

# USS Salem

## Overnight Adventure



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## Are You Ready for a Shipboard *Adventure*?

The United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum lets you experience life on board a real Navy Ship. The USS Salem CA-139 is the only preserved heavy cruiser in the world. She is moored at her birthplace, the former Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts. Our *Overnight Adventure* offers participants activities that include simulated combat situations such as radar tracking, damage control and simulated fire fighting. Other activities include scavenger hunts, cold water survival and hoisting as well as first aid. We also offer off-ship activities such as a Boston Harbor Cruise, as well. Even though the USS Salem is a museum it's the hands-on aspect of our program that make us unique. Our *Adventurers* get access to areas of the ship **off-limits** to regular guests. They even sleep in the same bunks used by naval personnel and eat in the same mess decks. So, are you ready for a *Shipboard Adventure*?

### The USS Salem Overnight Camping Adventure Includes:

- • Personalized Group Orientation
- • Admission to all on-board museums
- • Special Overnight Adventurers Ships tour
- • Participation in USS Salem Activities and Training
- • Berthing in crew's quarters
- • Full dinner, breakfast and snacks
- • Movies
- • Boston Harbor Cruise

## USS Salem Sample Activities:

### **Combat Information Center:**

A member of the USS Salem's crew will introduce groups to the ship's **C.I.C.** This program consists of instruction in the ship's radar and communications equipment. During a simulated battle you will use this equipment, radar will be activated, targets tracked and plotted on the "Maneuvering Board". Using sound powered phones information will be passed back and forth while you help stave off an attack. During the battle you will learn to operate all this equipment in the dark!



### **Damage Control:**

Learn procedures for keeping the USS SALEM afloat in spite of "battle damage" sustained in a surface engagement.

Using shoring timbers, ship's equipment and their new found knowledge division members will participate in a damage control "drill" to keep the ship afloat.



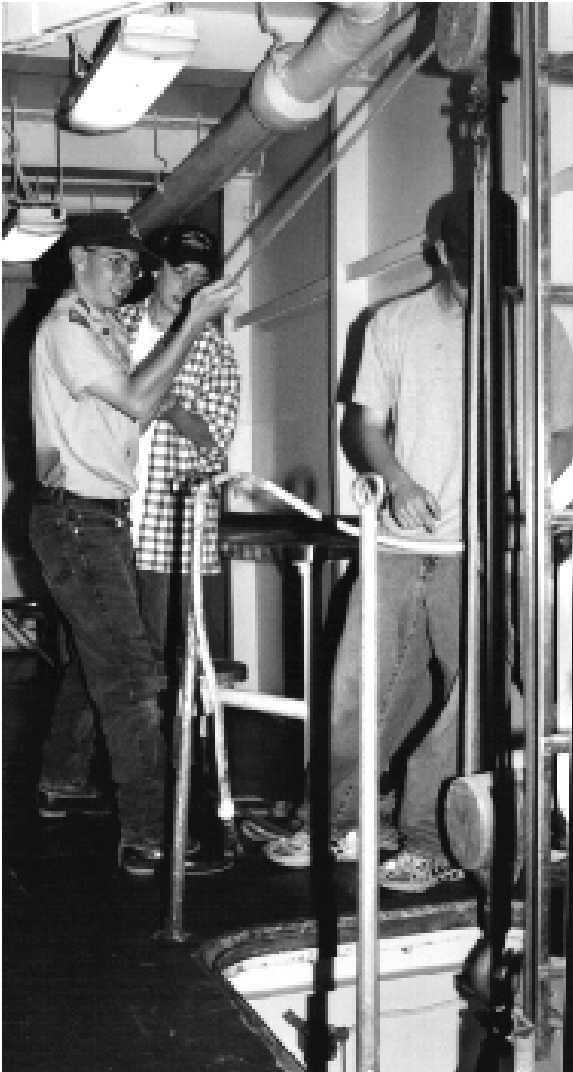
### **Fire Fighting:**

This evolution is an introduction to naval fire fighting equipment and procedures. Older groups will participate in a drill where they suppress a simulated fire, (no smoke) locate and retrieve victims. The groups on the main deck perform hose drills during warmer months. They learn how to rig submersible fire pumps, hook

up hoses and flow water. Younger groups will learn about fire fighting techniques, try on protective equipment and participate in hose drills.

**First Aid:**

For older groups, we begin with a review of basic first aid skills. An emergency scenario is simulated in the ship's engineering spaces. Using teamwork, groups are tasked with locating "victims" properly treating their injuries and evacuating them. Younger groups have basic first aid and safety skills taught with the use of 911 being reinforced



**Hoisting:**

Hoisting: Participants will learn how to rig the ship's 8 inch shells for transport and lowering into the ship's magazine. This evolution involves teamwork and strength.

**Scavenger Hunt:**

Participants will be required to go about the ship and answer a list of questions about the USS Salem. Much of this information can be found on the ship's tour, or by asking the crew. Winners receive a special Overnight Adventurer prize.

**Cold Water Survival:**

Your ship is going down rapidly. You have a few minutes to decide what to take into the life raft with you! Overnight Adventure participants are given a list of options and must decide what to take. A crewmember will review your choices and determine whether you will survive or be bait for the sharks!

**Boston Harbor Cruise:**

Overnight Adventurers will take the Harbor Express high-speed catamaran on a tour of Boston Harbor, traveling from the USS Salem to Logan Airport and Historic Boston and back. This 1.5-hour tour is a great way to wind up your visit.

**Radio Room & Morse Code:**

Overnight Adventure participants will visit one of the ship's radio rooms and take part in ship-to-ship and ship to shore communications via Morse code and HAM radio. We can often reach ships as far away as Antarctica!

**Movies:**

Up to 3 feature films are shown every night, giving Overnight Adventurers a choice of movies. A variety of current, age appropriate, films are offered. Snacks are provided, soft drinks are available. This is a great way to wind down after your busy training schedule.

**USNSM Museums:**

The USS Salem is privileged to be the home of several museums including *The United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum*, *The USS Salem Museum*, *The USS Newport News Museum*, *The USS Saint Paul Memorial Exhibit*, *The Cruiser Sailors' Assn. Memorial Exhibit*, *The Model Ship Exhibit* and *The Military History Research Center and Weapons Collection*. With such an extensive collection of artifacts and memorabilia you could spend hours.

## Overnight Adventure Sample Schedule:

### **Saturday**

- 1:00 Arrival/Registration
- 1:30 Fire Drill/Safety Briefing
- 1:45 Group Orientation
- 2:00 Ships Tour
- 3:00 Activities/Training Rotation
- 6:15 Dinner
- 6:45 Mess Clean up
- 7:00 Free Time
- 7:30 Movies
- 10:00 Report to Berthing
- 10:30 Lights Out

### **Sunday**

- 7:00 Reveille
- 7:15 Berthing Area clean up
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Mess clean up
- 8:15 Scavenger Hunt
- 9:30 Boston Harbor Cruise