



# Readin' Both Pages

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## A little bit of history—A story of honor and respect

If you've visited the museum since the opening of our Wing On Wing Boathouse, you may have noticed the beautifully crafted stained glass window that graces the main entrance. The window was created by Alice Lane Johnson, and generously donated by boat builder, Robert Lane.

The story told within the window is a piece of Maine history, dating back to the War of 1812. It is the story of a violent battle at sea, within view of Monhegan Island, a story of honor and respect, and a story immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "My Lost Youth."

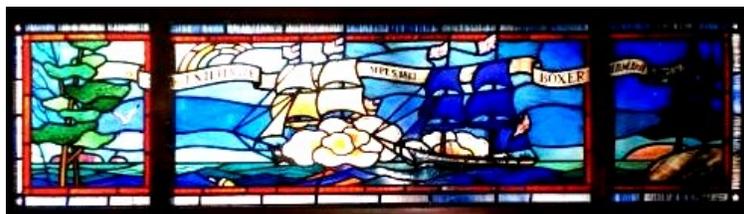
On September 5, 1813, the HMS *Boxer* and the USS *Enterprise* engaged in a naval battle after six hours of maneuvering. While the battle only lasted 30 minutes, both captains (William Burrows of the USS *Enterprise* and Samuel Blyth of the HMS *Boxer*) were mortally wounded. Lt. Edward McCall took command of the *Enterprise* while Lt. David McGrery assumed command of the *Boxer*. The battle ended with McGrery describing his ship as a complete wreck with 3 feet of water in the hold, and the *Boxer* was towed into the port of Portland by the *Enterprise*.

The City of Portland paid its respects not only to the fallen Capt. Burrows, but also to the much-admired Capt. Blyth, with a joint funeral procession through the city, culminating with a side-by-side burial in Portland's Eastern Cemetery. The respect shown to Capt. Samuel Blyth by the city of Portland, honoring him with a proper funeral on equal footing with his fallen foe Capt. William Burrows, certainly resonates in the modern era.

### From My Lost Youth

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I remember the sea-fight far away,  
How it thundered o'er the tide!  
And the dead captains, as they lay  
In their grave, o'erlooking the tranquil bay,  
Where they in battle died.  
And the sound of that mournful song  
Goes through me with a thrill:  
"A boy's will is the wind's will,  
And the Thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts"



**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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## How would you like to SAIL A CLASSIC 12-1/2 .....

The Sail, Power, and Steam Museum will be offering for charter a veritable classic for the honest traditional sailor who is capable enough to enjoy a sailor's extreme pleasure.

CHECK THIS OUT! Here is a vessel purchased from the Herrshoff Mfg Co in 1927 by no less than Happy and Nelson Rockefeller. They sailed this lovely little classic until 1972 when it was sold to the Hudson family who generously donated her to us. She is now in pristine condition and is proudly offered (for charter) to a qualified, enthusiastic, and curious party who yearns to sail a classic.

The Herreshoff company was formed as a partnership between John Brown Herreshoff and his younger brother, Nathaniel. Though the reputation of the latter is well established, it was the elder Herreshoff (who was blind, I might add) that kept the finances in order. So important was his roll, that the company was sold soon after his death. But the Herreshoff name continues and is famous enough to stir the blood of the most ardent traditionalist. **Now is your chance to sail one of these revered classics. Give a call and discuss details (you must be experienced and qualified to be eligible!)**



*Captain Jim Sharp*



## New to the Museum

### **Tom Norton Joins the Board**



Currently a resident of Islesboro, Maine, Norton grew up in the maritime influences of Hampton Roads, VA where small boats gave way to tugs, and tugs gave way to commercial ships prompting him to go to Maine Maritime Academy. Tom pursued a Marine Engineering career which saw him circumnavigate the globe in ships as an engineer, repair ships in shipyards worldwide as a superintendent engineer, and construct new ships as a project manager during his 50 plus year career.

Small boats remain his more affordable passion, having teethered on wooden vessels in the early Maine windjammer fleet and in later years earning his European inland waters captain's license while navigating his own 100 year old Dutch Barge on the continent. Currently he and his wife vacation abroad in their traditional English narrow boat. When not aboard anything that floats, he relaxes with his wife in locations in Maine and Florida where they split their snowbird months

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### **Jonathan King Joins the Staff**



Joining the staff earlier this spring, King brought with him artistic skills, his unique sense of humor, a well-rounded knowledge of boats and maintenance, and

his Australian Cattle Dog mix Schwab. Also known as Captain Outlandish, he has extensive experience on multiple tall ships and other wooden vessels, dating back 20+ years. He's been a deckhand, a First Mate, a ship's carpenter, a fiberglass worker, a social media and sales agent, and we are all proud to say that he recently passed his Captain's License tests and is just awaiting his certificate from the USCG!

In his spare time, Jonathan is restoring his own schooner, the **Edward D. Boyton**, a Thomas Calvin designed gaff rigged schooner (also known as *Saugeen Witch*, design #111). She was built in 1972 in Mattapoiset, MA, by Allan H. Vaitses for Miner K. Brotherton and was originally launched as the *Schooner Integrity*.

## New Exhibits

With the opening of our new Wing On Wing Boat-house, we've been moving things around, bringing items out of storage, and creating some new exhibits.

Jonathan and Capt. Jim have been busy at work cleaning up the Dynamite Payson Boatshop that has been closed since the beginning of 2020. They've brought much of the dive equipment out of storage and are building a fascinating exhibit.

Also coming out of storage and now fully assembled is a Klepper Aerius folding kayak from the 1950's. Hard to believe, but one of these fragile-looking vessels crossed the Atlantic in 1956! Her sails are up, and she now resides in the Wing On Wing Boat-house with other fascinating vessels such as the museum's steam driven paddle boat and a Lighthorseman, a replica of the vessel in which George Waymouth first explored Penobscot Bay in 1605.



## SPSM Marketplace

Periodically, items are donated to the museum to help raise money for our great programs. We currently have the following items for sale (See our Website for photos and details!):



- **Skull & Bones Spinnaker (argh!):** 36x43.5 x 43.5 \$950
- **Stunning fiberglass 12' yacht tender**—a “one off” built from a mold that was taken from a Herreshoff rowing/sailing dinghy that washed ashore. \$12,000



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