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TALL SHIP *GAZELA* & TUGBOAT *JUPITER*
HONOR TOP VOLUNTEERS
& LOOK FORWARD TO 2008

February 27, 2008—Celebrating over 23,000 volunteer hours, members of the Philadelphia Ship Preservation Guild recently came together to recognize three outstanding volunteers from their midst and at the same time honor the memory of three distinguished and cherished individuals. Tall ship *Gazela* and tugboat *Jupiter* are the hub of a dedicated volunteer community established over 35 years ago. The Guild's Board of Directors established these new named awards, to honor volunteers and supporters of the Guild:

William Wikoff Smith Award

For his notable and significant contributions to the Guild, long time friend and supporter Jack Brown of Philadelphia was awarded the Wikoff Smith Award. The Guild Board established this award in order to recognize Wikoff Smith (1919 - 1976) for his singular act of bringing *Gazela* to Philadelphia in 1971 and to acknowledge his lifelong commitment to social responsibility.

Gay Burgiel *Gazela* Volunteer of the Year Award

Educator Lynn Yonally was honored with the Burgiel Award. Yonally regularly travels into the city in order to train new volunteers how to sail and care for the 125-year old *Gazela*. Her contributions are too numerous to list and range from educational programming to acting as *Gazela*'s cook -- Yonally is a fitting recipient of the Burgiel Award. Named for volunteer Gay Burgiel (1939 – 2004) who was known for her devotion to *Gazela* and the close friendships she formed in the Guild. In establishing the award the Guild Board noted Burgiel, “as an appropriate role model for all who sail the ship she loved so dearly.”

Captain Jim Andersen *Jupiter* Volunteer of the Year Award

Jupiter's Chief Engineer, John Gerry of Philadelphia, received the Andersen Award. Gerry logged 277 volunteer hours in 2007 working to keep the century-old tug sailing. Gerry also used his time to teach other Guild members the finer points of caring for *Jupiter*. The *Jupiter* award's namesake, Captain Jim Andersen (1925 – 2004), would have understood Gerry's dedication. Andersen was an avid supporter of the tug, even before he became her Captain. The Guild Board declared of Andersen, “his spirit and dedication stand as an example to all the tug volunteers who follow.”

LOOKING FORWARD to 2008

The Guild looks forward to an equally successful 2008, starting the year with a new Board president, Eric Lorgus of Great Valley Industries, Inc., and a new Board member, Joe Forkin of Penn's Landing Corporation. The Guild has also added a staff member -- Director of Marketing and Development, Sarah Waters. Waters holds a Maritime Studies degree and was formerly employed by the Wisconsin Maritime Museum where she served as the Assistant Director & Curator. One of Waters' goals for 2008 is, "to remind Philadelphians that *Gazela* and *Jupiter* are still sailing as our maritime ambassadors" and also to provide more opportunities for people to support and enjoy what *Gazela* and *Jupiter* have to offer.

For additional information on the awards or the Guild's new staff & Board of Directors, call (215) 238-0280 or visit www.gazela.org.

When not out sailing, Philadelphia's tall ship *Gazela* and tugboat *Jupiter* are docked at Penn's Landing and Market Street. The vessels are owned and operated by the Philadelphia Ship Preservation Guild, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation and operation of historic vessels. The Guild is an all-volunteer organization that represents Philadelphia and acts as a maritime ambassador when visiting other ports. *Gazela* and *Jupiter* are open for public tours at Penn's Landing on a seasonal schedule. The vessels are also available for receptions, special events and educational programs both at home and while visiting other ports. The Guild welcomes the participation of all members of the community and encourages you to join the all-volunteer crew.

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