



Readin' Both Pages

A membership publication of the Sail, Power & Steam Museum

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Captains' Quarters (a virtual speaker series) is a Big hit!

With many of our members unable to visit this past year, we worked hard to find ways to bring our museum directly to you —no matter where you are located.

We were one of the first museums to offer virtual tours last spring (you can still access those on our website!); and this winter we introduced the Captains' Quarters, a virtual speaker series for listeners around the country.

Captains, crew, and passengers from many of our local windjammers have joined Capt Jim Sharp (museum co-founder) from all over the country to share photos, stories, and histories of these great vessels. Many started as cargo ships, some are on the National Register of Historic Places, some were built specifically for passengers, and one even graces the front of US currency (the quarter), representing the maritime heritage of the state of Maine.

If you missed a session and want to catch up, they are all on our YouTube channel ... links can be found on The *"Music and Calendar"* page of our website. Stay tuned as we continue to build this wonderful library of oral histories. Some of the boats featured are shown below and on Page 3.



Bowdoin: From Arctic explorer to maine windjammer, she's now the Flagship of the State of Maine and a sail training vessel of Maine Maritime Academy.



Stephen Taber: From cargo vessel to historic windjammer, she's still carrying passengers along the shores and among the islands of coastal Maine.



Adventure: A record breaking Gloucester fishing vessel, she served as a Maine windjammer for years and is now the pride of Gloucester Harbor.



Angelique: Unique in her steel construction, ketch rig, and brown sails, she was designed specifically to carry passengers by artist and marine architect, Imero Gobatto.

Founded in 2007, the Museum's mission is "to enrich the lives of visitors, volunteers, and the general public through hands-on, interactive, and educational experiences with historically significant sailing, power, and steam driven vessels, ships, and small boats while providing instruction as to their origins, construction, and original commercial and recreational purposes."

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From the Pilothouse

What the heck is S.K.F.F and how can I convince you to become a member?

Here I am talking up the "SKFF" program again....

S.K. F. F. is one of the greatest and most imaginative things we have created in a museum chockablock full of imaginative creativity. It stands for **SAIL KIDS FOR FREE**.

This is an educational program to get kids out on the water and to teach them to be their own captain, in charge of their own boat, and therefore in charge of their own safety and future responsibilities.

This is a learning experience like no other! Take a youth of 6 to 14 years of age and we, at the **Midcoast Sailing Center (a program of SPSM)** will offer them week-long, FREE sailing classes in small wooden boats called Optimist Prams.

In the 5-day, 3-hour class, the kids learn to rig their boats, handle them with safety, work with others in launching and sailing them on prescribed courses under strict supervision (and Covid safety precautions) until they are proficient and can comfortably become their own captain. Our instructors are fully licensed and experienced in both sailing and teaching. The new sailors graduate with a certificate of accomplishment and a membership to the SKFF program.



SKFF is sponsored by the Museum and YOU, our donors! I am so enthralled by this exciting endeavor I am making a pledge to our supporters. **I WILL MATCH YOUR DONATION.** If you will sponsor one kid for \$100, I'll match it with another kid enrolled in the class. So, you will get two for one!

Every kid you send, I will double. \$200=4 kids, \$300=6 kids and so on. **Help us get kids off their phones and into boats!** Hit the big one---\$1000. WILL GIVE TWENTY (20) YOUTH A WEEK-LONG INTENSIVE, ENLIGHTENING, EXITING SAILING EXPERIENCE. THINK OF THAT!

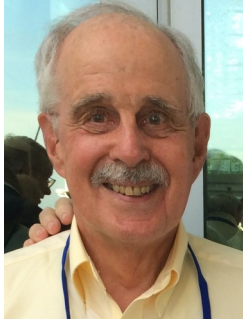
Captain Jim Sharp

Let's get them out sailing. It's not too early, Spring is just around the corner.

Call me now- 207-596-0200 or go to our webpage to donate www.SailPowerSteamMuseum.org



New to our Board of Directors



Jim Bowditch, Camden, ME, a graduate of Yale University with an MA from Western Michigan U and a PhD from Purdue, he is the great, great grandson of Nathaniel Bowditch, James Russell Lowell & Joseph Burnett. Married with three children and 6

grandchildren, he cooks, sails, polishes floors & plays golf badly. Now retired, his diverse professional background has included teaching at the college level, consulting, and fund raising. He has co-authored five books, and is an active community volunteer, having served on the boards of Coastal Family Hospice, YMCA Penobscot Bay, Meadowbrook School, and the Episcopal Divinity School. He currently volunteers with MCH--Knox County Meals on Wheels, St. Peter's Church (Rockland), and Camden Rotary



Jesse Rutter, Rockland, ME, is an attorney at Hanscom & Collins, P.A. in Rockland. Jesse graduated from the College of Holy Cross with a BA in Economics. He graduated cum laude from St. John's University School of Law, was on the executive board of the Moot Court Honor Society,

and was a member of the school's national moot court team. Jesse worked as Assistant District Attorney with the Queens County District Attorney's Office, went into private practice in 2009, and eventually became partner in a prestigious insurance defense firm on Long Island. He lives with his wife, a native Mainer and graduate of Rockland District High School, and his four children in a home built by Captain Ira B. Ellems, an important figure in Rockland's maritime history. His father-in-law, the late George Marks, ran a launch and mooring service called "Two Toots" in Rockland Harbor for many years.

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Roseway: Designed as a Gloucester fishing yacht, she served for years as a Boston Pilot Boat and is now an integral part of the World Ocean School programming.



Lewis R French: Built in 1871 in South Bristol, ME, she is the oldest known 2-masted schooner in the US.



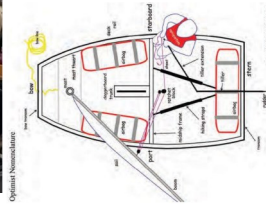
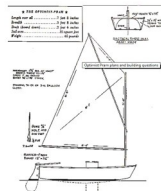
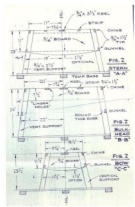
Victory Chimes: The only 3-master in the fleet, she was originally named the "Edwin and Maude" and hauled corn and wheat before taking on passengers in the Chesapeake in 1946.



Mary Day: The first schooner built just for the Maine windjammer trade, she was sailed for years by her original owner, Havilah "Buds" Hawkins, a well-known and well respected figure along the Camden waterfront.



American Eagle: Launched as the "Andre and Rosalie" in 1930 in Gloucester, MA, she was the last auxiliary schooner (powered by both sail and engine) to be built in that port and one of Gloucester's last sail-powered fishing vessels.



Expanding our SKFF program (Sail Kids For Free) means expanding our Opti fleet! Board member Mark Siegenthaler is leading a team of volunteers in building three wooden prams for the new season, and we will be purchasing several more used prams from the Youth Sailing Foundation in Vero Beach as they transition to an all fiberglass fleet. **Special thanks to Pendleton Builders** for the donation of materials so we can fully double our fleet for 2021!

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