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# 400 YEARS OF Seafaring History

A sampling of sites along New England's "Maritime Trail"

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## Connecticut

### Charles W. Morgan & Joseph Conrad

Retired for 52 years, the *Joseph Conrad* once sailed 58,000 miles around the world, while the Seaport's "crown jewel," the refurbished *Charles W. Morgan*, the last surviving wooden whaler, will begin her 38th voyage visiting New England ports this year, with dockside exhibits. *Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT. mysticseaport.org*

### Connecticut River Museum

A restored historic steamboat warehouse preserves the culture and history of the Lower Valley, including ship models and paintings, fishing tools, navigational instruments, and artifacts of the river industries, shipbuilding and yachting among them. *Essex, CT. ctrivermuseum.org*

### Custom House Maritime Museum

Within this 1833 structure, visitors will find a detailed history of Connecticut, with exhibits on lighthouses, shipwrecks, and the *Amistad*. *New London, CT. nlmartimesociety.org*

### Freedom Schooner Amistad

In 1839, Sengbe Pieh led a revolt aboard this slave ship that would ultimately result in the kidnapped Africans' return home; today, the re-created *Amistad* stands as a lesson in human rights and freedom. *New Haven, CT. amistadvoyages.org*



"Storm Warriors" at Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station, Hull, Mass., c. 1891. Today this headquarters is home to the Hull Lifesaving Museum, featuring photo and artifact collections and hands-on exhibits on the maritime history of Boston Harbor. At right is a rescue surfboat atop a beach cart, ready to roll.

### Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard

From the visitors' gallery, watch master shipbuilders employing traditional skills to restore the port's historic wooden vessels. *Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT. mysticseaport.org*

### Old Lighthouse Museum

This 1840 stone lighthouse and dwelling is home to the Stonington Historical Society's maritime collection, which includes artifacts from the 1814 British attack on the town. *Stonington, CT. stoningtonhistory.org*

### Submarine Force Museum

Explore the decks and control room of the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, the 1952 USS *Nautilus*, whose record-breaking history of maritime exploration includes the first successful sub voyage to the North Pole. *Groton, CT. ussnautilus.org*

### U.S. Coast Guard Museum

On the grounds of the Coast Guard Academy, view 220 years of history through artifacts such as the museum's golden eagle figurehead; World War II art and propaganda posters; medals; and

models. *New London, CT. uscg.mil/hq/cg092/museum/Default.asp*

## Maine

### Grand Banks Schooner Museum

Visit the *Sherman Zwicker*, the museum's 142-foot traveling treasure, with a tall history of North Atlantic voyages. *Boothbay, ME. schoonermuseum.org*

### Great Harbor Maritime Museum

Special events with boatbuilders and changing exhibits;

Great Harbor is rebuilding its local maritime history in a renovated fire station. *Northeast Harbor, ME. facebook.com/greatharbormaritimemuseum*

**J. & E. Riggis**

Climb aboard this former oyster schooner for a three- to six-day cruise along the Maine coast and islands. Gourmet meals are a specialty. *Rockland, ME. mainewindjammer.com*

**Kittery Historical & Naval Society Museum**

Visit a museum that's as connected to its naval memorabilia as it is to the local history of the town, established in 1647. *Kittery, ME. kitterymuseum.com*



**Maine Coast Sardine History Museum**

Learn about the impact of the sardine industry on coastal towns while visiting Ronnie and Mary Peabody's collection, including machines, vintage tins, ABOVE, and tools. *Jonesport, ME. mainesardinemuseum.tripod.com*

**Maine Lighthouse Museum**

Lose yourself in the lenses and other artifacts, as well as the history of the Coast Guard, the lifesaving services, and the lives of lighthouse keepers. *Rockland, ME. mainelighthousemuseum.org*



**Maine Windjammers**

Relive the Age of Sail on three- to six-day cruises aboard one of eight



**Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island, honoring the legacy of the legendary builder of racing and cruising vessels, houses collections of yachts, models, artifacts, and vintage photos. This 1912 shot of the shop shows work on a rowboat, foreground, and on the *Alerion*, background, designed by Captain Nathanael Greene Herreshoff for his own use. An updated design of this classic is once again in production.**

schooners and tall ships (five of them historic, including the *Lewis R. French*, BELOW LEFT) plying the Maine coast and islands. The Web site offers links to the individual vessels' sites. *Camden/Rockland, ME. sailmainecoast.com*



**Penobscot Marine Museum**

View collections of folk art, portraits (such as this one of Maine steamship captain Otis Ingraham, ABOVE), and scrimshaw. *Searsport, ME. penobscotmarinemuseum.org*

**Swan's Island Lobster & Marine Museum**

Take a ferry to visit the Turner brothers and discover their collection of antique equipment on an island whose main occupation is lobstering.

