



CONFERENCE INVITATION

**Challenges Facing Historic Ship Conservation:
Reconstruction or Deconstruction?**

February 23rd – 24th 2017, Akranes and Reykjavík, Iceland.

The conference creates a venue for international debate on the different approaches in historic ship conservation. The inspiration is the historic ship Sigurfari at Akranes Folk Museum. The conservation of the ship has been much debated and suggestions ranging from a reconstruction on water to deconstruction have been put forth.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Historic Ship Conservation in Northern Europe
- Historic Ships as Working Objects, Museum Items or Sources of Knowledge?

PROGRAM:

Thursday, February 23rd

Location: Tónberg, Akranes

Time	Topic
8.00	Departure from Reykjavík
9.00 – 12.00	Session 1: Historic Ship Conservation in Northern Europe
12.00 – 13.15	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15 – 16.00	Session 2: Historic Ships as Working Objects, Museum Items or Sources of Knowledge?
16.00 – 18.00	Workshop A
<i>alternative</i>	
16.00 – 18.00	Visit to Akranes Folk Museum
18.00	Departure from Akranes

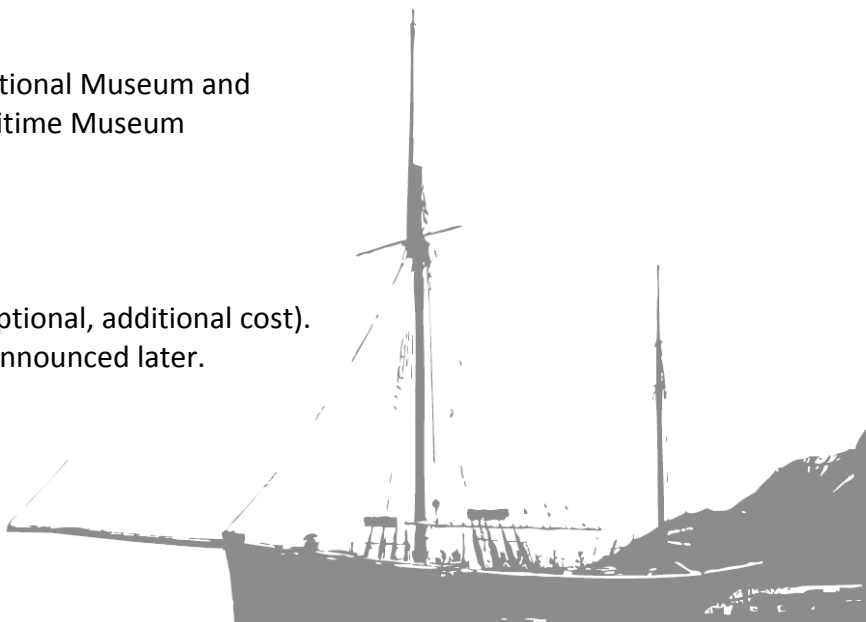
Friday, February 24th

Location: National Museum Conference Hall, Reykjavík

Time	Topic
9.00 – 12.00	Workshop B
12.00 – 13.15	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15 – 17.00	Visit to the National Museum and Reykjavík Maritime Museum

Saturday, February 25th

Time	Topic
9.00 – 16.00	Sightseeing (optional, additional cost). Details to be announced later.



WORKSHOP A: The Value of the Historic Ship Sigurfari to the Local Community

The workshop aims to identify the value of Sigurfari to the local community. In the 1974 the local Kiwanis club funded the acquisition of Sigurfari. The following restoration of the ship was also mainly financed by local donations and volunteer work. However, the conservation of the ship is controversial and is either regarded as a pioneering work or a financial burden.

The workshop will be held in Icelandic.



WORKSHOP B: When is Deconstruction of a Historic Ship Acceptable?

One of the alternatives that have been discussed regarding the future of the historic ship Sigurfari is deconstruction. As expected this approach is very controversial. However, the time may come for some historic ships that they have no sustainable future due to conservation or reparation cost. The aim of the workshop is to examine when the deconstruction of historic ships is an acceptable alternative and then what the objectives of the deconstruction should be.

The workshop will be held in English.

CONFERENCE COST

To make the conference available to as many as possible there is no conference fee. However, a lunch will be organized on both conference days for a reasonable prize. Day 1 of the conference will be held in Akranes. A bus will be leave from Reykjavík at 8.00 in the morning.

An excursion will be organized on Saturday February 25th to visit some of Iceland's attractions. Details and price will be announced soon.

Please give your preliminary registration before January 31st to this email: museum@museum.is. Please remember to indicate:

- If you will be taking the bus with us to Akranes
- If you would like to join us for lunch on the conference days
- If you would like to take part in the excursion on Saturday February 25th. Detailed information will follow when the number of participants is known.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Please book your own tickets to Reykjavík and make reservations for a hotel.