



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FY26
PROJECT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION			
PROJECT TITLE	Raising the Sails: Community Preservation for Ernestina-Morrissey		WARD
PROJECT LOCATION	State Pier, New Bedford		
LEGAL PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD	Massachusetts Maritime Academy		
CPA PROGRAM CATEGORY <i>(Select relevant categories for your project)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN SPACE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC RESOURCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION		<input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING
ESTIMATED START DATE	Upon awarding	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	6-12 months

PROJECT APPLICANT			
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME	Massachusetts Maritime Academy		
APPLICANT IS <i>(Check only one)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY DEPARTMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-PROFIT	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE GROUP/CITIZEN
CO-APPLICANT ORGANIZATION NAME <i>(If applicable)</i>			
CO-APPLICANT IS <i>(Check only one)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY DEPARTMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-PROFIT	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE GROUP/CITIZEN
PROJECT CONTACT PERSON	Jim McKenna		
MAILING ADDRESS <i>(INCLUDE ZIP CODE)</i>	101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	508-830-5037	EMAIL:	[REDACTED]

PROJECT FUNDING		
CPA FUNDING REQUEST <i>(must match CPA request-line 1 of Project Budget on page 8)</i>	\$ 138,747	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$ 138,747	

SIGNATURES		
I/we attest that all information provided in this entire submission is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and that no information has been excluded which might reasonably affect funding. I/we authorize the Community Preservation Committee and/or the City of New Bedford to obtain verification from any source provided. I/we acknowledge and agree that a permanent restriction may be placed on the property as a condition of funding.		
APPLICANT NAME (printed)	SIGNATURE	DATE 11/13/25
CO-APPLICANT NAME (printed)	SIGNATURE	DATE

Submission Checklist

The following items must be organized on your submitted flash drive in folders named for each applicable section below (e.g., Application, Financial, etc.). Please check each item on this list if it is included in your submission packet. **Note: not all items will apply to each project.**

APPLICATION – All items in this section are required	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application Information (page 1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission Checklist (this page)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Narrative/Project Management/Category Specific Section/Financial (pages 3-7)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Schedule – Project Budget – Funding Sources Summary (page 8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction Budget Summary – to be complete for construction projects ONLY (page 9)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Vote of Corporation and Tax Compliance Certification (page 10) must be completed by both applicant and co-applicant if non-municipal applicant. The form must be completed by authorized board member. *Certificate of Vote named person must be different person from signer of the certificate.
FINANCIAL	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One cost estimate from an architect OR two written vendor/contractor quotes (<i>Quotes/cost estimates must be submitted with application – late submissions will not be accepted</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of secured funding (commitment letters or bank statements), if applicable. Please redact account numbers and any sensitive information.
OWNERSHIP/OPERATION (NON-CITY)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the applicant is not the owner, attach documentation of site control or written consent of owner to undertake the project. <i>Applications will not be reviewed without this documentation.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors listing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Good Standing – available at MA Secretary of State website
<input type="checkbox"/>	501(c) certification (if operating as a non-profit) or corporate certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase & Sale agreement or copy of current recorded deed, if applicable.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Letters of support from residents, community groups, city departments, boards or commissions, etc.
PLANS & REPORTS <i>If applicable to your project, please submit in digital format only.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renderings, site plans, engineering plans, design/bidding plans, specifications, and any MAAB variance requests.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicable reports (21E, Historic Structure Report, appraisals, survey plan, feasibility studies, etc.)
VISUAL <i>If applicable to your project, please submit in digital format only.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photos of the project site (not more than four views per site) Digital copies <u>only</u> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catalog cuts (i.e. recreation equipment) if applicable.
FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE PROJECTS ONLY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Documentation stating the project is listed on the State Register of Historic Places or a written determination from the New Bedford Historical Commission that the resource is significant in the history, archeology, architecture, or culture of New Bedford.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photos documenting the condition of the property/resource. Digital copies <u>only</u> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Report or condition assessment by a qualified professional describing the current condition of the property/resource, if available.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I/We have read the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and understand that planning for and execution of this project must meet these standards.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

