



Association for Great Lakes Maritime History

The Henry N. Barkhausen Award For Original Research in Great Lakes Maritime History

Guidelines for Entrants

The Henry N. Barkhausen Award is sponsored by the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History (AGLMH) to recognize and encourage new research in the field of Great Lakes maritime history.

Submissions will be accepted from any person(s) involved in Great Lakes Maritime History regardless of formal training.

Requirements for Entrants

1. While preferably unpublished, submissions of published articles within the prior three calendar years will also be considered.
2. The paper must include original research using primary source materials (manuscripts, photos, government documents, contemporaneous news reports) or archeological findings. Writers are encouraged to utilize the archives of AGLMH member institutions. (Potential entrants may contact the Research and Publication Committee for a list of member institutions.)
3. All sources must be properly documented. Either endnotes or footnotes are acceptable. A bibliography is also required.
4. Book-length manuscripts will not be accepted. However, excerpts or abridgements of larger works may be submitted as long as the total length is 75 pages or less, including notes and bibliography.
5. The manuscript **must not** contain the author's name or any hints of authorship. The author's identity will not be revealed to the jurors.
6. The submission must contain a cover letter or e-mail incorporating a one-paragraph abstract of the paper, the author's full name, and the title of the paper. The abstract can be included in a separate document (with title and author's name).
7. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should accompany manuscripts if the authors wish to receive them back.
8. Entries may be submitted in hardcopy or electronically (Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF).
9. Author(s) may submit *copies* of illustrative material. Originals will not be accepted and the AGLMH will not assume responsibility for loss of or damage to manuscripts or illustrations.
10. Entries must be emailed or postmarked by May 15.

Judging

Each entry which meets the above guidelines will be judged by a panel of readers who will not know the authorship of the manuscript. Judges will rate each entry on the following:

1. Accuracy of the information.
2. Analysis of the subject.
3. Readability of the prose.
4. Documentation of sources as well as a good selection of primary and secondary material.
5. Originality of the contribution.
6. Formatting including grammar and spelling.

Subject Matter

Entries must address an aspect of Great Lakes Maritime History. Papers should be on a significant topic with a reasonable likelihood of fairly wide appeal and (1) contain new perspectives and analyses of important issues or events, and/or (2) link new with existing research findings, and/or (3) describe and explain the importance of new discoveries.

Examples of subject areas follow. This list, however, is not meant to restrict entrants to these topics alone.

1. Commerce and trade on the Great Lakes
2. Harbor or port development
3. Shipbuilding and design
4. History and influence of governmental agencies such as the Life Saving Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Marine Inspection, etc.
5. Vessel or fleet history
6. Biography of Great Lakes mariners, shipbuilders or promoters of waterborne commerce
7. Passenger service on the lakes
8. Technological advances affecting Great Lakes shipping
9. Great Lakes fishing industry
10. Lighthouses, light ships, navigational aids
11. Work of marine artists on the lakes
12. Underwater archeological findings
13. History of yachting, racing or pleasure boating
14. History of public policy affecting shipping on the Great Lakes
15. History of immigration via the lakes
16. Military vessels and military activities on the Great Lakes
17. Aboriginal craft
18. Editing and interpretation of significant ship's logs
19. Great Lakes exploration and mapping
20. Shipwrecks on the Great Lakes

The Award

- A \$500.00 cash prize (to be divided if multiple authors).
- An opportunity for the winning entrant to attend the AGLMH annual fall meeting and present his/her winning submission. The Association will pay expenses exclusive of travel [registration, lodging, and banquet costs] for the winning author(s).
- Winner will be offered assistance in getting the paper published, if he/she so desires.
- Winner will receive a one-year membership in the organization with the hope that he/she will thereafter continue as an active member.

Address for Inquiries and Submissions

Please send all inquiries or submissions to:

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All entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than May 15