

## Schooner Adventure

# MUG UP

WINTER 2012

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## Momentum Still Growing

The Gloucester Adventure, Inc. saw many changes and advances in 2011. Most notable is the restructuring of the board and organization. At our recent annual meeting, a new President of the Board, John Morris, and Vice President of Development, John Thompson, were announced.

2011 also continued building on the progress and momentum of 2010. The windlass and public access were completed and for the first time in quite a while, *Adventure*



could be opened to the public this summer.

2012 has a number of projects scheduled. Plans are underway for the installation of an engine. *Adventure* has been recommended for CPA funding to get our spars which would make it possible to put on our new sails. Wouldn't it be fantastic to see

*Adventure* lead the Parade of Sails during the 2012 Schooner Festival?

With this goal in mind, the Gloucester Adventure, Inc. is launching a capital campaign *Sail Adventure Forever* to finish the restoration of *Adventure*.

We are aiming to raise \$1,250,000 which will complete the restoration and provide the first 2 years of operating funding to get us started on solid footing. Please consider how you can help *Adventure* during this campaign.

### Special points of interest:

- 2011 in Review
- 2012 Calendar of Events
- Volunteer Mug Ups and Training Sessions
- Vessel Restoration Update and 2012 Projects



## More Grants Awarded

Schooner Adventure is very pleased to announce the awarding of some new grants.

The Dusky Foundation has awarded us a \$250,000 matching grant challenge. We have been busy working on raising the match and welcome all donations to help us with this goal.

*Adventure* again received funding from the Gloucester CPA funds that will go to new spars.

In addition, *Adventure* had received some education grants from the New England Biolabs, Bruce J. Anderson and the Thomas Anthony Pappas Charitable Foundations to help

cover costs of 1) giving monthly history sharing programs at the Rose Baker Center, 2) presenting the Dory Program to the local schools, and 3) taking the Gloucester 4th grades on the Working Waterfront Walking Tour.

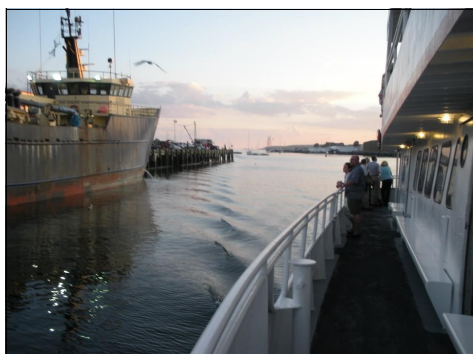


# Fun with Adventure

## 2011 in Review

We had a busy and fun year in 2011. Here's a review.

- March – November - Natural History of Cape Ann Lecture Series
- March 20 - Volunteer Mug Up – public information event with dessert and coffee/tea
- May 21 - Annual Auction
- June 4, July 2, Aug 6 - Maritime Saturdays - open house on *Adventure* and *Working Waterfront Walking Tour*
- July-Sept – weekly Historic Harbor Tours
- Aug – Oct – monthly Senior Center Gloucester history sharing presentations
- Aug 6—National Maritime Festival in Salem
- Aug 26 – Sunset Cruise Fundraiser
- Schooner Festival – Labor Day Weekend – Mayor's Reception, open house on *Adventure*, *Working Waterfront Walking Tour* and Sat evening – potluck, singing and parade viewing
- Sept 17 – Trails and Sails Working *Waterfront Walking Tour*
- Oct 28 – Annual Meeting
- Dec 4 – Holiday Tea at the Inn Magnolia
- Dec 10 - Middle Street Walk



**Make sure to check out  
events and information at  
[www.schooner-adventure.org](http://www.schooner-adventure.org)**



## Upcoming Events in 2012

Our Special Events Committee has been very busy brainstorming and planning an exciting year of events.

