



Sea Yarns and Local Projects

The Nobleboro Historical Society will host a talk, *Sea Yarns and Local Projects*, by Jonathan Bacon (JB) Smith on Wednesday Nov 20 at the Nobleboro Historical Center. This is the one room schoolhouse in the forefront of the modern Nobleboro Central School which is at 194 Center Street, Nobleboro. The talk will start at 6:30pm and will be followed by social time, snacks, and beverages.

JB will speak of his varied seagoing endeavors, the student experience aboard sail training vessels and the unique skills one might obtain by working with select, local not-for-profits.

Captain Smith grew up in Tallahassee, FL sailing along Florida's Gulf coast. In time his sea going career grew to include two US naval destroyers, a Spanish squid trawler, a Swedish cruise ship, research vessels, several sail and motor yachts. A number of traditionally rigged sail training vessels followed: Brigs Unicorn and Lady Washington; Brigantines Black Pearl and Mathew Turner; Barquentine Gazela Primero; Schooners Spirit of Massachusetts, Bill of Rights, Harvey Gamage, Westward, Mary E., Roseway, Adventure, Denis Sullivan and Pinnacle Virginia of Sagadahoc which was recently reconstructed by the all-volunteer group Maine's First Ship.

In the late 1970s he helped design and implement a program of education at sea which evolved over the years to become the mission of Ocean Classroom Foundation, an organization which was successful in implementing such programs along the East Coast and Caribbean for over 20 years. He was employed with OCF for its duration as Captain and Maine Superintendent.

These days he frequently steps in as relief captain aboard a variety of large sail vessels. Occasionally he may be found cruising Maine's waterways in his 15 ½' Lyman outboard. Otherwise he spends much of

his time with a variety of not-for-profit organizations including the WW&Fry (historic railroad) Museum, Hog Island Audubon Center, Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder and Alewife harvest and Maine's First Ship.

He holds a BS in Biology and a USCG 1600 ton Ocean Master's Auxiliary Sail license. He lives in Nobleboro, Maine and has a son and a daughter both of whom work as field ornithologists.

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