

THE CHARLES VAN DAMME FERRY PROJECT

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THE BAY BEFORE THE RICHMOND BRIDGE WAS BUILT.
LATER IT BECAME 2 RESTAURANTS, A MUSIC VENUE
AND A LOCAL HANGOUT.

THE PADDLE WHEEL & SMOKESTACK ARE ALL
THAT NOW REMAIN.

SAVE

WE SUCCESSFULLY SAVED THE 100+ YR OLD
ARTIFACTS FROM DEMOLITION.

RESTORE

WE ARE CURRENTLY RAISING FUNDS
TO RESTORE THE ARTIFACTS.

EXHIBIT

WE HAVE APPROVED PLANS TO BUILD A MONUMENT
IN THE PARK AT WALDO PT. HARBOR, SAUSALITO, CA

HELP US SHARE LOCAL WATERFRONT HISTORY
TO INSPIRE GENERATIONS TO COME.

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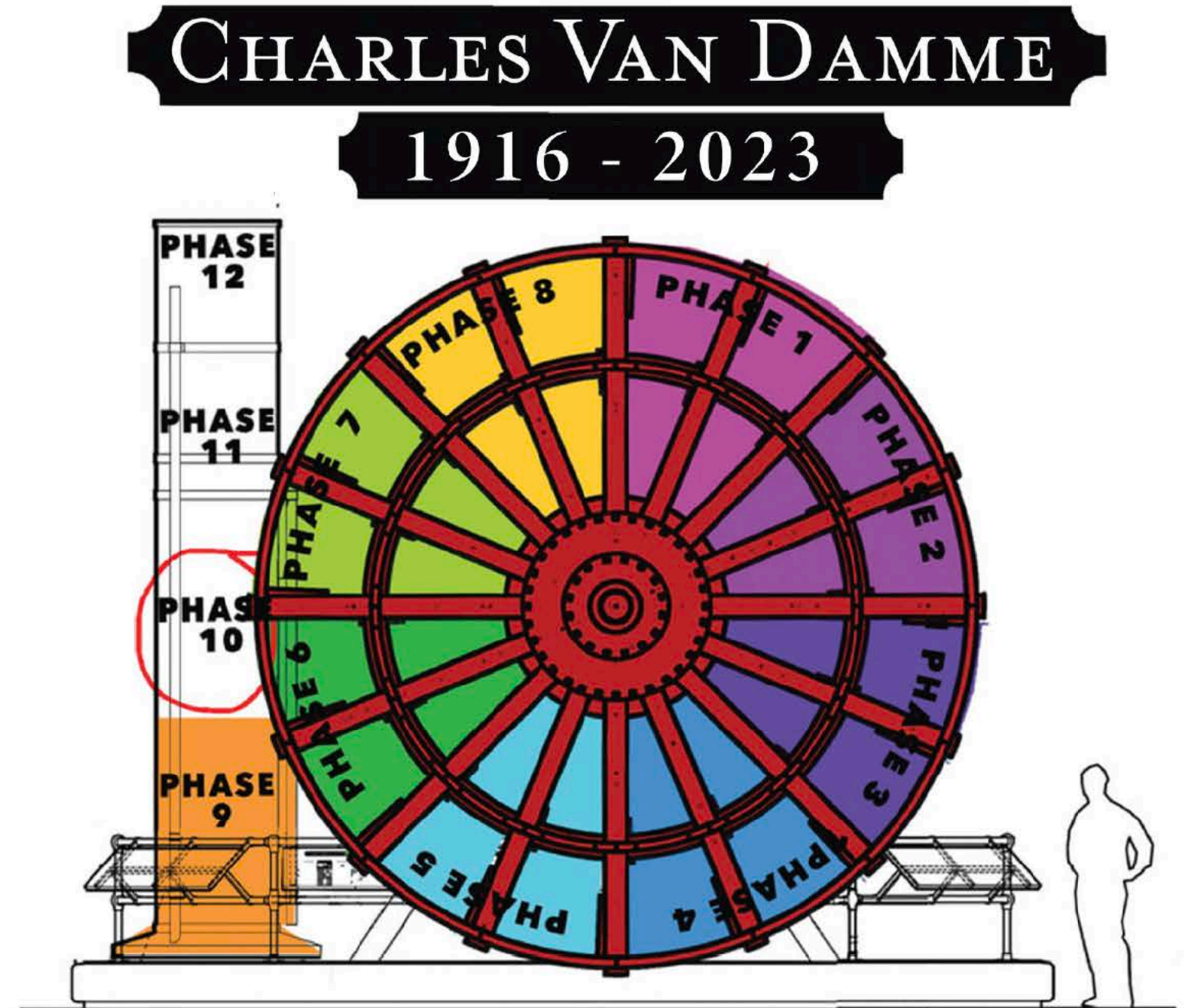
We are a project of the Richardson's Bay Maritime
Association a 5013c non profit corporation.



