

# **WELCOME TO THE POTOMAC ASSOCIATION**

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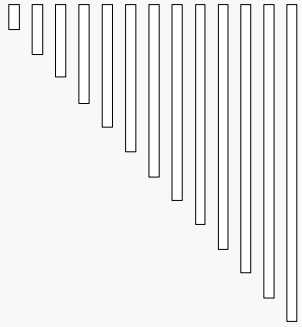


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# Potomac Association

(The Association For The Preservation Of The  
Presidential Yacht Potomac)

- 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation
- Funding: Public Cruises, Charters, Dockside Tours, Friends of the Potomac Program, Donations, Occasional Grants
  - ***No public funding of any kind***
- How Organized:
  - Board of Governors, Exec. Dir., Part-time Staff
  - ~20 Active Volunteers (Docent and Maintenance)



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- ❑ 1981, the Port of Oakland purchased the Potomac for \$15,000 at auction
- ❑ 1983, the Port established the Potomac Assoc. and entered into a 25yr agreement providing berthing, vessel utilities, insurance, admin personnel, fiscal services, and operating support
- ❑ 1990, became a National Historic Landmark
- ❑ 1993, the Assoc. accepted full ownership of the vessel
- ❑ 1995, Potomac opened to the public
- ❑ 2008, Port of Oakland involvement ended except for free berthing and the maintenance yard



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# **New Volunteer / Docent**

- Primary role as a docent is to provide our guests with a quality Potomac/FDR experience while touring the ship or cruising.
- The USS Potomac is the only memorial dedicated to President Franklin Roosevelt on the West Coast



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# How to serve the Potomac

- As a Docent: Dockside Tours, Cruising Tours (Public & Charters), Student Cruises Tours, and Public Speaking.
  - The Goal: Sharing Potomac and FDR History
- As a Volunteer: Cruise Narrator, Program / Event Coordinator, Office Staff Volunteer
- Also, as a Ship's Maintenance Volunteer



# First Step: Become A Docent

- Gain FDR and Vessel Knowledge
- Process:
  - Self-study
  - Learn from other docents thru shadowing
  - Ask questions to enhance your knowledge or clarify facts



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# Next Step: Sign Up

Lead dockside tours.

Then add:

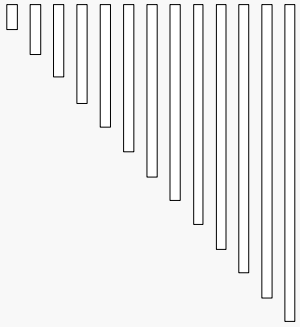
- Student Cruises
- Public Cruises
- Charters
- Public Speaking



# What We Ask Of Our Potomac Docents / Volunteers

- Volunteer at least 2 events per month  
(8 – 10 Hours)10
- Schedule as far out as possible
  - Can always un-schedule
  - Try to swap with another docent
  - Contact coordinator if unable to swap
- In return for your hours, complimentary cruises





# Docents In Action

## Educational Cruises



Education is our Mission. Students and volunteers off on an educational experience.



Learning about the Presidential Seal



Learning about FDR and the Potomac



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# Housekeeping Items

- No jeans and no shorts
- Record all your time in the log book; on the desk in the visitors center & on the ship.
- Schedule yourself online at [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com).
  - Use links in emails. No logins needed,
- If you schedule yourself, show up
- Park on the streets or in the garage. We do not validate parking.



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## Housekeeping Items (cont.)

- A name badge will be ordered for you when you start leading tours.
- Wear the name badge or a Potomac logo shirt.
  - A logo shirt is not required
- Library books may be checked out
- Restrooms across the street
- Politics on the USS Potomac end at 1945



# Next Steps Recap

**<https://www.usspotomac.org/volunteer/joinus.php>**

## **Educational and Training Materials**

Suggested initial readings:

- Section 1 (Welcome and Introduction)
- Sections 2A & B (Biographies)
- Section 3A (A Tour for Docents of The Presidential Yacht Potomac)
- Shadow experienced docents
- Lead your own dockside tour and be shadowed by an experienced docent.
- YOU ARE NOW A DOCENT