

Happy New Year from your SCMM Administrator!

Happy New Year Friends! As I enter my sixth year with the museum, I am excited to see where 2023 leads us! What an incredible journey this has been so far. I am eternally grateful for the relationships that I have formed with coworkers, volunteers, board members, and our supporters. It has been an honor to be a part of the museum's growth the last few years and I look forward to the future with you all! **Hope McFaddin, SCMM Administrator**

Renew or become a SCMM Friend of the Museum!

It's time to renew your Friend of the South Carolina Maritime Museum membership. There are great benefits to being a Friend of the Museum, and January is the time to renew! And the Friends yearly rates are staying the same.



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

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Sharon Corey

Sharon was born and raised in Chesterfield County, SC. Her family always spent vacations in Garden City Beach. Sharon's son lives in Asheville, NC. She loves spending time on Sanibel Island and Captiva Island, FL. Sharon earned a Master Gardener's Certificate, moved to Pawleys Island and is now a member of the Grand Strand Master Gardeners. With a passion for genealogy, she organized a genealogy society and started a Genealogy Library and now volunteers in the Archives at the Georgetown County Museum and Hobcaw Barony where she specializes in archival and museum collections care. Sharon is a valued volunteer at the SCMM and always comes in with a smile and a story to tell.

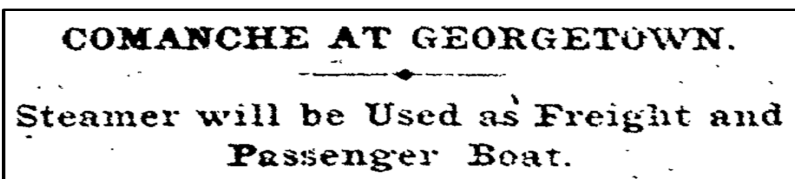


Maritime Moment By Justin McIntyre: SCMM Historian and Curator

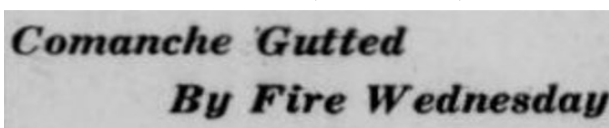
On January 23, 1929, the much-loved steamer, *Comanche*, was destroyed in fire started by Georgetown local Isaac Holmes in an attempt to stay warm. Built in Baldwinsville, New York and launched in 1895, *Comanche* was purchased for use on Georgetown's area waterways transporting passengers and freight by the Waccamaw Transportation Company. The ship arrived in Georgetown on November 1, 1910. *Comanche* was also chartered for cruises to popular local destinations such as North Island. There were even moonlight cruises around Winyah Bay! By the time of the ship's destruction, *Comanche* had fallen into disrepair and had been out of service for some time. A bench from *Comanche* originally owned by Frank Sarvis (a former captain of the ship) was graciously donated to the museum by Robin Salmon and family.



Comanche sails on! Photo courtesy of the Georgetown County Digital Library



The News & Courier, November 4, 1910



The Georgetown Times, January 25, 1929



UPCOMING EVENT: January 19, 6:30-8 PM [Maritime Trivia Night](#)

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