*Swan's Island, ME. swansisland.org/lobstermuseum.htm*

**Massachusetts**

**Battleship Cove**

On Mount Hope Bay, visit the maritime museum and tour historic military vessels, including the destroyer USS *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.* and the battleship USS *Massachusetts*. Home of the National PT Boat Museum. *Fall River, MA. battleshipcove.com*

**Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**

Hear the story of the 1773 costumed protest by the Sons of Liberty, and take part in history as you join the Patriots on two re-created Colonial merchant ships at Griffin's Wharf. Throw a tea box into the water or indulge in a "cuppa" at Abigail's Tea Room. *Boston, MA. bostonteapartyship.com*

**Cape Cod Maritime Museum**

This traditional museum of maritime art and Cape Cod history also features sailing tours and the Cook Boat Shop, where visitors can see inspired builders at work. *Hyannis, MA. capecodmaritimemuseum.org*

**Charlestown Navy Yard**

Part of Boston National Historical Park, the Navy Yard is home to

the 1797 USS *Constitution* ("Old Ironsides," symbol of freedom on the high seas, BELOW) and the World War II destroyer USS *Cassin Young*. *Charlestown, MA. nps.gov/bost/historyculture/cny.htm*



**Custom House Maritime Museum**

View artifacts of distant voyages and intricate model clipper ships in Newburyport's 1835 Custom House, birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard. *Newburyport, MA. customhousemaritimemuseum.org*

**Essex Shipbuilding Museum**

Artifacts, photos, manuscripts, tools, and a waterfront site where Essex shipwrights built Gloucester fishing schooners for more than 300 years, including the surviving *Evelina M. Goulart*; also view the *Lewis H. Story*, a re-created classic chebacco boat. *Essex, MA. essexshipbuildingmuseum.org*

**Expedition Whydah**

History meets fantasy in this collection of more than 200,000

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artifacts and treasures from the only pirate shipwreck to be discovered, the 1717 *Whydah*. [Provincetown, MA. whydah.com](http://Provincetown, MA. whydah.com)



### Gloucester Fisherman's Memorial & Cenotaph

Along South Stacy Boulevard stands the man at the wheel, ABOVE, facing the harbor—a memorial to Gloucester fishermen who lost their lives at sea. [Gloucester, MA. nps.gov/nr/travel/maritime/glo.htm](http://Gloucester, MA. nps.gov/nr/travel/maritime/glo.htm)

### Hull Lifesaving Museum

Exhibits tell the story of the 1889 Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station. [Hull, MA. lifesavingmuseum.org](http://Hull, MA. lifesavingmuseum.org)

### Maritime Gloucester

At America's oldest seaport, experience the ongoing relevance

of maritime Gloucester: Sail aboard the schooner *Ardelle*, visit the Sea Pocket Touch Tank Aquarium, or lobster on the Western Edge. [Gloucester, MA. maritimegloucester.org](http://Gloucester, MA. maritimegloucester.org)

### Mayflower II

A gift to the States symbolizing American and British unity, the *Mayflower II* sailed across the Atlantic in 1957 and is now a model and museum of the Pilgrims' 1620 voyage. [Plymouth, MA. plimoth.org/what-see-do/mayflower-ii](http://Plymouth, MA. plimoth.org/what-see-do/mayflower-ii)

### Nantucket Historical Association Whaling Museum

In the shadow of a 46-foot sperm-whale skeleton, walk through exhibits of maritime history and decorative arts. [Nantucket, MA. nha.org/sites](http://Nantucket, MA. nha.org/sites)

### Nantucket Shipwreck & Lifesaving Museum

Learn the history of the islanders who rescued travelers from Nantucket's waters, once one of the "graveyards of the Atlantic." [Nantucket, MA. nantucketshipwreck.org](http://Nantucket, MA. nantucketshipwreck.org)

### Plimoth Plantation

With its 17th-century English Village and Wampanoag Home-site, Plimoth Plantation lets you explore the year 1627 as it brings Pilgrim and Native American history to life. [Plymouth, MA. plimoth.org](http://Plymouth, MA. plimoth.org)



Berthed at Chalestown Navy Yard, c. 1930, was the *USS Nantucket*, a steamer (with auxiliary sail). A training ship from 1920 to 1944, it had served as a Navy gunboat in Asia and Central America from 1876 to 1920.

### U.S. Naval Shipbuilding Museum

Home to the *USS Salem*, launched in 1947, the world's only preserved heavy cruiser and a veteran of the Cold War. Artifacts, memorabilia, and a Navy SEALs exhibit are on the third deck. The *Salem* also hosts an "Overnight Adventure" program. [Quincy, MA. uss-salem.org](http://Quincy, MA. uss-salem.org)

## New Hampshire

### Gundalow *Piscataqua*

A historical reproduction of the type of classic flat-bottomed barge that was once common

on coastal waterways. Saturday mornings with the kids, cool jazz at sundown, or catch the afternoon breeze—join the *Piscataqua* (picnic in hand) as it sails upriver. [Portsmouth, NH. gundalow.org](http://Portsmouth, NH. gundalow.org)



