



Readin' Both Pages

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**From an attic to:
Library, classroom,
research/computer,
offices & archives**



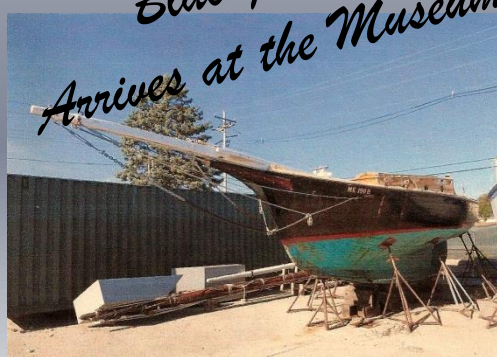
*How would we do this
Without our volunteers and
your generous support!*



*& Our new
Friendship Sloop Research Room*

The museum is expanding with remarkable strides

*The Friendship Sloop
"Blackjack"
Arrives at the Museum*



*Our volunteer built
Sloop "Persistence"
is Launched*



*The old Norwegian
Flagship "Rekord"
leaves for England*



SEE STORIES INSIDE

“Blackjack” 1900

One of the oldest original Friendship Sloops in existence. Our volunteers have already started on her restoration and will soon have this little beauty sailing proudly on Penobscot Bay again.

Between 1890 and 1910, Wilber Morse built and launched over 500 Friendship Sloops mostly for local lobster fishermen.

These beautiful little boats were so handy, a man could fish by himself under sail and the obedient little vessel would patiently wait, tending itself until he had pegged his catch, washed his oil skin apron, lit a smoke, rebated & hove in the sheet on the way to the next trap buoy. A more curvaceous, sexy, enchanting floating pile of wood, oakum, and iron would be hard to find. And, they are able. Given a hat full o' wind and they sail on their feet, strut proudly at 6 knots and have to be terribly abused to ever miss stays. Is it any wonder these are one of the most endearred of the pocket sized cruising sailboats?



**Don't be just an artifact,
BE A PART OF THE
.Sail Power & Steam Museum
Volunteer!**



Calling All Volunteers

Sail Power and Steam Museum salutes, recognizes and celebrates our volunteers

at all levels. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to contact the Museum. America has a proud tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, and this spirit is needed more than ever. Studies show that people who volunteer their time live longer, healthier and happier lives, and the satisfaction of a job well done is always an enjoyable feeling. Many thousands of retired individuals have found that they are not only welcomed, but needed in the carrying on of the day-to-day workings of organizations world wide.



Learn the fine points of boat building- come help complete restoration of our 33ft. Friendship Sloop “Blackjack” and get her sailing out on the Bay



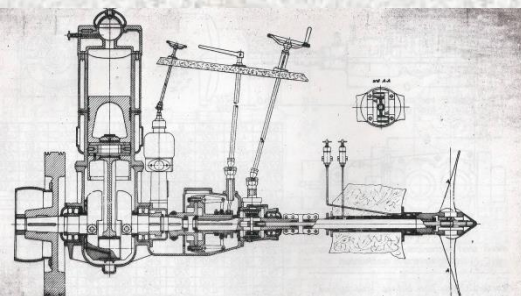
Zoom, and another year has fallen and I am late with the News

AGAIN. I just can't seem to manage but one news letter each year. And, the pace of this place is simply baffling. This merry-go-round called a "museum" is spinning my head as if watching a ping pong game... What happened this year? First, the **Friendship Sloop Society** decided to make their headquarters here and have their 135th birthday celebration and magnificent boat parade at the museum marina. As a result, we have had four donations of sloops, most of which need restoration of some kind. **Blackjack** is in traction in our workshop and has a new keel, sternpost and frames. Our volunteers are working diligently on her reconstruction. The **Hundested** engine is running, blowing incredible, symmetrical smoke rings skyward. Our volunteer built sloop **Persistence** has been out sailing, and we have received an absolutely incredible, new and generous donation of a magnificent 65 foot, two masted schooner.

From the Pilothouse

It was donated by the Apprentice Shop of Rockland and surely does dress up our font yard.

The next incredible donation, weighing in at 4000 lbs and loaded on a tractor-trailer was a brand new **Hundested** single cylinder, hot bulb, semi-diesel, marine engine, shaft and variable pitch prop with all the bells and whistles---a new engine that has never been fired! We have set it up outside and will put it together for running and demos in the spring. It was generously donated by Capt. Bill Page.



The "happenings" list is too long to go into detail here, but we have had lengthy conversations with the Friendship Sloop Society. They have been looking for a home base in Rockland for their races and functions, so we presently are cogitating on having them collaborate with the Museum and hold all their events here, letting us file and archive all their memorabilia and, what may be best of all, they have arranged for a donation of a sloop called "Blackjack", a 33 foot 114 year old sloop boat built by Wilber Morse

himself. Our volunteers are going to rebuild her in the next 2-3 years and hopefully she will eventually be sailing gloriously in the sloop races as "proud as a puffin" !

