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A State Park's 30th Anniversary

China Camp State Park Hosts Annual Heritage Day Celebration August 26

SAN RAFAEL – Forgotten by most people are the days when scores of boats docked at China Camp. At the turn of the century the pier was the hub of activity for this busy shrimp-fishing village. On August 26, the China Camp pier will look almost as it did in a bygone era as our annual Heritage Day is celebrated. This year's celebration is special as it marks the 30th anniversary of China Camp's passage into the State Park System.

Sponsored by California State Parks and the Friends of China Camp, this special event highlights California's rich maritime history with a day of activities and tours. Participants will see the Grace Quan, a full-size sailing replica of the Chinese junks that graced San Francisco Bay more than 100 years ago. The junk is named after the mother of the park's only resident, Frank Quan, who lives in an area once home to more than 500 people during the 1880s.

Visitors will also enjoy a tour of the restored scow schooner, Alma. Both boats are owned and operated by the National Park Service and dock at the state park during part of the year.

There will also be performances of folk music and traditional dance, as well as guided museum and grounds tours...and much more!

Heritage Day takes place at the China Camp Fishing Village from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at China Camp State Park on North San Pedro Road in San Rafael. From Highway 101 take the North San Pedro Road exit and head east until you reach the park. Follow signs to the Fishing Village. For more information call China Camp State Park staff at (415) 456-0766.

Learn more about China Camp online at http://search.parks.ca.gov/cgi-bin/MsmGo.exe?grab_id=158&EXTRA_ARG=&CFGNAME=MssFind%2Ecfg&host_id=42&page_id=4195072&query=china+camp&hiword=camp+china+

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