

The Gloucester Adventure, Inc.

MUG UP

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Organization Restructuring

We are pleased to announce that Joanne Souza has been named as Executive Director of the Gloucester Adventure, Inc. Joanne has been our operations director for 4 years and has been increasingly taking on more of the daily oversight of the organization. In many ways, Joanne's duties will not change. This new role will now provide for an executive director that is in the office daily allowing for more efficient decision making and increased public interactions for our organization.



Joanne is replacing Marty Krugman who has been serving as Executive Director/President for 16 years. We are very grateful for Marty's contributions these past 20 years. In many ways, Schooner *Adventure* would not be as far along if it hadn't been for Marty's tireless

work. The \$2.7 million dollar restoration to the ship's hull was carried out under the careful supervision of Marty. Countless hours of grant writing, solicitations, and dealing with a wide variety of contractors have been overseen.

Marty will still be "on board" with Schooner *Adventure*, continuing to serve as president of the Board of Directors. We are very appreciative of his past work and expertise as we move ahead to finish the restoration and begin our operations as a historic and educational facility.



Schooner Adventure Wins Celebrate Gloucester Grant

Schooner Adventure is thrilled to have earned enough votes during the Celebrate Gloucester contest to tie for 3rd place. This tie resulted in a tie breaker vote in which Schooner *Adventure* came in 1st. As a result, the

organization will be receiving \$2500 in operational funding. The funding is very helpful, but more importantly, we are thrilled with the public support received during this contest raising our public awareness. Word is

getting out – this piece of Gloucester's history, Schooner *Adventure*, is worth saving and has an important story to tell the world. We hope to build on this momentum as we begin a new membership and volunteer drive.

Special points of interest:

- ♦ Gloucester Adventure Emails and Facebook Page
- ♦ Haul Out and Move
- ♦ New Website
- ♦ Schooner Festival 2010
- ♦ Scout Oceanography Program
- ♦ A Gloucester Adventure
- ♦ Gloucester's Working Waterfront Walking Tour

Letter from the Director

I am very pleased to have been promoted as Executive Director of the Gloucester Adventure organization and am excited as we look forward to the upcoming restoration and education projects. With the move to Gloucester Marine Railways and the recent awarding of several grants, the



vessel restoration and the whole Adventure organization is really gaining momentum. Next spring,

the vessel will be birthed on the North Pier at GMR which will permit Schooner *Adventure* to be viewed from all over the city and allow us to have dockside programming. As everyone is aware, this past year has been an economic rollercoaster for all non-profits, with this in mind we have partnered with several area organizations to provide wider program opportunities for students and the general public. Landmark School students, under the direction of Paul Schwartz and using a grant from the Traditional Small Craft Association, are building two full size dories for

Schooner *Adventure*. In addition, Lowell's Boat Shop has also



built for us an educational dory to be used for education in schools and at festivals. As 2011 approaches, I look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Let's go sailing!

Joanne Souza

Letter from the President

2010, we received \$100,000 from the Lynch Foundation, as well as a few smaller grants. However, the recession has negatively impacted our fundraising efforts and the rate of progress on the Schooner *Adventure*'s restoration. Even so, thanks to a dedicated Board, great staff, and extraordinary volunteers, we are pressing on to fulfill our mission to complete *Adventure*'s restoration and sail as a platform for cultural education. In the end, the fact that we saved the *Adventure* allowing her to sail again will be all that truly matters.

In April, we moved the Schooner *Adventure* across the harbor to our new home at the Gloucester Marine Railways at Rocky Neck. Since 2002, the Schooner *Adventure* has been inaccessible to the public

because of ongoing restoration work and the lack of safe access to the vessel while berthed at Rose's Marine/CruisePort Gloucester. This situation severely limited our ability to host programs and events for the general public. The new dockage will provide public access to the vessel, safer dockage in stormy weather, greater visibility, and a workshop with storage area.