Here's a peek at what's coming in 2012—

- **March – November** - NATURAL HISTORY OF CAPE ANN LECTURE SERIES
- **March 28 (7pm)**– DORY FISHING ON *ADVENTURE* presentation along with Ryan and Woods Distillery Rum Tasting at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum
- **April 20 (7-9:30pm)** - WINE TASTING fundraiser at the Gloucester House Restaurant
- **May-June (Saturdays)** – VOLUNTEER MUG UPS AND TRAINING SESSIONS
- **Summer (TBA)** – MEET SKIPPY PARTY - Come meet the artist and writer of our new children's book
- **July - Oct** - MARITIME SATURDAYS - *Gloucester's Working Waterfront Walking Tour* and view Gloucester's oldest fishing vessels at the railways
- **July 20 (7-10pm)** - SUNSET CRUISE ON BOARD CAPTAIN BILL'S
- **August 10 (6-8pm)** - HISTORIC HARBOR TOUR - Narrated cruise of Gloucester's harbor
- **Labor Day weekend** - SCHOONER FESTIVAL
- **Oct 19** - ANNUAL MEETING - dinner and awards
- **Nov (TBA)** - ANNUAL AUCTION
- **Dec (TBA)** - Holiday Tea

Keep watching for more details and additional events to be announced.

# RESTORATION UPDATE

## Vessel Update



2011 saw some major projects completed on our To Do List.

- The rotted windlass used for raising and lowering the anchor was replaced with a new one through some clever Yankee ingenuity on the part of Bill
- Holmes and Goeff Deckebach and funded by the generous support of the Gloucester Preservation Act.
- Adventure's original and re-galvanized wheel was reattached and a new steering gear box built.
- Adventure got settled in her new home on the North Pier at the Gloucester Marine Railways in Rocky Neck and was able to welcome visitors on board for the first time in quite a while.
- By the end of the summer, beautiful new access stairs had been built and installed by our wonderful friends at Merrimac Special Education Consortium.

For 2012, an engine and engine bed will be first of a list of planned projects. Ballast, spars, rigging and some of the new sails will follow with the goal to be able to sail Adventure in the Schooner Festival's Parade of Sails on Labor Day weekend. Won't that be an exciting day for Adventure!

Many thanks to all our wonderful vessel volunteers who work so hard to keep her shipshape. It takes many man-hours to maintain Adventure. We couldn't do it without them

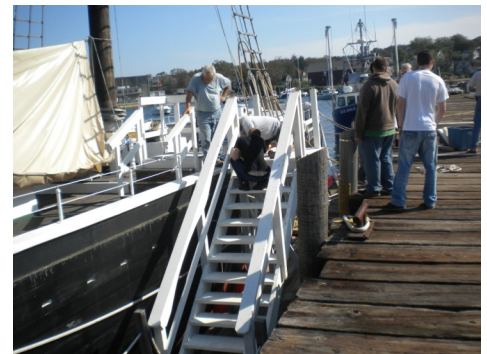
## New Parts of our Schooner



The New Windlass



Steering Gearbox and Wheel



New Berth and Access Stairs

## Arthur Baggs Memorial Fund

We were saddened to lose a dedicated friend and supporter last 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 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.





# VOLUNTEERS

## Wanted! Volunteers

We are looking for new volunteers that can help us. We are putting together a new volunteer manual and training program for the 2012 season.

In May, we will be holding Adventure 101 Mug Ups to introduce (and reintroduce) the Gloucester Adventure's mission, history and progress. This day will be a chance to meet other volunteers and enjoy each other's company as we learn about Schooner Adventure and how we can help preserve her to share our

fishing heritage with others.

We are looking for vessel help for maintaining and restoring the schooner. If there are any painters, woodworkers, machinists etc out there, we could really use your help. We are also looking for people to train to give tours and work special events. We are planning a number of exciting events for this year and the more help the better. There is a positive momentum now that we want to keep going so come join the fun and bring friends! Watch for more details!



