

## The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (MMA) 2021 March Break at Home Family Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to our scavenger hunt for families to complete together while at home over March Break, from March 13-21, 2021!

The scavenger hunt challenge is meant to inspire the whole family to work together. Figure out an imaginative and creative means to achieve the photo or video recording while at home with whatever is available! Adults and children work as a team to share with us submitted photos or fifteen-second videos as instructed in the list of fifteen scavenger hunt challenges below.

### Rules:

1. To participate, a member from your family team with a Facebook account must share their submitted entry with our [MMA's Facebook](#). To enter, each submission must include #MMAMarchBreak2021 and identify the specific numbered challenge completed from the scavenger hunt.
2. Entries will be accepted between March 13-21, 2021.
3. By sharing your entry, you are giving permissions for the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and the Nova Scotia Museum to share your entries in their social media accounts and other publications.
4. Each completed challenge submitted, using #MMAMarchBreak2021, will be entered into a daily giveaway of a family day pass to the MMA. You do not need to try to finish the full list (there are fifteen of them, after all!).

### Scavenger Hunt Challenges:

1. *Photograph*. Figureheads were a way for ships to be different and identifiable from each other at a distance. Most figureheads were beautiful sculptures that drew on a link to the ship's name or owner. Make a figurehead for your car or bicycle.
2. *Fifteen-second Video*. Sea Chanteys were songs with heavy rhythms and simple patterns to help people work in tandem on ship. Write your own fifteen-second sea chantey about something that *you* do and sing it with at least two other people.
3. *Fifteen-second video*. Cargo vessels have been used to move important, precious, and sometimes fragile items. Build a boat out of paper, and film it is floating in a sink, bathtub, pond, or puddle, carrying an egg.
4. *Fifteen-second video*. Hard-helmet deep diving for salvage was a dangerous occupation. Weighted boots and a belt helped you stay on the bottom, and an enclosed helmet helped you breathe the air your crew on the ship were pumping down to you. Wearing some sort of helmet, and holding something heavy, hold your breath for twelve full seconds.
5. *Photograph*. Animals at sea were quite common, from rats, to cats and dogs to stop the rats, to tortoises and macaws for sale, to pigs or cattle or horses. Our own CSS *Acadia* had various cats, and it is even rumoured that a duck lived aboard in the 1960s as the ship's mascot. How nautical can your pet be?
6. *Photograph*. Make at least three tiny versions of sailors' knots out of the thinnest thread you can, take a photograph with a pin for scale.
7. *Photograph*. For many years, the MMA had a LEGO® exhibit. Create your own Halifax landmark out of building blocks.
8. *Photograph*. Feel that salt spray! Using only salt on a dark surface, create a seascape image of a Nova Scotian lighthouse. [www.nslps.com](http://www.nslps.com)

9. *Photograph or Fifteen-second video.* Navigation was critically important for anyone sailing or paddling anywhere. Show us how you find direction on a cloudy day.
10. *Fifteen-second video.* Medicine has changed a lot in the past 200 years, with the discovery of germ theory. Teach a pirate how to fight “the miasmal (vaporous) stink” by washing their hands.
11. *Photograph.* Sir Francis Beaufort created Beaufort scale, the scale we use to measure hurricanes and storms based on drawings and descriptions of the wind’s effects. Show us YOUR windiest wind.
12. *Fifteen-second video.* Hardtack is a simple type of biscuit or cracker made from flour, water, and sometimes salt. Hardtack is inexpensive and long-lasting. It was used as food rations when fresh food was low, especially during long sea voyages. Just HOW hard is YOUR hardtack bread?
13. *Photograph.* Before European settlers arrived, Mi’kmaq sailors paddled and sailed at least as far away as Newfoundland. Mi’kmaq canoeing uses carved, wooden paddles of many shapes and styles. Make yourself a miniature paddle, but not out of wood.
14. *Fifteen-second video.* The trans-Atlantic telegraph cable sits across the bottom of the ocean, but sometimes still needs to be fixed. In 1929, an underwater earthquake damaged the cable forcing a repair ship to fish the cable from the bottom of the ocean before fixing it and then gently lowering it back miles down to the bottom. Show us how you can fish sunken cutlery from the bottom of your sink or bathtub, without touching them.
15. *Fifteen-second video.* Tell the whole story of the *Saladin* piracy, shipwreck, capture, and trial. In fifteen seconds. <https://www.nytimes.com/1860/06/04/archives/the-oyster-sloop-murders-further-developments-in-the-life-of-hicks.html>