



District 14 Jeremiah O'Brien Cruise of SF Bay

Cruise on the SS Jeremiah O'Brien: Our famous WWII Liberty Ship still in operation

May 24, 2014 Memorial Day Weekend

4 Hour Cruise - \$100 per person

Board: 9:30 AM

Venue: drinks, food, Dixie Land Band, tours of the vessel and a trip around the Bay

Board the Jeremiah at Pier 45 in San Francisco

The story of the Jeremiah O'Brien -

Named after a famous American Revolutionary War ship captain Jeremiah O'Brien, she was built in just 56 days at the New England Shipbuilding Corporation in South Portland, Maine, and launched on 19 June 1943. This class EC2-S-CI ship not only made four perilous round trip wartime crossings of the Atlantic and served on D-Day, the vessel later saw sixteen months of service in both the South Pacific and the Indian Ocean calling at ports in Chile, Peru, New Guinea, the Philippines, India, China, and Australia.

The end of the war caused most of the Liberty ships to be removed from service in 1946 and many were subsequently sold to foreign and domestic buyers. Others were retained by the U.S. Maritime Commission for potential reactivation in the event of future military conflicts.

Jeremiah O'Brien was on of that group, she was mothballed and remained in the National Defense Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay for 33 years. In the 1970s, however, the idea of preserving began. She is now a 501c3 California non-profit and all her funds go to her preservation and upkeep. She goes out only a few times a year, this is a wonderful opportunity to tour this historic vessel and have some fun with your District 14 fellow members.

Reservations: Email Marge Bottari at MMBottari@yahoo.com with the number of passengers!