1 GENERAL NARRATIVE (1000 Character Maximum)

- Describe the proposed scope of work including the project location, property involved, and the proposed use*

This proposal seeks CPA funding for the fabrication, delivery, and USCG compliance of a complete new complement of sails and pennants for the 1894 Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey. As Massachusetts' official Ship of State and a National Historic Landmark, the vessel is vital to the city's maritime heritage, education, and cultural identity. The sails are essential to her safe operation and to maintaining USCG certification for public programs, training voyages, Tall Ship 2026 events, and a potential cross Atlantic transit to Cape Verde. Without replacement sails, the ship cannot be fully rigged or safely operated. Investing in new sails preserves her seaworthiness and ensures continued access for students, visitors, and the broader New Bedford community. Sherman Sailmakers of Boothbay, ME, and Brewer Banner of New Bedford each hold the original patterns for sails and pennants and will fabricate each respectively using traditional craftsmanship and durable materials.

2 COMMUNITY NEED (1000 Character Maximum)

- What community need(s) listed in the current CPA Plan will this project address? How does the project benefit the public and what populations(s) will it serve? If it serves a population currently underserved, please describe.*

This project addresses key community needs identified in New Bedford's FY26 Community Preservation Plan, particularly the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic resources, including vessels that embody the city's maritime heritage. Replacing the sails of the 1894 schooner Ernestina-Morrissey, a National Historic Landmark, ensures her continued seaworthiness, authenticity, and public accessibility. The project also supports broader CPA goals to enhance waterfront access, education, and cultural identity, providing New Bedford public school children, community organizations, residents and visitors with opportunities to engage with New Bedford's working waterfront, maritime history, and Cape Verdean connections.

3 GOALS & OBJECTIVES (1000 Character Maximum)

- Describe the project's goals and objectives. The objectives must be specific, measurable, achievable and realistic.*
- How does the project meet the general and category-specific priorities outlined in the current Community Preservation Plan?*

The project's goal is to preserve and sustain the Ernestina-Morrissey as a safe, operational historic vessel which provides sail training and engages the public on the traditions and history of the maritime age of sail.

4 MEASURING SUCCESS (1000 Character Maximum)

- *How will the success of this project be measured?*

Objectives and Measures of Success Include:

- 1 Fabricate a complete new set of sails by Fall 2026
- 2 Ensure U.S. Coast Guard compliance for continued educational and community programs
- 3 Enhance public access and cultural engagement through at least X# of New Bedford and National based sails or events annually, participation in Sail Boston, and explore a future good will voyage to Cape Verde (anticipated 2027)
- 4 Overarching metrics include increased public access, positive participant feedback, and sustainable readiness for additional voyages and cultural engagement

5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT (1000 Character Maximum)

- *Explain the level of community support this project has received. If possible, please include letters of support from any groups or individuals who have endorsed this project.*

The project has strong community support demonstrated through letters from state legislators, the Governor appointed Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Advisory Board, volunteer established Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Cape Cod Cape Verde Museum, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Together they affirm the vessel's state-wide recognition, cultural, educational, and environmental values and endorse this investment to preserve her active role in New Bedford and the Commonwealth's maritime community.

Letters of support are attached.

6 CRITICAL NEED (1000 Character Maximum)

- *Is this project of an urgent nature?*
- *Is there a deadline or factors not controlled by the applicant (i.e. opportunity for immediate acquisition, opportunity to leverage available non-CPA grant or other financial opportunity)?*
- *For historic resource applications only, is the property at risk for irreparable loss? If so, please include a condition assessment from a qualified professional if available.*

Timely funding allows immediate ordering of materials and fabrication, ensuring the sails are completed and operational in time for scheduled educational and community programs for the 2026 and beyond sailing season.

