

## **The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (MMA) 2022 March Break at Home Family Challenge**

Welcome to our family challenge to complete together while at home over March Break, from March 12-20, 2022!

The challenges are meant to inspire the whole family to work together. Choose an item that inspires your team and figure out an imaginative and creative way to make your drawing or art, photograph or video at home with whatever's on hand!

Adult and kids will work as a team by trying out any (or many) of the 15 challenges below. Share with us on social media your team's work. The goal of the game is to have fun together!

### **Rules:**

1. To participate, a member from your family team must share their submitted entry using their Twitter account, FaceBook or Instagram accounts. To enter, each submission must tag the museum **@ns\_mma** (for Twitter and Instagram) or **MaritimeMuseum** (for FaceBook), include **#MMAMarchBreak2022** and include the specific number of the challenge from the below list.
2. Entries will be accepted between March 12-20, 2022.
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 submitted and completed challenge tagging **@ns\_mma** (for Twitter and Instagram) or **MaritimeMuseum** (for FaceBook) and using **#MMAMarchBreak2022**, will be entered into a daily giveaway of a family day pass to the MMA! *You do not need to finish the full list, there are fifteen you can choose from, so have fun!*

### **Family Team 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. **Draw or make a figurehead for your car or bicycle.**
2. **Fifteen-second video.** Cargo vessels have been used to move important, precious, and sometimes fragile items. **Build a boat out of paper, and film the floating in a sink, bathtub, pond, or puddle, carrying an egg.**
3. **Photograph.** 20,000 Leeks Under the Sea. **Create an epic sea monster entirely out of the vegetable leeks. You can draw your creation, or make a leek out of reusable items, tissue paper, or felt fabric before crafting it into a sea creature.**
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 12 full seconds.**
5. **Fifteen-second video or photograph.** Scurvy, caused by a lack of Vitamin C, killed an estimated 2 million sailors between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries until Scottish surgeon James Lind hit upon the solution of providing sailors citrus juice as a remedy.

Unfortunately, 18<sup>th</sup> century sailors were a picky bunch, and were reluctant to take their lime juice. **Create a fifteen-second video, or draw a promotional poster, to convince sailors of the benefit of lime juice.**

6. **Photograph.** Make at least three tiny versions of sailors' knots out of the thinnest thread you can, take a photograph with a quarter for scale.
7. **Photograph.** Make a pirate hat out of construction or news paper for your pet or animal stuffy.
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.** The 2022 Winter Olympics have just ended, but pirates don't want to miss out on the fun in 2026. **Draw a picture of pirates participating in your favourite Winter Olympic sport.**
10. **Photograph.** Sir Francis Beaufort created "the Beaufort scale," the scale we use to measure hurricanes and storms based on drawings and descriptions of the wind's effects. **Draw us YOUR windiest picture.** [Beaufort scale | National Geographic Society](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2017/01/17-beaufort-scale/)
11. **Photograph.** Before European settlers arrived, Mi'kmaw sailors paddled and sailed at least as far away as Newfoundland. Mi'kmaw canoeists use carved, wooden paddles of many shapes and styles. **Make yourself a miniature paddle, but not out of wood.**
12. **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.**
13. **Photograph or drawing.** Ocean pollution is more than keeping trash from going into the ocean, often the entire food chain is affected once land waste is eaten by smaller marine life. **Create or draw a majestic sea bird all out of recycled plastic waste to illustrate the point.**
14. **Photograph.** "Cosplay" is the art of dressing up as your favourite character. **Dress up as your favourite thing from the Maritime Museum!** It could be a sextant, Merlin our Rainbow Macaw, or even CSS *Acadia*! Use the Google virtual map to find a museum item or artifact, [Location & Map | Maritime Museum of the Atlantic \(novascotia.ca\)](https://www.maritimemuseum.ca/location-map)
15. **Photograph.** The yellow signal flag, under the International Signal Code, meant "quarantine," but other [signal flags could spell](https://www.maritimemuseum.ca/signals) relief as well. **Make a signal flag message of hope and hang it in your window.**