

Maritime Guilford



The Guilford Keeping Society

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Guilford is usually thought of as having been an agricultural community since its founding in 1639. While this is true, Guilford was at the same time a vibrant maritime community from its very start until roughly about the advent of the railroad and the beginning of World War I. Many young men were needed to work on the farms, but a significant proportion chose to go off to sea.

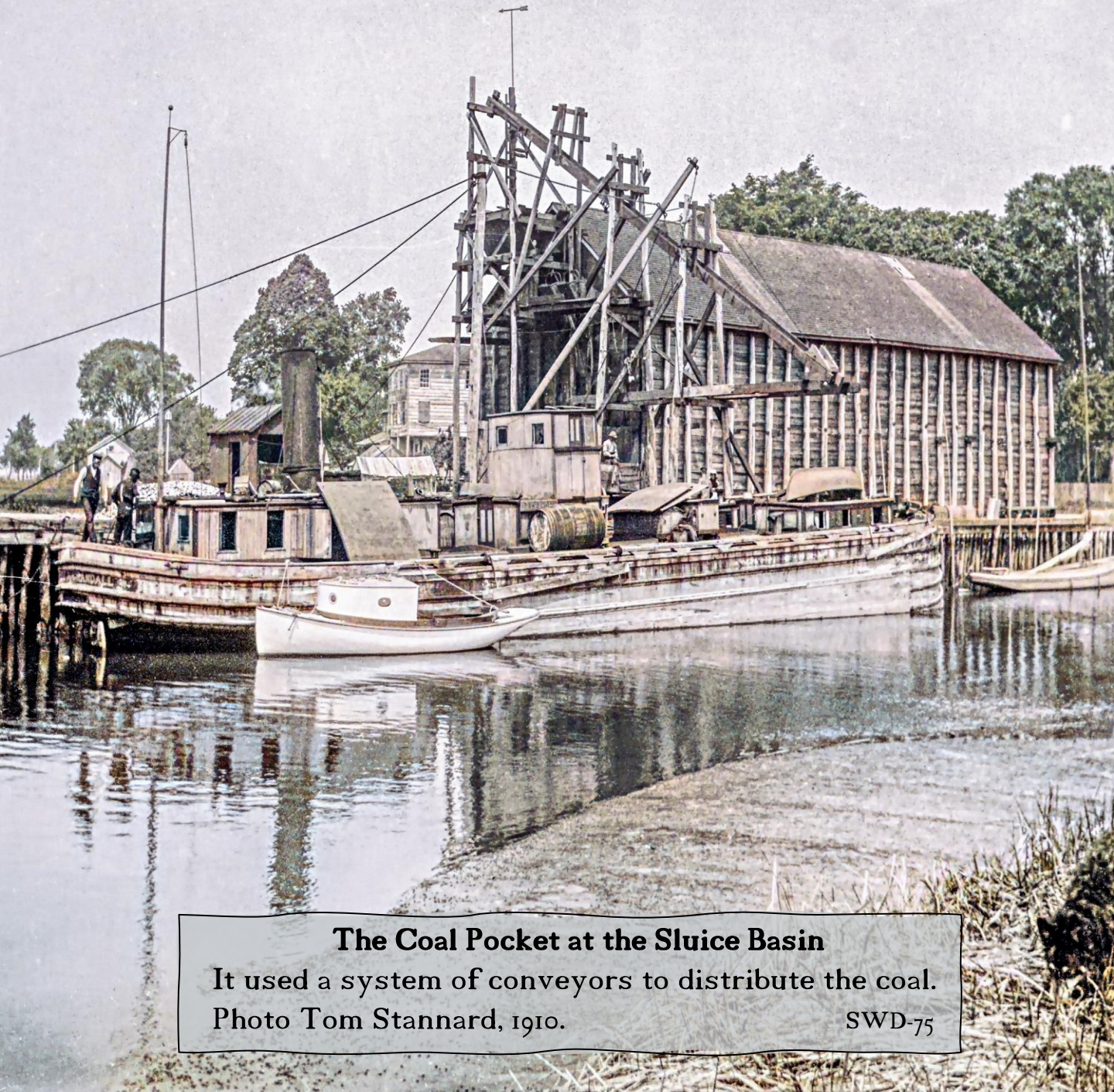
Sea & Coastal Trade

The lives of our early settlers relied profoundly on ships. Travel and trade took place preferably over waterways rather than along circuitous land routes through the feared wilderness. Ships brought in valuable supplies and transported local produce from one colony to another all along the coast from Maine to Long Island Sound, New York and Philadelphia.