I am pleased to announce that Joanne Souza was promoted to Executive Director. Joanne became an active volunteer over a decade ago. In 2003, in recognition of her administrative skills and positive energy, as well as her dedication, we hired her as an Administrative Assistant. In 2006, Joanne was promoted to Director. During the past four years, Joanne has

increasing taken on greater responsibilities and has provided outstanding leadership. Accordingly, the Board unanimously supported her promotion to Executive Director. I am confident that Joanne will do a great job.

The Board has voted to create three Vice Presidential positions: VP for Restoration and Vessel Operations (Peter Souza); VP for Development (John Morris); and VP for Programs and Events (Jude Holmes). In all, the leadership of The Gloucester Adventure is now more diversified and stronger than at any time in our organization's history.

Martin Krugman, Ph. D.

Gloucester Adventure Emails and Facebook Page

If you have not been receiving emails from us and would like to, please sign up through the link on our website. The email program we are using (Constant Contact)

requires people to sign up for themselves. We use this email blast to notify members of news flashes, upcoming events, cancellations, Ship Store sales, help needed etc.

We can also check us out on Facebook.com. News and pictures are posted there as well. Make sure to add us as one of your fan pages.

SUMMER RECAP

MITS 2010

Gloucester Adventure once again participated in the Museum Institute for Teaching Science offering a 2 day presentation on *Fish and Fishing*. MITS provides professional development to teachers focusing on inquiry based instruction. Teachers are encouraged and guided through the process of redesigning instruction to allow for students to investigate scientific ideas to develop better understand of new material.

On the first day with Adventure, our

10 teachers learned about the three types of groundfish that were caught onboard Schooner *Adventure*. Habitats, life cycles, and food chains were investigated. On the second day, we reviewed the different types of fishing, experimenting with possible outcomes and ways to balance maximum catches, less habitat destruction and sustainable populations. Lesson plans from this workshop are now posted on our website.



MITS teachers working on inquiry lessons

New Website

In June 2010, we launched our redesigned website at www.schooner-adventure.org. With web-design interns from Boston University's School of Design, we were able to create a vibrant website showcasing Schooner *Adventure's* history and education offerings. If you haven't had the opportunity to see this, make sure to check it out. Information about Schooner

**Make sure to check out our
redesigned website
www.schooner-adventure.org**

Adventure and Gloucester's fishing history as well as a number of resources for teachers have been posted. This website provides a means for our organization to meet its mission for serving as a historic and educational facility. Additional information will be posted to the site as we complete projects, so keep checking for the latest additional resources.

Schooner Festival 2010



Ships Store, crafts and dory display during Schooner Festival

The most noticed attendee to the 2010 Schooner Festival was Hurricane Earl. Unfortunately Earl timed itself to arrive right at the kickoff for the festival. As a result, all Friday activities had to be canceled which included the popular Mayor's Reception. It was a major disappointment not to mention a frantic whirlwind to cancel all the arrangements that had been in place for weeks. Luckily Earl changed course and didn't hit us directly. This allowed for most of the rest of the events that weekend to carry on with only

a few delays. The Working Waterfront Walking Tour was a hit that Saturday morning. The Ships Store was reopened after a few years' hiatus, allowing us to be opened during the Heritage Fair. Many thanks to volunteer, Christina Hayes, and Education Coordinator, Beth Welin, for fixing up the shop and fishing display! We enjoyed friends and members' company during our gathering onboard Schooner *Adventure* on Saturday evening. Despite the cancelation of the fireworks and a sudden rain shower, the festivities were enjoyed by all.

