



Explore how the current of time has shaped the face of Florida and its almost forgotten past. The history of the fishing industry has made Florida what it is today. We share these meaningful stories through the lens of the Cortez Commercial Fishing Village. This lens offers a fresh perspective on the time periods of Florida's maritime past.

Nestled within the fishing village of Cortez, the museum offers a snapshot of old Florida. We dedicate ourselves to this history by collecting, preserving and sharing traditional knowledge, cultural artifacts and personal stories specific to Florida's fishing and maritime heritage.

The Florida Maritime Museum is a part of the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller's Historical Resources Department. Additional support is provided by the Manatee County Board of County Commission and the Friends of the Florida Maritime Museum.

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## EXHIBITIONS

Our main building, the 1912 Cortez Rural Graded Schoolhouse, houses exhibits. Boat models, tools, and other fishing equipment tell a story of Florida's rich maritime history. The remaining grounds offer views of native species as well as four other structures that all add to our story.



## EDUCATION

Whether it is for yourself or your group, we offer fun educational programs for all audiences. And, a small library offers books and archival material for research.

## EVENTS & CLASSES

The Folk School at FMM offers many hands-on classes to learn and preserve classic skills. Other community events take place during the year.



Visit [FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org/Events](https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org/Events) to see the most current list of events, lectures, classes and more!



*Shaped by water*  
EXPERIENCE  
your HERITAGE

**Join a community.**  
**SUPPORT**  
our **FUTURE.**



**Tuesday-Saturday, by appointment only**

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**[FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org](https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org)**

*Experience local culture and  
discover the importance"  
of Florida's fishing and  
maritime heritage.*

**Welcome aboard!** The Florida Maritime Museum is embarking on a multi-phase "re-imagination" of permanent exhibits. Now more than ever is the perfect time to become a member!

**All memberships include:**

- Advanced notice of upcoming programs, events, and exhibits through our monthly e-newsletter
- Opportunity to check out books from our research library
- 20% discount in the museum gift store
- Advanced notice of new classes & 20% discount on all Folk School classes

**Membership Levels and Benefits:**

**Statesman (\$25)**

Senior Individual membership (65+)

- Ability to reserve up to two seats for our seasonal lecture series (advance reservation required)
- Invitations for two to private member receptions and events

**Crew (\$30)**

Individual membership

- Ability to reserve up to two seats for our seasonal lecture series (advance reservation required)
- Invitations for two to private member receptions and events

**Captain (\$100)  
Family membership**

- Ability to reserve up to four seats for our seasonal lecture series (advance reservation required)
- Invitations for four to private member receptions and events
- Free or discounted admission to over 900 museums nationwide with the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) program and the Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) reciprocal membership program

**Admiral (\$250)  
Family membership PLUS**

- Ability to reserve up to six seats for our seasonal lecture series (advance reservation required)
- Invitations for six to private member receptions and events
- Free or discounted admission to over 900 museums nationwide with the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) program and the Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) reciprocal membership program

**Patron**

- For those wishing to demonstrate a higher level of philanthropic support, we encourage you to make a donation at the Patron level. Contact the museum at (941) 708-6120 for details.

**Membership Form**

Become a member today and help us in fulfilling our mission to preserve and share Florida's fishing and maritime heritage for future generations.

<u>Membership Levels</u>	<u>Price</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Statesman	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Crew	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Captain	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Admiral	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation	\$_____
Total Amount Enclosed	\$_____

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☐ I would like to volunteer! Please contact me to discuss current volunteer opportunities.

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Visit our website at [FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org](http://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org) to pay by credit card, call us at (941) 708-6120, or return your completed form with payment to:

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Thank you for your support!