*Some of our hard working volunteers after moving to our new berth*

## Fund Raising Help

A Capital Campaign to match the Dusky Foundation's \$250,000 pledge is underway. We have already matched over 1/5 of the pledge but need to keep working. This is our last drive to finish the restoration and get Adventure sailing again.

In addition to mailings and requests, we are working on the fundraisers that will hopefully not

**Remember that Fund Raising starts with "FUN"**

only raise some needed funds but also raise awareness and excitement for Adventure.

These fundraisers also have another major goal—FUN! We have

wonderful people associated with Adventure and we want to enjoy ourselves and each other's company. Watch the website and emails for our special events. Bring some friends and come join us. The more the merrier. The cause is great and the company can't be beat!



## Schooner Adventure Wishlist

### Display /Education Materials:

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

### Books:

- Proctor's *Fisherman's Own*
- Wright's *Images of Gloucester and Rockport*

And of course, donations of all sizes which will be matched by the Dusky Foundation!!

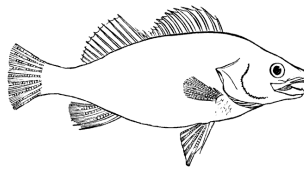


# EDUCATION UPDATE

## Senior Center Program

Starting in July 2011, the Gloucester Adventure has been presenting monthly history sharing programs at the Rose Baker Senior Center. These presentations have been sharing the history of Gloucester's working waterfront and Dory Fishing on Schooner Adventure. Future program will focus on the Urban Renewal changes to the waterfront, Gloucester as a resort, Gloucester's Schooners, Downtown Gloucester and more.

We have been very fortunate to be able to collaborate with Gloucester historians and collectors to present these programs. This program received funding support from the New England Biolabs, the Bruce J. Anderson and Thomas Anthony Pappas Charitable Foundations.



*Beth Welin sharing the history of Gloucester's waterfront at the Rose Baker Center*

## Skippy's Adventure Children's Book



Meet Skippy, the mascot on *Adventure* for over 16 years.

This summer, we will be introducing our new illustrated children's book, *Skippy's Adventure*. The story shares how Skippy came to be a member of the crew and what life was like on board *Adventure*.

The kick off party (TBA) will include children's activities. Senator Bruce Tarr will be our story reader. The writer and illustrator will be there to sign books. There will also be

displays and presentations about creating the book and dory fishing.



## Maritime Saturdays

Come join the fun!

Starting on July 7th, the Gloucester Adventure's 2012 season begins and goes through Columbus Day weekend. Every Saturday, our popular Working Waterfront Walking Tour will be offered starting at 10am at the Fishermen's Memorial. (*weather permitting*)

When done with the tour, come view the oldest fishing vessels in the oldest seaport at the oldest working railways in the country!

To view Schooner Adventure and see how the restoration is progressing, follow the signs to Rocky Neck Art Colony and go to the end of Rocky Neck Avenue to find the Gloucester Marine Railways. Watch our dedicated volunteers getting Adventure ready to sail for the Schooner Festival. View the 1925 gill netter *Phyllis A* and learn about gillnetting. Enjoy wonderful views of the harbor and the wonderful galleries and restaurants on Rocky Neck.



*Working Waterfront Walking Tour*



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Your **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

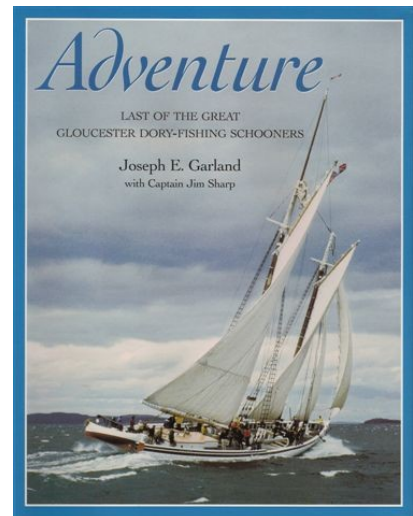


978-281-8079) if you would like to come by and make a purchase. A number of our Schooner

*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*