RESTORATION UPDATE

Report from Vessel Committee



Lots of changes during the past year to Adventure. New home berth at Gloucester Marine Railway, Rocky Neck started in April 2010 with storage and working space. Haul out and six weeks of restoration work completed with several new planks on starboard side. Adventure passed Coast Guard hull inspection with flying colors. All tools and equipment were removed from Rose's Marine and

either moved to GMR or Riverdale Mills Trap Company in Whitinsville, MA. Tally's moved our fork lift and anchor to GMR site where we have inside storage and use of power tools. Two of our three trailer storage units are almost emptied and ready for return to our leasing agent. Shelving and stored materials were transported to GMR. Starboard side is in process of being fared down and painted. Dorries are stored on deck for winter. Ratlines installed with flags and pennants flying overhead during the summer and fall. Steering gear and wheel house are in process of being mounted in place along with our rebuilt Stoddard wheel. Chasing down a \$25,000 grant so we can start the rebuild of the windlass and associated parts for our next project. Reviewing plans and costs to potentially move Adventure to the

North Pier of GMR so we can have full access to the vessel by next spring and space for booms and running gear. Thanks to all members of the Vessel Committee, volunteers and the Adventure Board.

Unfortunately there's not enough room in this newsletter for proper recognition of the following

supporters.... Jim Knott, Frank Rose Sr., Viking Gustafson and many more

vessel crew and volunteers.... Bill, Jeff, Steve, Tim, Bob, Mike, Jude, Joanne, Beth, Paul, Andy, Doug and many more

places like.... Rose's, Rocky Neck supporters and business as well as city departments and agencies.

Peter N. Souza, VP/Vessel Chair

Parts of our Schooner

This is one of our next restoration projects. Do you know what this is?

The **windlass** is a large wooden and iron, hand - actuated winch that



enables the schooner's 1000 pound anchor to be raised and lowered. A notched wheel at the center of the windlass engages the links of the chain. A brake is provided for

control and the windlass is powered by hand-operated levers, or by an external power source (gas engine or electric motor) operating via a gear train. The windlass was constructed out of white oak timbers and individually forged iron components.

Arthur Baggs Memorial Fund

We were saddened to lose a dedicated friend and supporter this year with the passing of Arthur Baggs at the age of 94. Arthur had been part of our restoration efforts for over 10 years. Arthur's generosity was extraordinary with his time, resources and expertise. His engineering help was invaluable. What an inspiring sight it was to see this small man of 80 plus years climbing around our vessel while serving as our "Ship's Keeper".

We will greatly miss this wonderful friend and have set up The Arthur Baggs Memorial Fund in memory of our dear friend. With this fund the Board is committing to raising sufficient money to maintain Schooner Adventure at Rocky Neck for the next five years – anchoring our other efforts to raise the funds necessary to complete the renovation.



Some of Our Wonderful Volunteers



Tim Perkins explains dory fishing



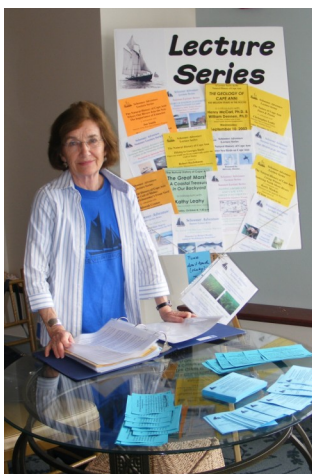
Lorraine Louanis share memories.



Jane Clark running Sailor Valentines



Mike Bergman - our resident rigging man



Eva Walker running the lectures



Ron Schrank, Peter Souza, Steve Willard and Jeff Welin supervising



Steve Willard, Peter Souza, Jeff Welin and Andy Slusarz after the move



Bill Homes organizing



Jeff Thomas sharing stories

SQUIBBS

From the Archives

From the Jeff Thomas Archive Collection — A write-up about Gordon Thomas from Master Mariners' 1952 Yearbook.

Jeff Thomas spoke of his father at the 2010 Annual Meeting sharing wonderful stories and testimonials. Jeff has shared parts of his father's scrapbook with us (including this article) which is now available on disk at the office.

