is free to the public. Website: www.sbmm.org

*Children under 12 must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older

Address: 113 Harbor Way, Suite 190 Phone: 962-8404 Summer hours, Memorial Day to Labor Day: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; (closed Wednesdays)