

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Luna Preservation Society, Inc. is a non-profit, educational organization whose mission is to restore Luna to her original condition and utilize Luna as a vessel to teach about the environment, commerce and history of Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay as well as those skills which were used in her original engineering, construction and operation.

## WELCOME ABOARD LUNA:

Step into the world of a 1930's state-of-the-art wooden tugboat. Her classic lines depict a time when beauty and function still went hand in hand. With her gleaming white hull, varnished deck house and polished brass work, she is no ordinary harbor sight. Being a landmark of maritime history Luna has a new course to steer, acting as a floating classroom with multiple curriculum objectives:

Being onboard Luna is an opportunity to see, touch and comprehend naval architecture, mechanical and electrical engineering plus the trades of wooden boat construction that made Luna a successful harbor tugboat.

Luna represents the waters of Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay. She is the living artifact from which to learn the colorful maritime history of New England. She is the boat from which the maritime commerce of the Commonwealth can be witnessed and better understood.

Being on the water, Luna, is a natural environmental advocate. Students will learn the ecological diversity and environmental dangers which lie just off their shoreline.

Luna provides the access to teach first-hand how the harbor works and lives environmentally, economically and historically.

## GOALS

### Preserving a Maritime Treasure

The restoration of Luna will follow the Secretary of the Interior's STANDARDS FOR HISTORIC VESSEL PRESERVATION PROJECTS. Restoration will be to original specifications as best met by today's materials and technology. Where possible, all features shall retain the original fabric, finish and construction techniques and craftsmanship.

### Public Education

Education will focus on the technology of ship building and operations, ecology, commerce and history of Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay.

## WHY LUNA?

The Luna is the oldest remaining tug of her kind in the nation and at this point will either be saved or lost forever. She represents the courage and dedication that built Boston's harbor into the world class port it is today. It is tempting to ignore our history. But if Luna is not saved, there will be no second chance. There are no other tugs waiting at some distant port with the history and service to Boston that Luna possesses.

As a diesel-electric tug, Luna is an ideal educational tool. In a program running parallel with the restoration, students will be offered the opportunity to learn important job skills from professionals. Subjects would include: shipbuilding, carpentry, electrical and mechanical engineering, maritime preservation, historical documentation, and museum presentation. Luna's on-the-water education pro-

gram will initiate classes including: environmental studies, maritime history and commerce, navigation and seamanship.

Luna is structurally sound, demonstrating the remarkable techniques of wooden hull construction. She retains her historical significance as a state-of-the-art vessel of her time.

Luna's status as a national and state landmark and a registered historic site is reason enough for saving her.

Fostering the appreciation of our maritime heritage must be addressed quickly because we have already lost many great vessels. We cannot afford to lose another. Boston would sever an important link to their past with the loss of the Luna.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS OF LPS TO DATE

In the summer of 1991, several individuals sharing the same concern over the fate of Luna formed the Luna Preservation Society, Inc. to help save this historic vessel. Their volunteer efforts have given Luna a new hope for the future. These efforts have included:

- Acquired Luna,
- Implemented an emergency stabilization plan as an alternative to scuttling,
- Secured HABS/HAER funding for repair and rebuild Luna's hull. Work performed at \_\_\_\_ ME.
- Has a signed agreement with BPDA, Boston Planning and Development Authority, to dock Luna at Pier 3 in the Charlestown Navy Yard, adjacent to USS Constitution.

#### WHO SUPPORTS LUNA?

There has been widespread support for Luna throughout the community including;

Historic Boston, Inc.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Maritime Alliance

Boston Landmark Commission

Massachusetts Historic Commission

BPDA, Boston Planning and Development Authority

Metropolitan District Commission

National Park Service

#### SUMMARY

The need for public, private and corporate support is now critical. Funding is required for stabilization and long term restoration efforts. The Luna Preservation Society, Inc. is seeking assistance in all areas of expertise to carry out this project: donations, materials, professional services, (accounting, marketing, advertising, management), labor and, of course, cash will be necessary for the success of this project.

LPS also needs to reach out to educators to help develop curriculum for teaching and sharing the multiple aspects of what Luna represents: technology, history and the environment.

Already hundreds of volunteer hours have been logged by dedicated individuals throughout the community. The results of their efforts have saved Luna from the immediate danger of loss. Luna needs the care and attention to prevent "demolition from neglect." Let's give Luna the future she has earned and the public and youth of the region an unforgettable educational experience.