



The Historic Schooner *Adventuress* **A National Historic Landmark** **and Puget Sound Treasure**

In February 1913, *Adventuress* set sail from E. Boothbay, Maine on her maiden voyage to Boston, arriving with decks and rigging completely encased in ice. Chicago millionaire and gentleman explorer, John Borden was on his way to the arctic to hunt a bowhead whale to complete the American Museum of Natural History's whale collection. Ninety-six years later, following decades as a San Francisco bar pilot vessel, WWII patrol ship and sail-training schooner, *Adventuress* now sails Puget Sound waters to educate, inspire and empower all to care for the region's waterways.

Owned and operated by nonprofit Sound Experience (celebrating its 20th anniversary this year), *Adventuress* truly belongs to the people of the Puget Sound region and to Washington State. More than 50,000 youth have sailed aboard in the past two decades, working together to raise sails while learning how their daily actions make a difference in the health of the Sound.

More relevant than ever with the massive effort underway to clean up Puget Sound by 2020, *Adventuress* draws thousands to the waterfront each year, educating the public about the current state of Puget Sound and ways they can get involved in their own communities. Today, *Adventuress* plays a critical role as Puget Sound's beloved environmental tall ship.



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In recent decades, over \$1 million in private financial support has restored *Adventuress* to her classic rigging and design. In 1989, *Adventuress* joined Washington State's exclusive assembly of National Historic Landmark vessels as an example of the "fisherman profile" designed yachts of B.B. Crowninshield, noted early 20th century American naval architect whose work was influential in the development of American yachts and fishing schooners.

In 2009, Sound Experience will be applying for a Save America's Treasures grant to preserve this irreplaceable public treasure for generations of Washington State youth.

With less than four years to her centennial, *Adventuress* is in need of significant preservation work. Estimated at \$717,500 over the next three years, this project is also expected to bring important jobs to Port Townsend and Jefferson County.

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