Schooner Adventure Wishlist

Organization Needs:

- Large Commercial Paper Shredder
- Track Lighting
- 4 ft Fluorescent Lights
- 10 inch Table Saw
- Dock lines
- Cordless Drills
- Socket Wrenches—1/2 inch set

Display and Education

Materials:

- Antique postcards of Gloucester's waterfront and fishing industry
- Life-size models of cod, halibut and haddock
- Frank E. Davis Company cookbooks
- Old fishing labels, packaging and advertisements

Books:

- Proctor's *Fisherman's Own*
- *Photographic History of Gloucester*, volumes 3 and 4

Gordon W. Thomas



The port of Gloucester prides herself on having a historian in her midst who when unable to follow his yearning to sail before the mast, turned his attention to collecting all manner of interesting facts about the old-time fishing schooners that brought fame to the 323 year-old fishing port and wealth to their owners and crews. That man is 46 year-old Gordon W. Thomas, author of "Fast and Able", a fascinating book containing the life history of 38 Gloucester fishing schooners. A wealth of maritime romance is contained within its pages. Mr. Thomas, son of a famous Gloucester fishing skipper, has done stories on 39 more, all of which have appeared in the Gloucester Daily Times under the title of "Builders of Prosperity". He has material for 53 more. He plans to have other books published to contain the remaining salty yarns. His first publication has attracted widespread attention and spontaneous praise.

Gordon was born in this city, November 13, 1906, the son of the late Capt. Jeffrey F. and Lulu (Norwood) Thomas. His father was master of many leading Gloucester craft to Grand Bank, Georges and Western banks as well as other North Atlantic fishing grounds. The late Capt. Jeff was a high-liner in shacking, was originally a mackerel seining skipper and a halibuter of no mean repute. The schooner Adventure still dory trawling out of Boston this past summer was his most successful command though he particularly liked the schooner Sylvania, a craft which afterward was blown up by the Germans in the first World War off the Cape Shore of Nova Scotia.

The waterfront was Gordon's playground in his youth and he looked forward to the day when he too would go to sea. From Gloucester High, he went to the Bay State Navigation School in Boston from where he graduated in 1923 with third mate's papers, for any tonnage. Illness of his mother however made it necessary for him to remain in Gloucester.

For the next quarter of a century he concerned himself with doing the next best thing, collecting data on Gloucester fishing boats. He saved clippings galore from newspaper files, wrote endlessly to customs houses, retired skippers and others in the Maritimes, in this country, Norway, Cuba and Newfoundland to complete his information on the careers of these vessels, their catches, their stocks, the tragedies and near tragedies in which they and their crews were involved. Along with it he stored up a library of pictures of Gloucester fishing boats.

Today he is reputed to have the most complete library of fishing vessel pictures and information of anyone anywhere. He always felt that some day he would write a book about these boats. And sure enough within the past couple years, Gloucester's blue water sailormen of the half century between 1880 and 1930 again came to life aided by his facile pen and knack of telling their careers in the language of the fishermen.

The Gloucester schooner had found a compiler of its greatness. For those who love the sea, the hardiness of the Gloucestermen who sail the stout ships under canvas alone, Gordon Thomas has in truth brought and will continue to bring many happy hours of absorbing reading. For which Gloucester is sincerely in his debt.

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GLOUCESTER MASTER MARINER'S YEAR BOOK
1952

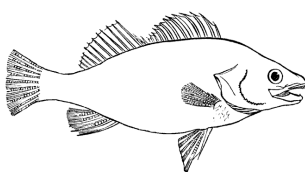
EDUCATION UPDATE

Scout Oceanography Program

A new educational program was created and presented for a Girl Scout troop in May 2010. This



program aims to meet some of the scout badge requirements in Oceanography. The scouts learned about waves and breakwaters, the difference between a map and chart, use of a compass, jetsam and flotsam and some groundfish. Our program ends with fish printing and a sea chantey sing.



