



PROJECT LIBERTY SHIP

September 21, 2025

To: Whom it May Concern
Re: Letter of Support – SL7 Expo Project

Project Liberty Ship (PLS) is an all-volunteer 501C.(3) organization which owns, maintains, and sails the World War II Liberty Ship SS JOHN W. BROWN as a living history memorial to the merchant mariners, US Navy Armed Guard and civilian shipyard workers of World War II. After the War the ship was transferred to the Board of Education for the City of New York where it served as the Food and Maritime High School from 1946 to 1982 graduating hundreds of students that later served in the Merchant Marine, US Navy and US Coast Guard.

Our educational focus continues today for we serve as an educational venue for students and maritime professionals. The range of students include high school STEM, US Naval Sea Cadets, and midshipmen from Maritime and US Naval academies. As for professional groups, we serve as a training platform for the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), Maritime Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA), DOD, USCG and Federal, State and local first responder organizations.

One of the main purposes of the of the SL7 Expo proposal is to address the shortage of available and skilled personnel in the maritime work force. We are very familiar with this need due our involvement with the industry through our educational services. Additionally many of our crew are working merchant mariners and DOD personnel that deal with this issue every day. A project such as the SL7 Expo will be extremely beneficial promoting maritime history and attracting candidates to help restore the United States maritime / sea service industries to their rightful place as leaders in the world.

On behalf of Project Liberty Ship we support the SL7 Expo proposal for the Port of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh D. Cadzow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hugh D. Cadzow
Chairman, Project Liberty Ship