No, the vessel is not at risk for irreparable loss, however if a current sail is damaged and deemed not-usable or unable to be repaired, Ernestina-Morrissey may not be able to leave the dock or fulfill its scheduled educational and community-based programming.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

1 APPLICANT INFORMATION (1000 Character Maximum)

- *Describe applicant. Is applicant a public entity, private non-profit, private for-profit, an individual, a partnership, or another type of entity? What is the history and background of the applicant?*
- *Identify and describe the roles of all participants (applicants, architects, contractors, etc.) including the project manager.*
- *Describe any past projects of similar type and scale, or experience that demonstrates the applicant's ability to carry out this project.*

Founded in 1891, MMA is a special mission state university dedicated to developing skilled maritime leaders through hands-on education and industry training. Overseeing all administration, maintenance, preservation, and operations on behalf of the Commonwealth, the Academy ensures that Ernestina remains a living classroom connecting heritage, education, and community.

Project Mgr: J. McKenna, Dean of Undergraduate Enrollment; T. Krihwan: Master of the vessel; Sherman Sailmakers and Brewer Banner Designs of New Bedford.

MMA has successfully executed multi-phase local, state, and federal capital and preservation projects, ensuring compliance with procurement, fiscal, and historic-preservation standards. With our past history of successful projects, we are confident in our capacity to deliver this project effectively.

2 PROJECT FEASIBILITY (1000 Character Maximum)

- *List and explain further actions or steps required for completion of the project, such as environmental assessments, zoning or other permits and approvals, agreement on terms of any required conservation, affordability or historic preservation agreements, subordination agreements, and any known or potential barriers or impediments to project implementation.*

Timely receipt of funding is essential to allow prompt procurement of materials and supplies, enabling fabrication of goods and ensuring completion within the planned timeline.

3 PROJECT MAINTENANCE (1000 Character Maximum)

- *Please explain the long-term maintenance plan for the completed project.*

The sails and pennants will be maintained under Massachusetts Maritime Academy's vessel maintenance program, overseen by the ship's master and Academy marine operations staff. Routine inspections, cleaning, and repairs will occur annually (or as necessary), with professional evaluation by the original sailmaker every five years. Replacement planning will follow a 10–12 year lifecycle (or as necessary) to ensure safety, authenticity, and continuous operation of the Ernestina-Morrissey as an active educational and historic vessel.

COMPLETE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE PROJECTS ONLY

CPA Compliance (1000 Character Maximum)

- *Describe how the proposed project complies with the [U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#), as required by the CPA legislation under the definition of rehabilitation.*
- *Describe how the applicant will ensure compliance with these standards as the project is ongoing, i.e., hiring of a consultant.*

The project will preserve the vessel's historic integrity, materials, and appearance while ensuring its continued safe operation. The sails will be fabricated using historically appropriate designs, patterns, and stitching techniques by Sherman Sailmakers, who retain the original templates. This approach maintains authenticity and craftsmanship while using durable, compatible materials that do not alter or damage the vessel's structure. The work constitutes a sensitive rehabilitation that supports the schooner's ongoing educational and public use, allowing her to function as intended while safeguarding her historic character and significance as a National Historic Landmark and the official vessel of the Commonwealth. Modern materials will only be used where they comply with USCG regulations, improve safety and longevity without detracting from the vessel's historical integrity.

COMPLETE FOR PROJECTS WITH ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ONLY

CPA Compliance (500 Character Maximum)

- *Describe how the proposed project complies with the [ADA/MAAB Regulations](#).*

NA

COMPLETE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY

CPA Compliance (500 Character Maximum)

- *Describe how the proposed project complies with CPA affordability requirements (100% of AMI for New Bedford)*
- *Describe the number and types of units (e.g.: 1br, 2br).*
- *Provide a complete Development Budget and an Operating Budget (for rental properties).*

NA

PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1 FINANCIAL INFORMATION (2000 Character Maximum)

- *Describe all successful and unsuccessful attempts to secure funding and/or in-kind contributions, donations, or volunteer labor for the project. A bullet point list is acceptable.*
- *Will the project require CPA funding over multiple years? If so, provide estimated annual funding requirements.*
- *What is the basis for the total CPA request?*
- *How will the project be affected if it does not receive CPA funds or receives a reduced amount?*

The Ernestina-Morrissey is funded through a partnership between Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and private philanthropy. The Academy provides operational support, staffing, and maintenance oversight, while state and donor funds cover areas such as preservation, educational programming, and capital needs to ensure the vessel remains an active, seaworthy historic and educational resource.

