



# Readin' Both Pages

A membership publication of the Sail, Power & Steam Museum

Fall  
2018

\*\*\*\*\* **THE MOST COLOSSAL**

**launching in Rockland in the last 100 years.**

## Sail Power Steam Museum-- announces Launching of "Blackjack"

America's first Lobster Boat  
America's oldest Fishing Craft

118 years ago Wilbur Morse built this amazing  
Friendship Sloop

An American Treasure

July 7 - Saturday Noon

Historic vessel-lovingly restored

Symbol of Maine- Sailing lobster boat

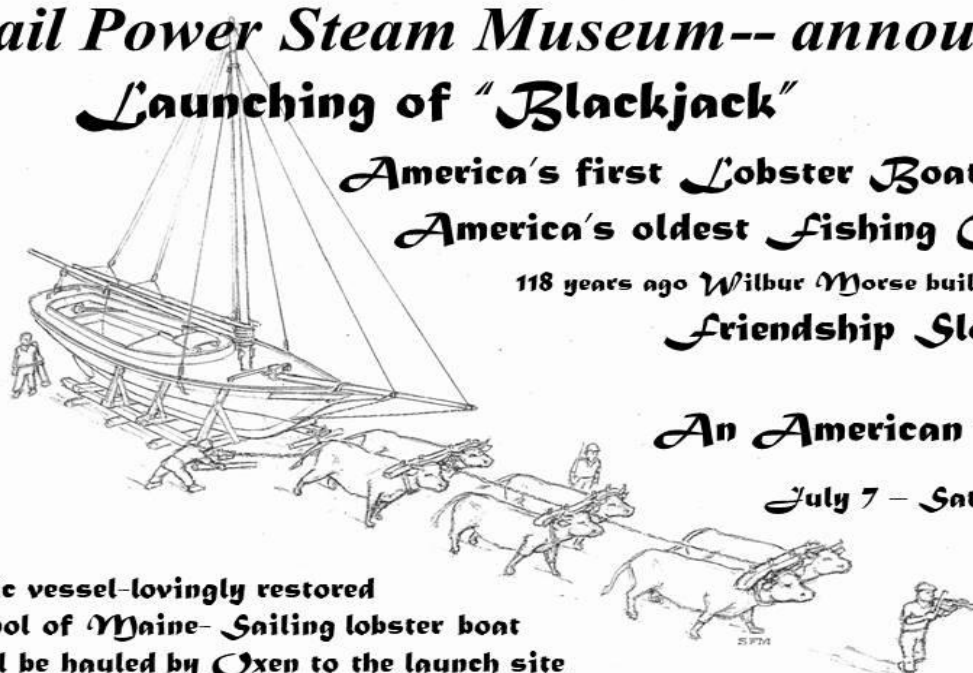
Will be hauled by Oxen to the launch site

Oxen encouraged to their task by 12 Belfast Fiddlers

Tot o' grog and bagpipes to toast for the ceremony.

Bring a lunch - (we may have to wait for tide..)

[www.SailPowerSteamMuseum.org](http://www.SailPowerSteamMuseum.org) - 75 Mechanic St. Rockland, Me. For info 207 701 7627



**SEE STORIES INSIDE**

MARITIME

MUSEUMS

MATTER



**AFTER 3 YEARS OF HARD LABOR**  
**She makes her debut into the sunlight**  
**Mast at the ready. Come on Oxen!**



**The sinew of 16**  
**sturdy, patient**  
**hooves claw at**  
**the ruff paving**  
**towing the sloop**  
**at steady pace to**  
**the launching**  
**site.**  
**See it here:**  
<https://youtu.be/gbF31Irc6BI>



*THE*  
*VERY FIRST SAIL AND*  
*DIDN'T SHE GO SOME SWEETLY*  
*ACROSS THE HARBOR TO THE*  
*ADMIRATION OF ALL GAWKERS.*

*A THOUSAND THANKS TO OUR*  
*WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS*  
*who have spent three years restoring*  
*this little sloop from the keel to mast head.*



*Our Volunteers*







## *Can you believe ---*

how fast the years go by.... This is year ten of the Sail, Power & Steam Museum. Just 10 years ago Meg & I ( at 75 yrs) flunked retirement and jumped right off the deep end of the business world just as the economy went south (2007). It has been a struggle but we feel we have almost succeeded in making this a very viable museum. The façade of our door yard is graced with a magnificent 65' two masted schooner called *GEM* which is, of course, *Meg* spelled backward. The schooner was a donation by Tom Thompson about 4 years ago. We took her out of the bay and dug berth six feet deep in the side yard and planted her with her bow riz up just enough to look saucy and able. We hope in the future to use her for training youth in the ways of a sailing ship. Almost every day a new donation comes through the door. Then my friend Dave Westphal, a boat builder and marina operator in Key Largo, donated a magnificent 30' steam launch, complete including a wood burning boiler and 10 key calliope! How could I turn that



## *From the Pilothouse*

down. We have Sail Power & Steam Museum emblazoned boldly on the topsides and we show it off in all the local parades. She is a real head-turner. Our good friend Duane Muzzy, an excellent model maker in Florida has made several exquisite to scale models for us to display. The first was our Friendship Sloop "Blackjack" in a case and so perfect we could consult it for reference when we went to restore the real one. Next was an incredible model of the Lavinia M. Snow, three masts, fully rigged. She was built by the Snow family in 1891 and had a long and exciting career until lost on Hatteras in 1930.