A COLOSSIAL LAUNCHING is the only way to describe the launch of Persistence! Our talented volunteers, under the watchful eye of Captain / master builder Dennis Gallant, have completed a 28' sweet--sweet Friendship Sloop with such eye pleasing traditional magnetic attraction it makes me desparate to take her home and hug her. She is surely one of the longest-being-built Friendships, as she was started in 1966



by Carlton Simmons and due to illness etc, it was donated to the Museum just 3 ½ years ago as an incomplete skeleton. Marching to the squeal of Captain O.K. Barnes bagpipes, the parade of about 250 gawkers accompanied the little sloop boat to the launching ramp where Meg Sharp ceremoniously smashed the champagne bottle over her stem. A grand ovation accompanied her splash & without further adieu, sail was made and the volunteers piled aboard for the maiden sail. With a puffy breeze and without any ballast aboard she was a might tender. After a "south-river jibe, her skipper was heard to remark: "She may scare you to death but she'll bring you home.



Captain Jim & Meg Sh

Happy New Year--- and don't forget your 2015 membership!!



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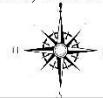
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Veterans Free – thank you!

Students \$15

INDIVIDUAL \$25

(one adult)

- Basic Benefits
- Two free admission passes for guests

FAMILY/SUPPORTER \$50

(two adults and children under 18)

- Basic Benefits
- Four admission passes for guests

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(two adults and children under 18)

- Basic Benefits
- Six admission passes for guests
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- Personally autographed copy of "With Reckless Abandon" by Capt. Jim Sharp
- Invitation to special sales and promotions at the Museum Store
- 50% discount on admission for accompanying guests

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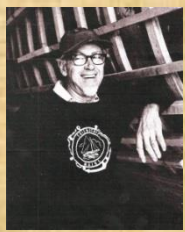
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(free admission to Museum and special events)
Subscription to the Museum newsletter, Readin' Both Pages, 10% discount at Museum Store
Invitations to special events

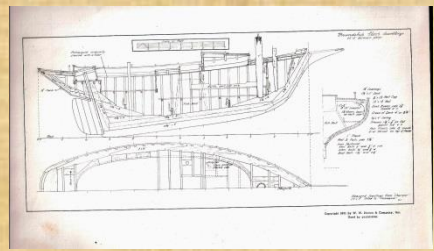
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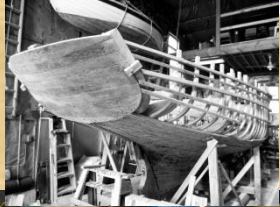


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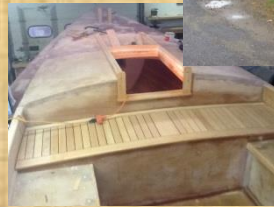
Carlton Simmons



2013



2011



Persistence



2012



2014

An Amazing Friendship Sloop



2012



BUILT BY OUR TALENTED AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND WE'RE LAUNCHING—WITH A BAG-PIPE PARADE THURSDAY-AUGUST 14 - 2PM-SNOW MARINE PARK

FRIENDSHIP SLOOP "PERSISTENCE" --1966 - 2014

Labster Luchsen
for our fabulous
volunteers & sponsors
at noon (9-5:30)

Champagne toast
to our sweetheart
when she takes her
first salty plunge.

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TIME HAS COME FOR THE ~~~ APPEAL ~~~

Restoration of Sloop "Blackjack" is now under way!

Yes, the amazing donation of a 33' Friendship Sloop is now in our shop and the volunteers are In the process of a keel up restoration. Our new library and computer room is up and running. Our new world class sextant display is a bright star at the hands on, learning navigation station table.

*We need your help
to complete more educational projects
Your contribution will be necessary,
significant and consequential---
and will be ever so much appreciated!*
www.sharpspointsouth.com -www.sailpowersteammuseum.org

Sail, Power and Steam Museum's Grand Reopening - May 15th!

Wish List:

Volunteers to help set up computers, web site maintenance, video displays, help organize library, docent (guides), Grant writers, boat builders to instruct in dory shop, teacher for hands on sailing school.

From our Gift Shop

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& T-Shirts



Captain Jim's memories of great times gone by. \$20 donation to SPS Museum-order now! 207-701-7627
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26' 1972 Luhrs Fiberglass cruiser. Very good hull - cabin needs work engine needs reconditioning. FREE with tax-deductible donation.

Museum quality model of Steamer Portland in a case excellent condition (\$3000. offers considered)



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