The new sails constitute a specialized historic asset essential to the Ernestina-Morrissey's function as a sailing vessel. They are not routine maintenance items but a capital rehabilitation component - custom-fabricated using traditional materials and craftsmanship that preserve the vessel's historic integrity and operational safety. As such, they represent a new, long-term asset that restores and sustains a National Historic Landmark, meeting CPA criteria for historic preservation funding.

Annual funding for new sails is not anticipated.

This is a one-time request, with funding estimated to total: \$137,747

Compliment of Sails: \$120,650

Pennants & Banners: \$2,587.60

Contingency allowance, delivery/transportation, administrative/reporting: \$14,509.40

Without funding, the sails cannot be fabricated, leaving the Ernestina-Morrissey unable to be fully rigged or meet safety and USCG standards. This could halt or alter sailing operations, limit educational and community programs and diminish the vessel's role as a living, active symbol of New Bedford and the Commonwealth's maritime heritage. Timing for acquiring sails is critical to ensuring full participation in upcoming educational and Tall Ship 2026 events.

PROJECT SCHEDULE – PROJECT BUDGET – FUNDING SOURCE SUMMARY

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Please provide a project timeline below, noting all project milestones. Please note the City Council must approve all appropriations of CPA funds. Grant funding will not be available for disbursement until after July 1, 202.

	ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED DATE
PROJECT START DATE:	Upon Awarding, anticipated 02/2026	02/2026
PROJECT MILESTONE:		
50% COMPLETION STAGE:	Sail cutting, machine/hand work, roping	05/2026
PROJECT MILESTONE:		
PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:	Sails, pennents, and banners complete	09/2026

PROJECT BUDGET

Please include an **itemized budget** of all project expenses. Note: CPA funds cannot be used for maintenance. If the project received CPA funds in another fiscal year, please include this amount on a separate line, not on line 1.

FUNDING SOURCES	EXPENSES				
	STUDY	SOFT COSTS*	ACQUISITION	CONSTRUCTION**	TOTAL
1 NEW BEDFORD CPA FY26***	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 137,747
2	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
3	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
4	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
5	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
6	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
7	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 137,747

* Soft costs include design, professional services, permitting fees, closing costs, legal, etc.

** Construction refers to new construction, rehabilitation, preservation, restoration work, and/or accessibility related expenses.

***New Bedford CPA (Line 1) amount should match the amount requested on the application cover page.

ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCE SUMMARY

Please explain the current status of each funding source (i.e., submitting application on X date, applied on X date, received award notification on X date, funds on hand, etc.). For sources where funding has been awarded or funds are on hand, please include documentation from the funding source (e.g., commitment letter, bank statement) in application packet.

	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS OF FUNDING
1	New Bedford CPA FY26	Step II application submittal on November 13, 2025
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

To be completed for construction projects only

If you have a construction budget, it may be submitted in lieu of this page.

ACTIVITY	CPA FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
Acquisition Costs			
Land	\$	\$	\$
Existing Structures	\$	\$	\$
Other acquisition costs	\$	\$	\$
Site Work (not in construction contract)			
Demolition/clearance	\$	\$	\$
Other site costs	\$	\$	\$
Construction/Project Improvement Costs			
New Construction	\$	\$	\$
Rehabilitation	\$	\$	\$
Performance bond premium	\$	\$	\$
Construction contingency	\$	\$	\$
Other		\$	\$
Architectural and Engineering (See Designer Fee Schedule for guidance):			
https://www.mass.gov/files/design_fee_schedule- dsb 2015 2007.pdf			
Architect fees	\$	\$	\$
Engineering fees	\$	\$	\$
Other A & E fees	\$	\$	\$
Other Owner Costs			
Appraisal fees	\$	\$	\$
Survey	\$	\$	\$
Soil boring/environmental/LBP	\$	\$	\$
Tap fees and impact fees	\$	\$	\$
Permitting fees	\$	\$	\$
Legal fees	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Miscellaneous Costs			
Developer fees	\$	\$	\$
Project reserves	\$	\$	\$
Relocation costs	\$	\$	\$
Project Administration & Management Costs			
Marketing/management	\$	\$	\$
Operating/Maintenance	\$	\$	\$
Taxes	\$	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE OF CORPORATION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CORPORATE AGREEMENTS

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of _____ (organization) duly called and held on _____, 20____ at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, the following vote was duly adopted.

