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Scott,

Thank you so much for getting back to us, and so quickly – it is greatly appreciated.

Though unfortunate, I am thrilled to hear of your teams ongoing success & recognition for being asset to the historical, trades, and sail community. I'll meet with our team and see if perhaps, as you mentioned, if there are other ways we can work together.

Please extend my personal thanks, and respect, to your team.

Best,

Tyler

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Hi Tyler,

Thank you for reaching out to us and for considering the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard for your project. Unfortunately, as it stands now, our schedule is booked until September 2026. That being said we would be glad to discuss this project with you and see if we could help out in any other way.

Please feel free to give me a call,

Scott Gifford

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Walter & Scott,

I contacted the yard and a colleague of yours gave me your information.

As you may know, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the owner and steward of the US Brig Niagara, SSV, whose homeport is Erie Maritime Museum, Erie, PA. During 2024, PHMC (the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission) will embark on a multi-million-dollar Commonwealth Capital Project to tackle Niagara's deferred maintenance and to make major systems upgrades. The significant investment of resources over the next two years will culminate in the ship sailing Pennsylvania's northwest coast in 2026 when the United States and the Commonwealth celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary.

As part of this effort, we identified the *Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard* as a possible location to complete the scope of work and provide an interpretive value and access given the history of this vessel. Linked immediately below is the ship's history.

<https://www.eriemaritimemuseum.org/research-topics/us-brig-niagara>

We would very much be interested in having a conversation about this with your team... please let me know at your earliest convenience if you team would be open to discussing this. I've Ccd my direct superior, Melissa Mann, Director, Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums.

Respectfully,

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