



# Application for Sand Man Artifacts



This is an application to receive an artifact from the historic Olympia-based tugboat, the Sand Man. To be considered, complete the application and email it to [info@historicmaritimefoundation.org](mailto:info@historicmaritimefoundation.org). Applications must be received by Aug. 15, 2026. [View inventory of available artifacts here.](#)

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| Are you a 501c3 nonprofit.....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have the financial means to display the artifact ? ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will the artifact be displayed publicly ? .....                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there a specific artifact you are interested in? If yes, please indicate the item here.

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Please explain your plan to display the artifact:

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What is your connection to the Sand Man tugboat?

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Applications will be reviewed by the Sand Man Artifact Review Committee. If approved, you will be notified by phone call and email. Pickup times for approved application will be in the email sent out in the notification email.

The historic tugboat Sand Man has been a beloved part of Olympia's maritime heritage for generations. For many in our community, the vessel represents more than just a boat—it represents the working waterfront, Harbor Days traditions, and a tangible connection to Olympia's maritime past. In recent years, however, the physical condition of the vessel has continued to deteriorate. Despite the efforts of many dedicated individuals and organizations, the financial and logistical realities associated with restoring and maintaining the Sand Man have reached a point where preservation of the vessel in its entirety is no longer feasible. Rather than allowing this important piece of local history to simply disappear, the Port of Olympia and its preservation partners have developed a plan to preserve the Sand Man's legacy. Historic elements of the vessel will be carefully inventoried, documented, and made available through an application process designed to place these artifacts with organizations and institutions that can preserve, interpret, and share them with the public. Our goal is to ensure that pieces of the Sand Man continue telling the story of Olympia's maritime history for generations to come.

*Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee receipt of an artifact. Applications will be reviewed by The Sand Man Artifact Review Committee and evaluated based on factors such as public accessibility, historic significance, preservation capability, educational value, and community benefit.*