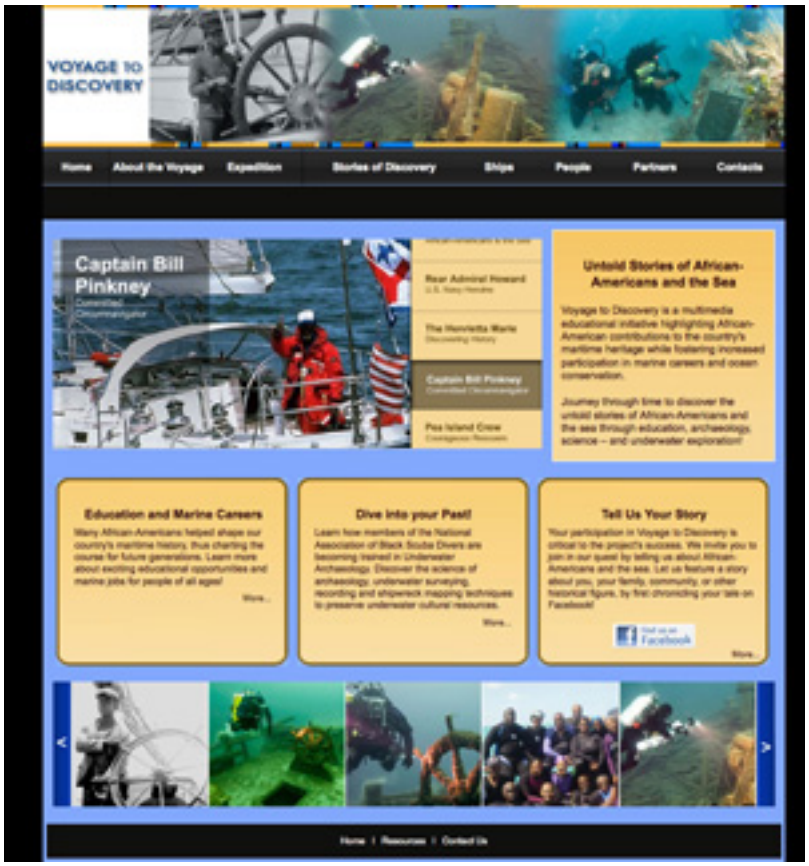

Murrain Associates, Inc. and the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), in partnership with NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, launched Voyage to Discovery, a new website and education initiative highlighting untold stories of African-Americans and the sea. The website can be accessed at www.voyagetodiscovery.org .

Aimed at everyone from students to adults, the Voyage to Discovery website offers feature stories, interviews, and videos about African-American seafaring achievements since the period of pre-Civil War to today. Information about marine careers will also be available.

The website is part of a broader NOAA initiative to build public awareness about the legacy of African-American maritime heritage and engage a broad spectrum of Americans in the stewardship of the country's coastal and ocean resources through education, archaeology, science and underwater exploration.

Daniel J. Basta, director, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, said the Voyage to Discovery education initiative honors African-Americans' deep connection to the sea and highlights the continuing, historic role of the ocean in the security, stability and prosperity of the nation.

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