

THE VIRGINIA V FOUNDATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION: To promote the Puget Sound's maritime heritage through the restoration, preservation, operation, and interpretation of the National Historic Landmark vessel VIRGINIA V.



OPERATION

As the VIRGINIA V sails the waters of the Puget Sound, she transforms from historical artifact to a living, working vessel.

It is her ability to immerse guests in nearly a hundred years of local maritime history that sets the VIRGINIA V apart.

In 2019, we were able to share that experience with 4,450 guests who got underway with us. We continue to offer low-cost public cruises, such as Steamship Saturdays in partnership with the Center for Wooden Boats and special narrated cruises in partnership with the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), to give the broader community access to our local waterways and maritime history. We have participated in well-loved traditions including Seattle's Opening Day, Olympia Harbor Days, the Lake Union Wooden Boat Show, and the Blue Angels Viewing Cruises. The VIRGINIA V provided over 25 private underway charters, seven of which were wedding celebrations.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our volunteer crew. From the licensed mariners like our captains and chief engineers, to our bartenders, docents, deckhands, and engineers, the VIRGINIA V would not leave the dock without them.

2019 OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

- » 55 days underway on the VIRGINIA V
- » 17,150 total visitors to the vessel
- » 4,450 guests during public & private cruises
- » 4,200 volunteer hours donated



PRESERVATION

The VIRGINIA V continues to be the largest operational, wooden steamboat certified to carry passengers in the United States. This would not be possible without a steadfast focus on preservation and the donors, members and volunteers who care for the VIRGINIA V.

2019 was a busy year for preservation and maintenance. Our biennial haul-out was completed at Pacific Fishermen Shipyard during the off-season. Prior to the preparation and painting of the vessel's underwater hull, the required U.S. Coast Guard dry dock inspection was carried out. The scope of this inspection included the examination of the vessel's hull, through hull fittings, and sea valves. In addition to the dry dock inspection, the U.S. Coast Guard also conducted an examination of the boiler firesides and watersides. During this haul-out, three planks and an area of the sponson were replaced.

A professional condition and valuation survey was conducted to ensure the VIRGINIA V enters her second century on the water in tiptop shape. The survey found the vessel to be in very good condition and set our priorities for preservation work in the coming years.

2019 PRESERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

- » 8 maintenance shifts with interns and Naval Sea Cadets
- » 70 maintenance volunteer hours
- » 48 days of shipyard restoration and preservation
- » A freshly painted wheelhouse and underwater hull



EDUCATION

Education is one of the Foundation's core services to the Puget Sound community. In 2019, we refined our approach to education programs and focused on broadening our reach to share our ship and our mission with more diverse audiences.

The C. Keith Birkenfeld Teen Internship Program has grown substantially in the last six years. Thanks to our community partners in the Seattle and Highline public schools and other youth maritime organizations, we had a record number of applicants in 2019. We welcomed six high school students aboard last summer, our largest cohort to date, and partnered with Seattle Maritime Academy to provide them with a week of maritime classroom training. With this combination of hands-on learning, crew mentorship, and soft skills training, our internship is a first step on a career path in maritime for local youth.

Our 2019 summer camp programs were a hit thanks to collaborations with community partners Seattle Children's Theatre and MOHAI. Our Drama on Deck theatre camp paired Mosquito Fleet history and maritime skills with acting and playwriting lessons to help students tell the story of the Storm of 1934, with the VIRGINIA V as set and stage. Seafaring Adventure Camp brought students together with VIRGINIA V volunteers to learn how a ship's crew works together, and how the Mosquito Fleet and water transport shaped Seattle's history.