### John Paul Jones House

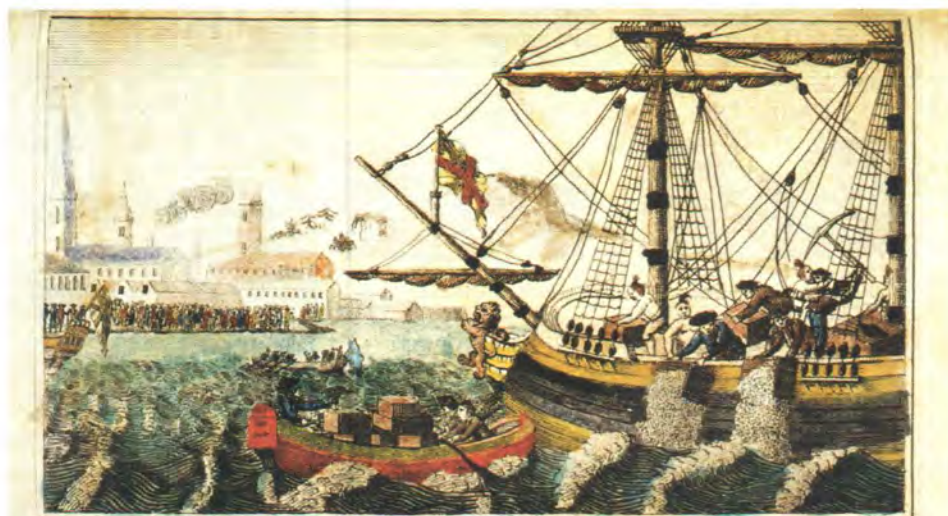
The naval hero of the American Revolution, ABOVE, was a tenant here in 1781 while he supervised the building of the *America*. It's now home to the seaport's history of maritime trade and warfare. [Portsmouth, NH. portsmouthhistory.org/john-paul-jones-house](http://Portsmouth, NH. portsmouthhistory.org/john-paul-jones-house)

### Strawbery Banke

Walk among 10 acres of heritage gardens, historic homes, and interactive exhibits as you experience four centuries of Portsmouth life, here in its original neighborhood, "Puddle Dock." [Portsmouth, NH. strawberyanke.org](http://Portsmouth, NH. strawberyanke.org)

### USS *Albacore*

Decommissioned in the early 1970s after 19 years of active duty, this submarine is now open for tours.



*Americans throwing the Cargoes of the Tea Ships into the River, at Boston*

A 1789 etching shows one artist's depiction of the Boston Tea Party, a political protest organized by the Sons of Liberty in December 1773 in resistance to the hated British tea tax imposed on colonists. Today, the interactive Boston Tea Party Museum gives visitors the chance to participate aboard reproduction merchant ships.

It features a cylindrical hull that was revolutionary at the time the *Albacore* was developed, in 1953. *Portsmouth, NH. ussalbacore.org*

## Rhode Island

### Continental Sloop Providence

Tour the deck or go for a sail aboard this 110-foot movie star and Providence icon. *Providence, RI. tallshipprovidence.com*

### Herreshoff Marine Museum

Home to the America's Cup Hall of Fame, honoring the legendary designers and builders, the best sailors, and the fastest yachts. View boats, models, and memorabilia. *Bristol, RI. herreshoff.org*

### Museum of Yachting

For the passionate sailor or curious novice, expand your knowledge at the museum's exhibits and library: 4,000-plus resources on yachting culture and history. *Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI. moy.org*

### SSV *Oliver Hazard Perry*

Rhode Island's official "Tall Ship" is also a classroom; the education-



This vintage shot shows the steamboat *Champlain II* after its grounding on the New York shore in July 1875. Its rudder is now on display at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, which also offers tours of the wreck site.

at-sea program features courses in the maritime arts and sciences. *Newport, RI. obpri.org*

### U.S. Naval War College Museum

Housed in a former poorhouse, the college was founded in 1884 by Commodore Stephen B. Luce. The college's grand original building is now a museum of naval warfare, plus collections of artworks and artifacts of Narragansett Bay.

*Newport, RI. usnwc.edu/About/NWC-Museum.aspx*

## Vermont

### Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Celebrating Vermont's own "fresh-water sea": LCMM's expansive collection includes the 1902 ice yacht *Storm King* inside the museum, and restored and replica vessels in the harbor. LCMM is also a nauti-

cal archaeology center studying artifacts from the lake's 300 shipwrecks. *Vergennes, VT. lcmm.org*

### Lake Champlain Navy Memorial

Commemorating the lake's significant naval history and honoring the U.S. military, past and present. At the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, next to ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center, stands the bronze *Lone Sailor*; critical naval actions are described on granite slants. *Burlington, VT. echovermont.org/exhibits/lcnm.html*

### Ticonderoga

The eclectic Shelburne Museum is home to this preserved 1906 side-wheel passenger steamer, state-of-the-art in its day (details in this issue's "Up Close," p. 200). *Shelburne, VT. shelburnemuseum.org*

*For details on Mystic Seaport, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Peabody Essex Museum, Maine Maritime Museum, and Bath Iron Works, see p. 60. For additional sites and a selection of maritime festivals, visit: YankeeMagazine.com/more*