

ILLICIT GOODS: PIRACY & SMUGGLING ON THE HIGH SEAS OF NEW ENGLAND

NEW ENGLAND HERITAGE PROGRAM ON STAR ISLAND

August 29 to September 1 *or* to September 5

“An Intellectual, Swashbuckling Adventure”

FEATURING:

Pirates of New England: Find out how pirates literally bailed out bankrupt Plymouth by spending their plunder on liquor in early colonial days, along with many other fascinating details of New England pirates with Stephen O'Neill, who teaches a class on piracy at Suffolk University.

Pirates & Smugglers in the Atlantic World: With every colony in the New World involved in illicit trade, these activities often overshadowed legal trade. Investigate big business in colonial contraband with Dr. Willem Klooster, who teaches the course, “Pirates and Smugglers in the Atlantic World” at Clark University.

Smuggling in Colonial Days: Examine adventurous tales and the skills New England merchant mariners successfully plied to smuggle contraband past customs agents, privateers and navy blockades for more than 50 years before the American Revolution with Carl Herzog, of the USS Constitution Museum and Maritime Studies at Sea Education Association.

Privateering During the Revolutionary War: Discover how New England privateers supported the American siege of British-occupied Boston with historian Alexander Cain, author and founder of the “Untapped History” walking tour of Newburyport, MA.

Privateers During the War of 1812: Learn the stories behind the 43 privateers operating out of Salem, MA during the War of 1812 with Captain Michael Rutstein, author and owner of the schooner, Fame, a full-scale representation of the first American privateer to set sail during the war.

Piracy, Smuggling & Rum Running: Join Professor Daniel Breen of Brandeis for a historical romp in illegal pursuits. One of our favorite and most enthusiastic speakers, Dr. Breen is a meticulous researcher with deep knowledge of topics ranging from World War I through potatoes.

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- ♦ Piano Music of Celia Thaxter's Parlor
- ♦ Treasure Hunt on Star Island
- ♦ Candlelit Chapel Services
- ♦ Sea Chanties
- ♦ Daily Social Hours
- ♦ Trip to Appledore Island
- ♦ Piracy Murder Mystery Game



- ♦ Ship Culinary Demo
- ♦ Marine Center Visits
- ♦ Island Museum Visits
- ♦ Pirate Flag Workshop
- ♦ History & Science Tours
- ♦ Documentaries & Movies
- ♦ Illicit Goods Trivia Contest