VOTED: That _____ (person), the _____ (title) of the corporation, be and hereby is authorized to affix the Corporate Seal, sign and deliver in the name and on behalf of the corporation, contract documents with the City of New Bedford, the above mentioned documents to include but not be limited to Bids, Proposals, Deeds, Purchase and Sales Agreements, Agreements, Contracts, Leases, Licenses, Releases and Indemnifications; and also to seal and execute, as above, surety company bonds to secure bids and proposals and the performance of said contract and payment for labor and materials, all in such form and on such terms and conditions as he/she, by the execution thereof, shall deem proper.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Name (printed)

_____ (Affix Corporate Seal)

Signature

Title

Date

TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Chapter 62C of the Massachusetts General Laws, Section 49A(b), I, the undersigned, authorized signatory for the below named contractor, do hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that said contractor has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Signature

Print Name

Organization name

Federal Tax ID #

Date

SHERMAN S. BREWER SAILMAKER



ESTIMATE

207-350-5487
sailmakersherm@gmail.com

P.O. Box 385
Southport, Me
04576

Massachusetts Maritime
Academy

Estimate for full suit of sails
for *Ernestina-Morrissey*

Date: 9/10/25

The construction methods for the sails in this quote are keeping with the sailmaking trade standards from the time of *Ernestina-Morrissey*'s active commercial career. Some of the materials used are modern but the techniques are the same as the construction of a cotton sail for a schooner fishing on the grand banks or a packet operating out of Cape Verde.

I use custom corner hardware for the sails which will outlast the working life of the sail and can be reused on future sails. All the edges of the sail will be hand roped to provide optimum strength and minimize any stretch. All eyelets are hand sewn rings.

Sails included in the estimate are as follows: Main, Fore, Jumbo, Jib, Jib Topsail, Main Gaff Topsail, Fore Gaff Topsail, Fisherman, and Passage Trysail.

Material cost includes the following: Oceanus sailcloth in 3 weights, bolt rope in 3 sizes, machine and hand thread, hand sewn rings and liners, custom corner rings and spectacle irons, and custom cringle thimbles.

Material Cost: \$47,000.00

Labor cost includes sail cutting, seaming, machine work, handwork, roping, hardware fabrication, and administration fees.

Labor Cost: \$73,650.00

Total cost: \$120,650.00

BREWER BANNER DESIGNS
77 Forest Street ★ New Bedford, MA 02740
508 996-6006 info@brewerbanner.com
www.brewerbanner.com

To: Elizabeth Simmons
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
esimmons@maritime.edu

October 16, 2025

From: Penny Brewer

Re: **Custom FLAG**

Specifications:

CONSTRUCTION: **SINGLE/REVERSE** construction (same design on back but REVERSED, most flags are made this way)

FABRIC: outdoor Nylon

DESIGN: Blue flag with MMA M logo as submitted
Finished with reinforced hoist & brass grommets

FINISH: dye **PRINTED**

Fabrication METHOD: **5x8 ft**

SIZE: **ONE @\$319.00 3-5 identical @\$249.90 each plus shipping**

Quantity & PRICE:

ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE SPECIFICATIONS MAY CHANGE THE PRICE.

We take a signed Layout Confirmation & 50% Deposit or Purchase Order number to begin custom work. Production time for custom made flags as above is currently **about 4 weeks after our receipt of signed Layout Confirmation & deposit.** Rush orders can usually be accommodated with additional rush fees applicable for less than 14 business days production. April, May, June are usually our busiest months so production time could be longer in these months.

Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions or ideas. Thank you for your interest in finest quality custom made flags and banners - made in the USA. Quote good for 30 days



Dark blue flag



Medium blue flag



Back side of
Single/Reverse construction flag

LAYOUT CONFIRMATION

Layout APPROVED as shown.
Proceed with fabrication of Quantity _____

Signature of Authorized Purchasing Agent

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To: Elizabeth Simmons
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
esimmons@maritime.edu

October 16, 2025

From: Penny Brewer

Re: **Custom PENNANT**

Specifications:

CONSTRUCTION: **SINGLE/REVERSE construction** (same design on back but
REVERSED - most flags are made this way)

FABRIC: Outdoor weight (200 denier) nylon

DESIGN: Beige swallowtail pennant with blue border, red stars & blue letters

FINISH: Finished with reinforced hoist & brass grommets

SIZE: **2 x 20 ft**

Fabrication METHOD: **all SEWN** - Beige PMS#4685, border PMS#279, letters PMS#2768

Quantity & PRICE: **ONE @\$475.00 plus shipping**

Fabrication METHOD: **dye PRINTED** - cmyk colors as submitted

Quantity & PRICE: **ONE @\$415.00 plus shipping**

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LAYOUT CONFIRMATION

Layout APPROVED as shown.

Proceed with fabrication of **SEWN** or **PRINTED**

Back side of
Single/Reverse construction flag

Signature of Authorized Purchasing Agent

The Commonwealth's



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Certificate of Solicitation

This certificate has been issued to the organization listed below because it is current in its filings with the Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. This registration in no manner constitutes endorsement or approval by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the named organization.

- **Name of the Organization:** MASS MARITIME ACADEMY FOUNDATION, INC.
- **Certificate End Date:** 11/15/2025
- **AGO Charity Number:** 013544
- **Charity Address:** 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, 02532-1803

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/overview-of-solicitation>



Buzzards Bay Coalition
114 Front Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
October 22, 2025

New Bedford Community Preservation Committee

RE: Letter of Support – Massachusetts Maritime Academy Application for a Full Complement of Sails for the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

On behalf of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, I am writing to express our full support for Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application for Community Preservation Act funding to acquire a full complement of sails for the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey.

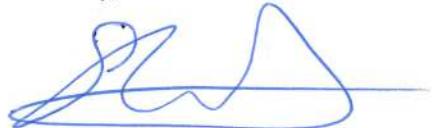
The Ernestina-Morrissey is far more than a vessel, she stands as a symbol of New Bedford's maritime heritage and an extraordinary bridge connecting history, culture, and environmental stewardship. Her presence on the New Bedford waterfront continues to inspire students and community members alike, demonstrating the powerful intersection between maritime tradition and hands-on exploration.

Our partnership with Massachusetts Maritime Academy aboard the Ernestina-Morrissey has given hundreds of young people from New Bedford Public Schools the opportunity to explore the rich connections between seamanship, clean water, local history, and Cape Verdean heritage in ways no classroom could replicate. That number will continue to grow in the years to come through our agreement with New Bedford Public Schools to ensure every sixth-grade student has the opportunity to experience this program each year. A full complement of sails will ensure the vessel can continue these transformative voyages safely and sustainably, powered once again by the wind as she was meant to be.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition's mission is to engage people of all ages in protecting and enjoying our local waters, and the Ernestina-Morrissey embodies that mission at sea. Supporting this project is an investment not only in the vessel's preservation but in the continued exploration and inspiration of future generations who will carry forward New Bedford's working-waterfront legacy.

We strongly urge the Committee to support this application so that the Ernestina-Morrissey can continue to sail as a proud ambassador for our community, our heritage, and our shared connection to Buzzards Bay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SD".

Stuart Downie
Vice President of Outdoor Exploration
Buzzards Bay Coalition
downie@savebuzzardsbay.org | (508) 999-6363



CAPE COD
CAPE VERDEAN
Museum and
Cultural Center

67 Davisville Rd., P.O.Box 726, East Falmouth MA 02536

October 30, 2025

New Bedford Community Preservation Committee:

The Board Members of the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. have unanimously voted to submit this letter of support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a full set of sails for the Historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey.

