

Hello Friends! Hope you've been enjoying this nice South Carolina winter weather. As we are now officially underway in this new year, we have so many exciting things to look forward to. Please remember to renew your Friends of the Museum membership which helps us provide these opportunities.

Mark your calendars for our annual Burning of the Socks event on March 24th - burn those old socks and help us reach our goal of donating 500+ new socks to Friendship Place. We will be participating in Palmetto Giving Day May 2-3 for the very first time! If you are interested in being a part of providing matching funds, please reach out to us. We always appreciate your support for our organization and all its programs. And then we look forward to our summer youth programs. Boat Building Camp registration is officially open and Youth Sailing registration will be open soon. We always look forward to seeing new and returning kids join us in the museum. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon! **Hope McFaddin, SCMM Administrator**

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Pam Toemmes

Pam was born in Iowa and moved to SC when her husband was in the Army, and both of their children were born in SC. Pam taught in the Georgetown County Schools, and retired a few years ago. She was widowed in 2011, which allowed time for volunteer assignments where she is able to teach or help with events/activities that support Georgetown, especially children and learning. Besides being our Monday afternoon volunteer at the SCMM, Pam has served on the Board for the Georgetown Business Association, written ATAX grants, served on the Christmas Events Committee, and helped with Music in the Park. She acts as Docent Coordinator for the Friends of the Georgetown Library's Yuletide Home Tour. Pam is also on the Scholarship Committee for the Winyah Chapter of the DAR. Pam enjoys spending time with her family as both her children and their families live in the Georgetown area, and she loves to travel.



## Maritime Moment By Justin McIntyre: SCMM Historian and Curator

Just before 1 AM on the morning of 2/2/1913, the four-masted schooner, *City of Georgetown*, collided with the Hamburg-America/American ocean liner *SS Prinz Oskar* just outside of the Delaware Breakwater. *City of Georgetown*, sailing south from New York to Savannah carrying a cargo of salt, was hidden within the glare of the Five Fathom Bank lightship. *Prinz Oskar*, bound from Philadelphia to Hamburg, was on course to pass in front of *City of Georgetown*, unaware of the southbound schooner. By the time *Prinz Oskar* spotted *City of Georgetown* it was too late. *City of Georgetown* plowed into the portside bow of the liner. Reversing engines, *Prinz Oskar* ripped the bow off the doomed schooner. Within minutes *City of Georgetown* was lost. Fortunately there were no casualties. Ultimately, fault was placed on the crew of *Prinz Oskar* for failing to yield to a sailing ship. *City of Georgetown's* captain, Abram J. Slocum, would tragically vanish in March 1914 while in command of the schooner *Levi S. Andrews* somewhere between Norfolk and Savannah.



Model of *City of Georgetown* on display at the museum.



*City of Georgetown's* first visit to Georgetown in December 1902. Courtesy of the Georgetown Co. Digital Library



The career of *City of Georgetown* came to a sudden end. *The Philadelphia Inquiry*, February 3, 1913



Luckily for *Prinz Oskar* there was no damage to the hull below the waterline. *The Philadelphia Inquiry*, February 3, 1913

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCMM Membership: [Click here to renew your Friend of the Museum registration](#)

Burning of the Socks: 3/24/23 at 5:30 PM: [Click here to register](#)

Palmetto Giving Day: [Click here to donate to the SCMM on May 2-3, 2023](#)

Boat Building Camp Registration: [Click here to register](#)

Youth Sailing Camp Registration opens in the next few weeks!

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