### **FINEST KIND--OVER THE BAR....**

A moment of remembrance for Captain Richard Spear, a grand skipper and good friend of the museum. Special kudo's for a sterling individual who I admired and loved as I would my brother- Captain Orvil Young. He was not just my best pal, but my mentor and business partner for over a quarter of a century and, we never had a signed piece of paper- that man's hand-shake and that man's word was more binding than a notarized certificate. Orvil was a true Down-East gentleman! None finer, I feel truly privileged to have had his friendship over fifty five adventuresome years. RIP old friend.



Rockland's greatest launching for the last 100 years was on Saturday, July 7. An estimated 500 spectators watched as the 118 year old Friendship Sloop "Blackjack", oldest surviving Morse built sloop in the world was dragged to the launch site by a team of four lively, straining oxen, lured on by 14 Belfast fiddlers and driven by Paul & Cindy Cox, magnificent farmers that have used these animals on the farm exclusively until just 5 years ago when they bought their first tractor! My wife, Meg rechristened the vessel to the drown of the bagpiper, Capt. Ken Barnes, we loaded 1500 lbs. of lead for ballast and took her for a sail across the harbor. This little boat doesn't realize she is only 33' on deck. She acts and tacks like a 50' racing yacht. She gibes, drives and thrives on it. She has a mesmerizing tiller and is sure footed as a dog running on a stony beach. Old Wilbur Morse surely knew what he was doing. You've got to try her.

*Captain Jim & Meg Sharp*



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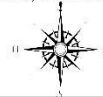
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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Students \$15

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(one adult)

- Basic Benefits
- Two free admission passes for guests

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(two adults and children under 18)

- Basic Benefits
- Four admission passes for guests

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(two adults and children under 18)

- Basic Benefits
- Six admission passes for guests
- 25% discount on admission for accompanying guests

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- Personally autographed copy of "With Reckless Abandon" by Capt. Jim Sharp
- Invitation to special sales and promotions at the Museum Store
- 50% discount on admission for accompanying guests

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(for two adults and children under 18)

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- Invitation to special sales and promotions at the Museum Store
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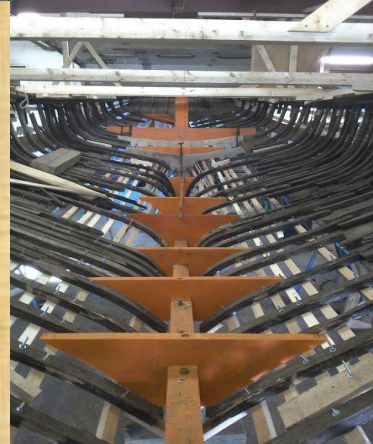
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Invitations to special events

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# *Restoration of An Amazing Friendship Sloop*



## *\* Blackjack \**



Lunching  
2018





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FIRST CLASS  
POSTAGE  
REQUIRED

TIME HAS COME FOR THE FALL APPEAL

*Sloop "Blackjack" Restoration  
is now completed*

*We need Captains for two sloops*

**Yes, the amazing donation of a 33' Sloop is sailing!! Our shop and the volunteers are gearing up on new projects. An educational sailing school for young and active minds is now in the mixer. Optimust prams are coming and a competitive fleet for the south end is up and running. BUILD-SAIL-RACE !**

*We need your help*

*to complete more educational projects*

*Your contribution will be necessary,*

*significant and consequential---*

*and will be ever so much appreciated !*

[www.sharpspointssouth.com](http://www.sharpspointssouth.com) - [www.sailpowersteammuseum.org](http://www.sailpowersteammuseum.org)

*Sail, Power and Steam Museum's Grand Reopening - May 15th!*

Volunteers to help set up computers, web site maintenance, video displays, help organize library, docent (guides), Grant writers, boat builders to instruct in dory shop, teacher for hands on sailing school.

From our Gift Shop

High Fashion Hats  
& T-Shirts



Captain Jim's memories of great times gone by. \$20 donation to SPS Museum-order now! 207-701-7627  
*Published by Down East Books... A great read!*

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Museum quality model of Steamer Portland in a case excellent condition (\$2000. offers considered)

Half models of Friendship Sloops, Gloucester schooners and other, many photographs of the schooner fleet, a great variety of nautical books, musical CDs at bargain prices, new nautical collectables, and other nautical paraphernalia in our gift shop. Check out our web site for info.

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