

# 2021 Reunion re-rescheduling

Our next reunion, originally scheduled for May of 2020, then rescheduled for May of this year, has now been tentatively re-rescheduled for September of this year. Based on everything now known about the Coronavirus situation we definitely feel that it is unreasonable to think that a May reunion would be able to happen and that there is a fair-to-good probability that September will work out for us.

This plan is based on the pandemic being substantially over by then, that we would be able to travel and meet without severe masking or social distancing restrictions, and that attendees will have been vaccinated and/or declared medically cleared.

The hotel and the coach line have blocked off the new dates of September 9/12-16 for us with no change in rates or other conditions. The deposits we made last year are still being honored. We have received rebooking clearances from the two venues (Maine Maritime Museum and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard) that we plan to visit, and they have blocked off these dates for us as well. If for some unforeseen reason it turns out that these dates don't work, we have the following week (9/19-23) as an contingency.

As mentioned, these are still TENTATIVE plans based on assumptions about the state of the pandemic and associated guidelines and mandates envisioned as this year progresses. We feel that by May we should have a fairly good handle on the whole situation and hopefully then be able to make a final go-no-go decision, at which time we can start the registration process, or in the worse case make the decision to again postpone until 2022. Let us hope and pray that this does not have to happen!

So, stay tuned and be ready to receive a newsletter in the April/May timeframe with specific schedule information about planned events and (hopefully) registration forms for the long awaited 2021 USS Macdonough Reunion in Portland, Maine! Please feel free to contact me or any other committee member if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about these tentative plans, and let's hope that Murphy stays home this time.

Stay well and safe, and smooth sailing.

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