Policy for using the Lucky Lady

**Cost**
$1,000/per day includes a Captain and mate and fuel – please note that this rate is subsidized by SMAST.

½ day = <4 hours = $500  
1 day = 8 hours = $1,000  
1-2 days = 8-12 hours = $1,500  
2 days = over 12 hours = $2,000*

Proposals that incorporate use of the Lucky Lady need to include the $1,000/day in the budget. Exceptions to daily rate can be made for student research, classroom field trips, and unfunded research. The Port Captain will alert the Dean’s Office when these requests are received and the SMAST Dean will decide if an accommodation can be made. Requests for use of Luck Lady time as match for a grant must be approved by the Dean SMAST at the time of proposal submission.

*Other coast guard regulations apply when using the boat over 12 hours in one day, e.g., change of captain. It is your responsibility to know the regulations by contacting the Port Captain, Professor Jefferson Turner, and to work with the Port Captain on a contingency plan.

**Procedure for booking use of Lucky Lady**
You can initiate booking the boat by sending an e-mail request to Professor Jefferson Turner, Port Captain, (jturner@umassd.edu) with the intended dates, location of the research, and a phone number where the Captain can contact you. The Port Captain makes the initial arrangements with the captain and once scheduled the Captain will contact you directly to finalize arrangements.

A note about scheduling: the Captain has the last word on whether or not the weather permits a cruise. Normally, unless it is too windy, people get their cruises within a day or so of when they want, if not on the day they want. However, wind forecasts are most reliable the day before, so while an advance request for a date is reserved, final planning is made once the wind forecast is available.

If a trip is canceled due to weather, the Captain will work with you to find an alternate date. If there is any specific rigging that you need for your work, the Captain will try his best to accommodate you, but you should give him plenty of time to help you prepare.
**Resolution of Scheduling Conflicts**
Request for dates should be made in advance. Conflicts will be worked out between the Port Captain and the conflicted parties on a case by case basis taking into consideration ability to pay, timing of request, and research needs. All will be accommodated to the best of our ability.

**Booking Boat for Long Distance Trips**
The procedure for booking a long distance trip is the same as a local trip except that planning should start as early as possible. The PI should understand that overnight trips must include accommodations and meals for the crew as well as any mileage that might result from traveling back and forth to the site by car once the boat is docked elsewhere. The travel time getting the boat to the long distance site counts toward the daily fee.

**Use of Lucky Lady by Anyone Other Than an SMAST/UMD Employee**
The Lucky Lady is only available for research activities in association or collaboration with SMAST/UMD. Requests should go through the Port Captain and final decisions will be made by the Dean’s Office.

**Safety Briefing**
Prior to leaving the dock, it is the captain’s responsibility to brief everyone on board of all the safety procedures and show all relevant safety equipment for use in the event of an emergency.