As a gift from the Republic of Cabo Verde, the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey is a valuable resource to all who are educated by those who sail on her with field trips by local students and various community members and international visitors. Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey has been a decades long icon in New Bedford and coastal sites throughout the United States as well as the archipelago of Cabo Verde. Her mission relies on the ability to safely undertake long voyages such as to Cape Verde and beyond. Her sails are neither interchangeable nor readily available for quick replacement. Securing this second set of sails will ensure that the Ernestina-Morrissey remains seaworthy.

Our museum and cultural center, the only one of its kind in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, honors the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey daily with a full room exhibit which displays art, artifacts, photos, crew manuscripts and charts detailing the Ernestina-Morrissey's long and storied life. We tell this story to visitors from around the world.

The Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. fully understands the profound impact this project will have on cultural preservation, workplace development and community pride. Thus, we fully support the efforts of the Academy and urge the Committee to favorably consider this application.

Sincerely,

Barbara Burgo

Barbara Burgo, Co-founder/Clerk/Curator on Behalf of the Board of Directors, CCCVMCC

Cell: 508-930-5981 – email: bjburgo19@gmail.com



November 7, 2025

Community Preservation Committee
City of New Bedford
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Conventures, Inc., I am writing to express our strong support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a full complement of sails for the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey.

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey is an extraordinary vessel — one that embodies New Bedford's proud maritime heritage and continues to serve as an educational and cultural ambassador for the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Maritime Academy's stewardship ensures that this National Historic Landmark remains not only preserved, but active—providing hands-on learning experiences, inspiring future mariners, and strengthening the deep connection between Massachusetts and the sea.

Restoring the vessel's sails will allow the Ernestina-Morrissey to once again operate honoring her legacy as a working ship and enabling her to participate in important regional and international maritime events. This project is a vital step in maintaining her historical integrity and expanding her role as a living classroom and symbol of New Bedford's enduring relationship with the ocean.

Conventures is proud to add our voice in support of this effort, and we commend the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for its leadership in preserving and revitalizing a most storied ship.

Sincerely,

David Choate
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer



November 7, 2025

Community Preservation Committee
City of New Bedford
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Sail Boston, Inc., I am writing to express our full support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a complete set of sails for the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey.

As one of the most storied vessels in Cape Verdean and Massachusetts maritime history, the Ernestina-Morrissey embodies the Commonwealth's deep connection to the sea, education, and Cape Verdean Diaspora. Fully equipping her with a new complement of sails is essential to preserving her operational capability and ensuring that future generations can continue to experience her under full sail as a living, working example of our seafaring legacy.

Sail Boston has long been committed to celebrating and promoting Massachusetts' maritime traditions. The Ernestina-Morrissey plays an important role in that mission, serving as both a proud ambassador for the City of New Bedford and a floating classroom that inspires students and visitors alike.

We enthusiastically endorse this request and urge your favorable consideration of this worthy application.

Sincerely,

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David Choate
Project Manager
Sail Boston, Inc.



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November 10, 2025

Community Preservation Committee
City Hall, Room 303
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members:

As the Senator representing New Bedford and the author of state law requiring the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey's continued presence and availability in the city, I am writing to support Massachusetts Maritime Academy's (MMA) application for CPA funding in FY26 for the acquisition and delivery of a full complement of new sails for the historic vessel. While the Commonwealth and private philanthropy provided millions in funding for the historic Schooner, more support is currently needed to replace her sails.

Originally built in 1894, the *Ernestina-Morrissey* is a National Historic Landmark that currently serves as the Official Vessel of the Commonwealth. The Schooner is a member of the permanent sail-training fleet at MMA and has been providing invaluable learning experiences for New Bedford students and the wider community. The "mighty E-M" is a source of tremendous pride for our Cape Verdean community and is permanently birthed, by law, in New Bedford.

The current sails are aged and worn, requiring replacement. While the legislature will continue to provide annual funding for MMA to operate the vessel, CPA funding will support the E-M's sails necessary for safe travel. Together, these funding sources will help MMA ensure regular sailing operations as well as future cross-Atlantic travels, including to Cape Verde. Investing in new sails will keep the *Ernestina-Morrissey* as an active, living resource providing education, cultural connection, and community pride.

