

Sail Adventure Forever – A Tribute to Joe Garland

Background, Motivation and Mission:

Joe Garland, journalist and prolific author, sailor, irrepressible rebel and champion of workers' causes in his adopted hometown of Gloucester that his ancestors helped settle, was his town's most widely known raconteur, advocate and maritime historian.



His writings and stories about Gloucester, its vessels, its fishermen and the fish caught both near and, most often, way off shore helped us all remember and come to understand one of the great fishing venues of the world.

Schooner *Adventure* is the last of the great Gloucester dory-fishing schooners that plied the fishing banks of the North Atlantic. The vessel is a National Historic Landmark and an Official Project of Save America's Treasures. Joe was the initial President and worked to preserve her for the ages.

Joe was a great admirer of this last knockabout schooner, built in the James Yard in Essex 1926, which became one of the most financially successful fishing vessels in its days.

It is fitting to establish a permanent recognition of Joe's enormous contributions both to his love and devotion to Gloucester, but also to the impact that his writings had on the fishing industry by naming the restored *Adventure* Captain's Cabin in his honor.

To accomplish this objective, an honorary leadership committee of public and private sector individuals, all of whom knew, worked with or recognized Joe's deep love of the sea has been formed. This group, working with a regional committee, will spearhead a fund raising effort to fully restore the original captain's cabin. This dedication will be a fitting tribute to Joe's life-long efforts to enrich both seafarers and landlubbers of the role of the sea, its fishes, the sailing vessels, fishermen and, in *Adventure's* case, the dorymen who ventured far and near to bring their catch to the market place.

Let us listen to the words of Joe Garland, as he speaks of the sea, Gloucester, and Schooner Adventure in several of his many books on Gloucester's local history.

Lone Voyager

- Suddenly the great sails are there. Gray as the winter Atlantic, they slide into view from behind the drifted snow on Eastern Point's far shore. They are still a long way off....In from the winter sea the wind still sweeps. It shrieks through the shrouds of the sleeping ships and whines across the wharves. It groans up the streets and moans at the doors, and the lamps in the windows shiver. It sighs up the stairs and breathes cold on the beds of the men that went down to sea.

Gloucester on the Wind

- "Share and share alike" was the sacred compact of the dorymen. Not just the bounty of the sea, and their labor and suffering and sacrifice and loss. And not merely with each other, but with the sea itself. "For the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." And indeed He hath.

Down to the Sea

- Rough and tough and dirty were the Gloucester schooners. Regular stomach-turners, fast or slow, rollers or pitchers, seaworthy or sea-wary, workhorses, race horses or plugs, blessed or jinxed, but never pretty. ...

Adventure Queen of the Windjammers

The thought of ... (the schooner Adventure) still brings me up all standing. She is a survivor, not a vision. She is here, real, and beautiful....I can stand on those decks with the whole-sail breeze, arm hooked into the rigging, and watch her go, watch the miles bubble out from under the stern as they have done now for more than fifty (now nearing 100) years. She is fantastic!



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