Jeff Welin, Tim Perkins, Joanne Souza, Steve Willard and Peter Souza sing sea chanteys with scouts.

A Gloucester Adventure



A new 5 day program on the history of Gloucester was presented in August 2010. This program was held in conjunction with Art Haven. During these 5 days, students were taken around the Gloucester to learn about the history of the city. The 1600's were

covered at Stage Fort Park where we viewed at the sight of the very first European settlement in Gloucester and the remains of the protective fort there. The 1700's were examined as we walked down our historic Middle Street identifying the various architectural styles and their time periods. The growth of the fish industry from the 1800 through 1900's was explored on a walking tour of the waterfront. The 1800-

1900's artists and resorts were addressed from atop Duncan Point looking at the vista painted by so many artists including our own Fitz Henry Lane. Finally, we concluded our history studies by viewing the WPA murals in City Hall and Sawyer Free Library. Each day's walk was followed up with an art activity at Art Haven. Some lovely watercolors of Gloucester views were created by these 2-5 graders.

Gloucester's Working Waterfront Walking Tour

This newly developed walking tour of Gloucester's Working Waterfront shows off Gloucester during its fishing heydays. Using maps from the 1880's and historic photographs, we go back in time to visit the former buildings and businesses that once occupied our harbor. The tour starts at the Fisherman's Statue; walks from the Boulevard, down Rogers St., ending at the Fitz Henry Lane House. We have created 2 versions of the tour – a 90 minute version for adults and a 60 minute version for elementary students. We



Beth Welin leading the Working Waterfront Walking Tour

are currently working on slide show versions to bring to the Senior Centers.

Many people enjoyed our new Working Waterfront Walking Tour this summer. The public tours were very well attended during the Schooner Festival and Trails and Sails weekends, receiving many enthusiastic complements. We're looking forward to offering the tour on a regular basis next summer. If you missed this year's offerings, make sure to join us next summer. Watch our website for dates.



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Your **2010 Annual Appeal** donation is the life's
blood of the *Adventure* organization.

We have made significant progress toward completing National Historic Landmark Schooner *Adventure's* restoration; that is why your commitment is critically important to keep this unique, historic restoration project alive. Once restored, Schooner *Adventure* will offer high quality educational programming focusing on maritime, cultural, and environmental issues. Your Annual Appeal contribution will help ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

The Schooner *Adventure* does **not** receive city, state, or federal funds to support our operations. Unlike most historic tall ships, we are a small, independent, non-profit organization of committed staff and volunteers who are working to save this extraordinary icon of America's maritime heritage. Your contribution is extremely important, especially now as we all face these trying financial times. Your help is needed to ensure our continued progress as we strive to restore this American icon.

SHIPS STORE



The Ships Store in the first floor of the Fitz Henry Lane House has been reopened. Our fishing display within the store was visited by many people during the Schooner Festival and the following Trails and Sails weekends. The store is open by appointment throughout the year. Call the office

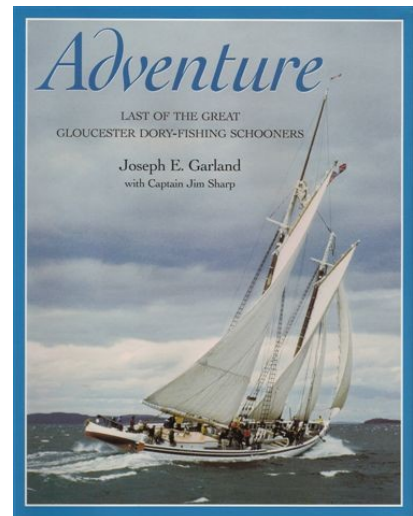


978-281-8079) if you would like to come by and make a purchase. A number of our Schooner

Adventure items are posted on our website for you to preview. Please call for availability of sizes and colors for the clothing.



Ships Store in FHL House



Joseph Garland's book—
*Adventure: Last of the Great
Gloucester Dory-fishing Schooners*