In closing, I strongly support the Academy's efforts and hope that the Committee will act favorably on this application. Should you require any additional information at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Montigny
SENATOR



Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc.

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October 28, 2025

New Bedford Community Preservation Committee:

On behalf of the **Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association (SEMA)**, I am writing to express our full support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a full complement of sails for the historic Schooner *Ernestina-Morrissey*.

The *Ernestina-Morrissey* is a treasured icon of New Bedford's maritime heritage and a living symbol of our community's enduring connection to the sea. Her restoration and continued operation serve as a tangible link between our past and future, educating new generations about the city's seafaring history, global trade connections, and diverse cultural identity.

The *Ernestina-Morrissey* is a historic vessel whose mission relies on her capacity to safely undertake long voyages, including transatlantic crossings to Cape Verde and beyond. Presently, the ship is equipped with only one complete set of sails. Unlike modern vessels, her sails are neither interchangeable nor readily available for quick replacement. In the event of a sail being torn or destroyed by severe weather, there is no onboard replacement available, posing a significant risk: a single damaged sail could compromise the ship's ability to continue her voyage and fulfill her educational and cultural mission.

By contributing to this project, the City of New Bedford will help ensure that *Ernestina-Morrissey* remains an active, wind-powered ambassador for education, history, and sustainability. A full sail complement will allow her to operate safely, reliably, and effectively under sail power, expanding her capacity to serve as a teaching platform for cadets, students, and community members.



Securing this second set of sails will ensure that the Ernestina-Morrissey remains seaworthy and resilient during extended voyages, safeguarding her role as a living symbol of maritime heritage and as a cultural bridge between communities in the United States and Cape Verde.

SEMA has a long history in supporting the Ernestina-Morrissey. Within our mission is a commitment to the raising of funds, to community engagement and to volunteerism with the purpose of honoring and preserving the Vessel's cultural, historical and educational mission. We have seen first-hand the good works that Massachusetts Maritime Academy is doing as the Vessel's steward. SEMA recognizes the profound impact this project will have on cultural preservation, workforce development, and New Bedford community pride. We strongly support the Academy's efforts and urge the Committee to favorably consider this application.

Sincerely,
Derek Stevens
President of the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association
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November 7, 2025

New Bedford Community Preservation Committee
New Bedford City Hall
133 William St, New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear New Bedford Community Preservation Committee:

On behalf of Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Advisory Board (SEMAB), I am writing to express our full support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a full complement of sails for the historic Schooner *Ernestina-Morrissey*.

The *Ernestina-Morrissey* is Massachusetts' Official Vessel, a National Historic Landmark, and a member of the permanent sail-training fleet at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. She represents over a century of seafaring history from Gloucester's fishing fleet to Arctic exploration and transatlantic migration with Cabo Verde community. *Ernestina-Morrissey* is a treasured icon of New Bedford's maritime heritage and a living symbol of our community's enduring connection to the sea. Her restoration and continued operation serve as a tangible link between our past and future, educating new generations about the city's seafaring history, global trade connections, and diverse cultural identity.

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SEMAB recognizes the profound impact this project will have on cultural preservation, workforce development, and community pride. We strongly support the Academy's efforts and urge the Committee to favorably consider this application.

Sincerely,
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October 22, 2025

New Bedford Community Preservation Committee:

On behalf of Tall Ships America, I am writing to express our full support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a full complement of sails for the historic Schooner *Ernestina-Morrissey*.

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Tall Ships America recognizes the profound impact this project will have on cultural preservation, workforce development, and community pride. We strongly support the Academy's efforts and urge the Committee to favorably consider this application.

Sincerely,

Stuart Gilfillen

Executive Director, Tall Ships America
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THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

October 22, 2025

Dear New Bedford Community Preservation Committee,

As Members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives we are writing to express our full support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's application to the New Bedford Community Preservation Act for funding to acquire a full complement of sails for the historic Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey.

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We recognize the profound impact this project will have on cultural preservation, workforce development, and community pride. We strongly support the Academy's efforts and urge the Committee to favorably consider this application.

Sincerely,

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David T. Vieira
State Representative
Third Barnstable District

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