2019 EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- » 6 Birkenfeld Interns
- » 8 underway educational field trips
- » 34 summer camp participants
- » 9,500 Open Ship visitors

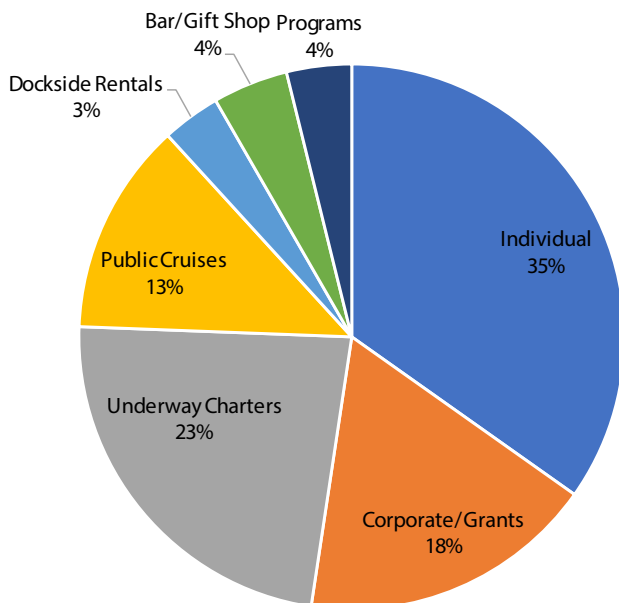


FINANCIALS

Thanks to the support of our volunteers, board members, donors, and community, the Virginia V Foundation was able to make critical investments in the future of the VIRGINIA V in 2019. In addition to the annual expenses below, the Foundation drew down its long term debt by \$43,370 and invested \$96,080 in structural renewals to the ship, new life rafts, components for a new heating system, and gift shop inventory.

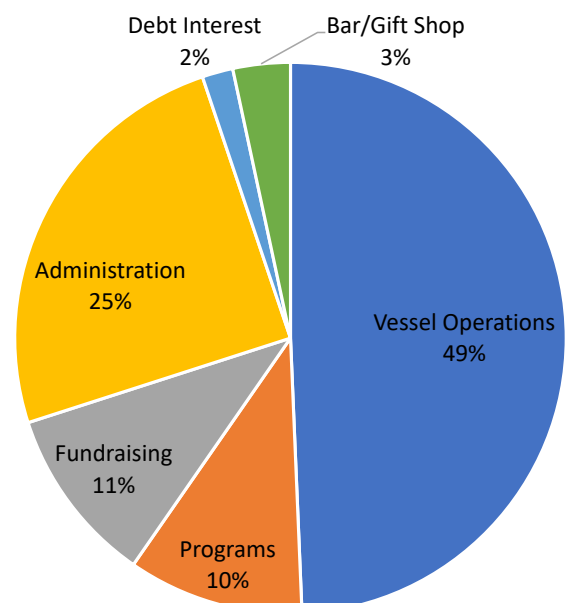
REVENUES

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| Individual Giving | 146,888 |
| Corporate/Grants | 74,215 |
| Underway Charters | 97,984 |
| Public Cruises | 53,262 |
| Dockside Rentals | 14,633 |
| Bar/Gift Shop | 18,841 |
| Programs | 16,259 |
| TOTAL | 422,081 |



EXPENSES

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| Vessel Operations | 191,993 |
| Programs | 40,158 |
| Fundraising | 40,421 |
| Administration | 96,461 |
| Debt Interest | 7,040 |
| Bar/Gift Shop | 13,095 |
| TOTAL | 389,168 |



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

As the last remaining steamship of the Mosquito Fleet, the VIRGINIA V holds countless tales. She is a living symbol of Northwest maritime survival and service, with nearly a century's worth of history that her crew brings to life for the thousands of people who experience her in action each year. *Thanks to our donors and members, her legacy and impact will continue for years to come.*

I am proud to have joined the VIRGINIA V family as the Executive Director this year and look forward to helping this grand dame of the Pacific Northwest to celebrate her centennial in style.

Debra E. Alderman

Debra Alderman, Executive Director

OUR PILLARS:

AN OPERATIONAL ARTIFACT

The VIRGINIA V is a steam powered operational vessel that allows everyone in our community access to our incredible waterways, maritime skills training, and hands-on maritime heritage.

MARITIME PRESERVATION

The VIRGINIA V is a National Historic Landmark, the last steamer of the Mosquito Fleet, the largest operational wooden steamboat in the country, and a living connection to our maritime past.

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

The VIRGINIA V is a one-of-a-kind learning environment for kids and adults to explore maritime history, to learn about maritime careers, and get on the water.

