

LIFE ABOARD *FRIENDS GOOD WILL*

Every ship has its own culture, atmosphere and manner of operating that often influences the manner in which the Ship's Company interact.

The Michigan Maritime Museum encourages a culture that maximizes educational opportunities. Persons aboard will be of differing levels of experience, skill and perhaps at any given moment in time, ability. Further, interest and knowledge of history, authenticity and methods of educating the public through, among other means, reenacting, may differ. Persons will generally bring different abilities and contribute according to their strengths.

Consequently, sharing information and skills among members of differing experience, abilities and strengths is highly encouraged. Attitudes of superiority and arrogance have no place on board a ship whose mission is primarily education. Discipline is necessary for the safe operation of the vessel, but during more relaxed moments generous and sincere interaction and conversation is wholeheartedly encouraged. Take care of your shipmates – the bond that will develop will be prized among relationships.

When open to the public, the Ship's Company will exhibit a tolerance and hospitality to visitors that will earn *Friends Good Will* the reputation of a "Good Will" ambassador.