PROJECT PHASES

We're nearly there!

- ☒ **1. AWARENESS BUILT & SUPPORT CREATED**
Story told via exhibits, pr, documentary film,
web site & events gaining over 400 signed up
supporters and growing.
- ☒ **2. NON PROFIT ABILITY ACHIEVED**
Thanks to our fiscal sponsor:
The Richardson Bay Maritime Association
- ☒ **3. SEED FUNDS RAISED**
For permits etc- Thanks to our supporters.
- ☒ **4. ARTIFACTS SAVED FROM DEMOLITION**
Thanks to Mike Linder of Bayside Boatworks
who moved it and Lemon Brothers for the
temporary storage of them.
- ☒ **5. LOCATION OF EXHIBIT SITE SECURED**
Thanks to Lew Cook of Waldo Point Harbor who also
agreed to cover liability insurance and upkeep once the
exhibit is installed.
- ☒ **6. DESIGNS DRAWN**
Thanks to Michael Rex Associates
- ☒ **7. PLANS APPROVED**
Waldo Point Harbor
Marin County
State Lands Commission
BCDC
- ☒ **8. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
DRAWINGS COMPLETED -**
Thanks to your generous support.
- ☒ **9. CONTRACTOR BIDS**
For Paddlewheel
Smoke Stack
Platform & Railings
Info Board
- ☐ **10. *CURRENT PHASE* FUNDRAISING**
SO RESTORATION CAN BEGIN
- ☐ **11. PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL DISPLAY COMPLETED!**
With the rest of the funds raised.
Big opening ceremony & party.
- ☐ **12. PUTTING IT ON THE MAP - STORY SHARED**
land registry status
oral histories, book & dvd.



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THE 9 LIVES OF THE CHARLES VAN DAMME FERRY

The Charles Van Damme Ferry has had many incarnations, 9 lives in fact. These panels are collages of actual press clippings and photos sourced from waterfront residents, family members the Sausalito Historical society and the San Francisco Maritime association.

Built in 1916 as the first ferry between Marin & Pt. Richmond, the Charles Van Damme has a rich history & a compelling story to tell.

Having spent 40 years as a working ferry & 25 years as the social hub of the Waldo Point waterfront. She appeared in several feature films & was a unique magnet for the rich & famous, the up & coming & the down & out.

During her lifetime she had many incarnations, as 3 different restaurants, as an art & dance studio plus as an all night music venue & hang out for people like Carlos Santana, Janis Joplin & members of the Grateful Dead.

The Ferry resided in the Gates Co Operative area at Gate Six Rd, Sausalito, now re-developed into the Waldo Point Park. In 1983 the ferry was demolished leaving just the paddle-wheel, & smoke stack.

Through the efforts of The Richardsons Bay Maritime Association,(RBMA) a 501 (c)(3). The paddle wheel & smoke stack will be restored for permanent public display located where the ferryboat last stood at Gate 5 Road in the Waldo Point Harbor Park in Sausalito.

Surrounding the exhibit will be signage depicting the ferry's unique history, educating & inspiring a new generation of fans to maritime and artistic culture.

