



SAILING INTO NEW ENGLAND'S MARITIME CULTURE

Star Island, Isles of Shoals, NH

New England Heritage Program 2017

August 26 to August 29 (3 nights) *or* to September 2 (7 nights)

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Explore New England's rich seafaring culture from cod to whaling and canoes to schooners. Learn of exotic trade voyages to far-flung shores. Delve into the lives of merchant captains, sailors and those on the shadier side of maritime law. Investigate our region's historic endeavors to master the untamable sea. Enjoy wonderful summer days full of nautically-themed activities, speakers and workshops. Spend some time in a rocking chair on the porch of the historic Oceanic Hotel gazing out to sea. Join the candlelit procession to the 200 year old chapel on the hill. Be enriched and enchanted at the 2017 New England Heritage Program.

New England Heritage Program Highlights: August 26 to August 29

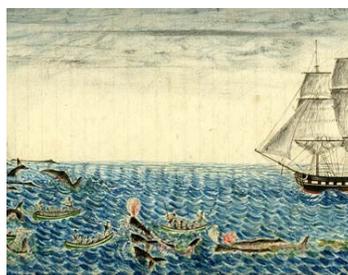
Fishing the Atlantic in the Age of Sail with Dr. Jeffery Bolster



Investigate New England's interdependence with the sea with the history of the fishing industry in the northwest Atlantic over the past 500 years. Chart the fascinating and ultimately disastrous story of how seafarers took advantage of incredible fishing opportunities and developed more ingenious and efficient machinery for harvesting the sea. Learn of the explorers, scientists and countless fishermen who fished the Atlantic in the age of sail. Dr. Jeffery Bolster is a professor at the University of New Hampshire. He is licensed by the US Coast Guard as both master and mate of a variety of sailing

vessels and spent a decade at sea on sailing school ships and research vessels in the Atlantic. His most recently published book is "The Mortal Sea."

Illustrated Whaling Journals of the 19th Century with Michael Dyer



Explore how 19th century whaling men illustrated the craft of whaling in journals, logbooks, painting, and scrimshaw. View these rarely seen unique artworks that capture the essence of whaling and its culture. Get a glimpse into life aboard a whaling ship with the challenges and victories whalers experienced on the seas, with illustrations of whales, fins and flukes, ships, rigging, mishaps and more. Michael Dyer is the Senior Maritime Historian at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and has over two decades of experience as a whaling curator, librarian, and maritime historian at the Kendall and New

Bedford Whaling Museums. He is the author of the recently published book "O'er the Wide and Trackless Sea: The Art of the Yankee Whale Hunt."

New Englanders Sail 'Round the World' with Dr. Dane Morrison



Drawing from New England ships' logs and mariners' letters that describe the exhilarating experience of sailing 'round the world,' learn of America's earliest encounters on a global stage. Travel with Yankee sailors as they undertake a trade mission to China just eight years after the Revolutionary War. Learn how those who took these "voyages of commerce and discovery" helped shape the definition of a 'true Yankee.' Dr. Dane Morrison is a professor of early American history at Salem State University where he teaches about maritime history and seaports of early America. He is the author of several works on colonial history, including his book "True Yankees: The South Seas and the Discovery of American Identity."

New England Heritage Program Highlights: August 30 to September 2

19th Century Women at Sea with Laurel Seaborn



Discover how nineteenth-century captains' wives domesticated their voyaging space, based on accounts in their personal journals and the artifacts they took with them, including beds, chairs, parlor organs, jewelry, sewing kits and children's toys. Learn of these women's adventures in foreign ports and their lives on board ship, where they acted as nurses, nannies and navigators. Laurel Seaborn is a PHD candidate at the University of New Hampshire and an adjunct professor at Salem State University. As a maritime archaeologist and sailing ship captain, she is the co-founder of SEAMAHP (Seafaring Education and Maritime Archaeological Heritage Programs.)

Tugboat Piloting and Shipping with Captain P.J. Johnson



Listen to a harbor tugboat pilot's stories of huge tankers on the Piscataqua River and get a professional perspective on modern commercial shipping. Learn how thousands of years of laws and regulations governing marine transit combine with up-to-date knowledge of a river to ensure safety in a working waterfront. Find out why harbor piloting is an "ancient and really kind of strange business." Captain P.J. Johnson has spent over a decade as a tugboat pilot in Portsmouth harbor, helping ships navigate the intricate waterway of the Piscataqua River and acting as an ambassador for mariners looking to do business in the port. A graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy a 25-year veteran of the sea, Captain Johnson has sailed on oil tankers and worked in New York harbor.

An Abundance of Cod: Fueling the New World with Ann Beattie



Step back in time to the early 17th century when Europeans sailed to the New World, carrying home tales of wondrous riches in the form of the obliging cod fish. Discover how salted dried cod became a staple of New England life, literally fueling both the communities and economy of our region. Investigate the lost art of drying cod to produce the renowned Shoals 'dunfish.' Ann Beattie is an educator with a fascination for the Isles of Shoals and its rich history. She combs through historical records, salt cod recipes, and journals of Shoalers in an effort to capture and revive the unique stories that bring Shoals history to life. She is a former president of the Isles of Shoals Historical and Research Association, leads history tours of the Shoals and hosts several history programs on Star Island.

Legends of New England Pirates & Shipwrecks with Roxie Zwicker



Some of the most dramatic regional legends come from New England's seafaring history and maritime past. Voyage all along the scenic New England Coast, from points in Rhode Island to the beaches of Cape Cod and north to the rockbound landscape of New Hampshire and Maine with tales of incredible shipwrecks and pirates from Colonial days. Hear dramatic accounts of lighthouses, fierce storms and mysterious forgotten islands. Roxie Zwicker is the author of several books on New England's folklore and ghostly history. She has appeared on the Travel Channel, the

History Channel and NH Chronicles. Her company, New England Curiosities, offers tours and events based on ghost stories of New England's forgotten past. It has been featured in both the Boston Herald and the New York Times.

While every attempt will be made to hold the sessions described here, weather and boat transportation, etc. may prevent any given session from occurring as planned.

Other Events & Activities

In addition to the session highlights described earlier, you may enjoy:

- ★ An ice-cream sundae gathering
- ★ Daily afternoon social hours with snacks
- ★ Visiting the marine center & island museum
- ★ An optional trip to neighboring Appledore Island
- ★ The opportunity to enact or enjoy an historical play
- ★ Reading in a veranda rocking chair, gazing out to sea
- ★ Historic candle-lit chapel services (nondenominational)
- ★ A history tour of Star Island & a ghosts and graveyard tour
- ★ Playing croquet or Frisbee on the expansive shorefront lawn
- ★ A geology walk, a bird walk, a botany walk or a low tide walk
- ★ Board games & puzzles in the lobby of the historic Oceanic Hotel
- ★ Multiple thematic craft workshops, e.g., scrimshaw design, knot-tying