In the 1700's, Guilford, along with the other New England colonies thrived on economic trade with the West Indies. Grains, potatoes, livestock, barrel staves and such were carried to the Caribbean islands, and rum, sugar and molasses were brought back on the return trip.

Guilford Docks

Before the railroad transformed travel and commerce, coal was brought to Guilford docks by schooners and stored in the towering Coal Pocket, which today is the site of the *Guilford Mooring* restaurant.



The Coal Pocket at the Sluice Basin

It used a system of conveyors to distribute the coal.

Photo Tom Stannard, 1910.

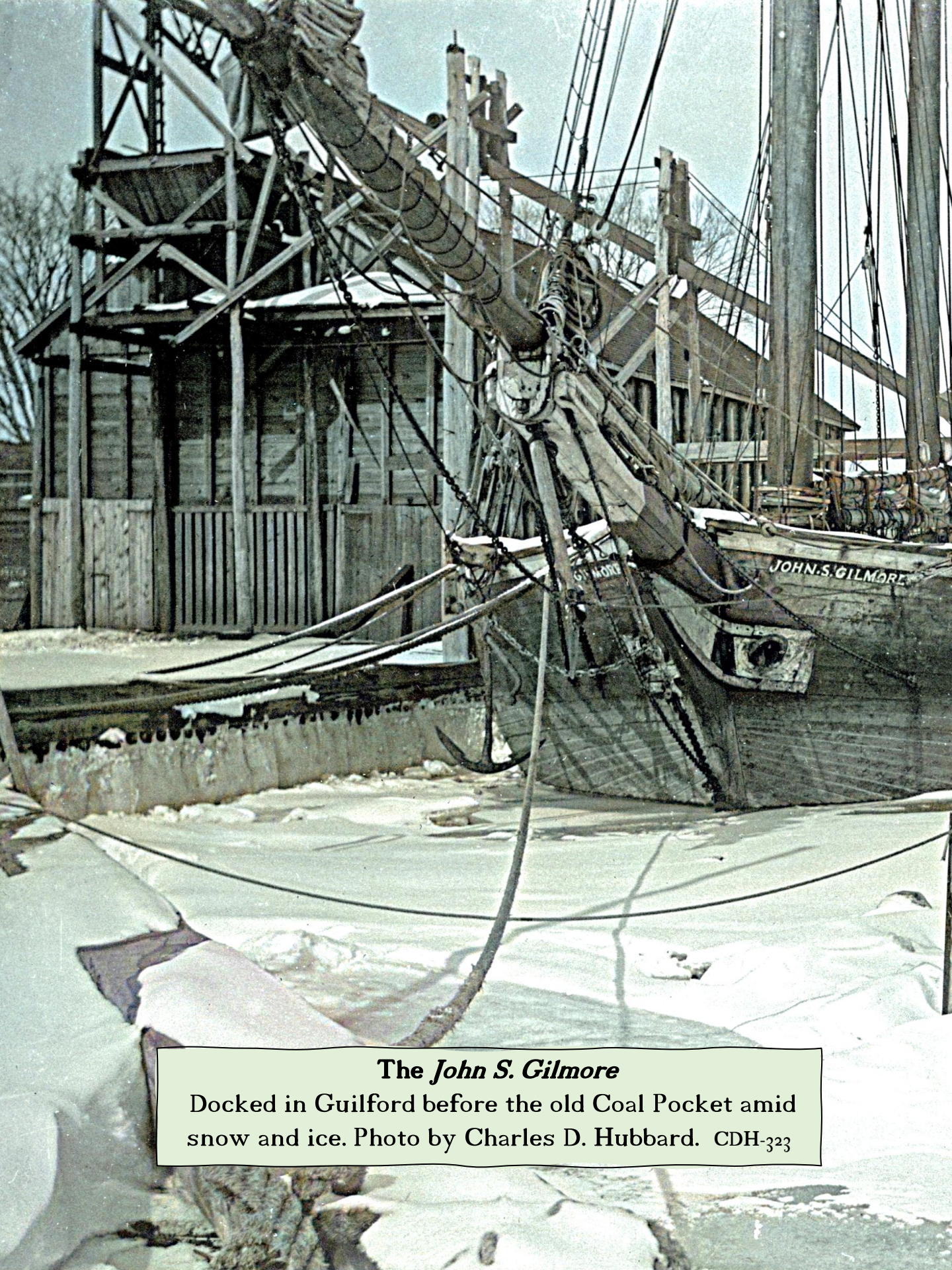
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The Sluice Dock

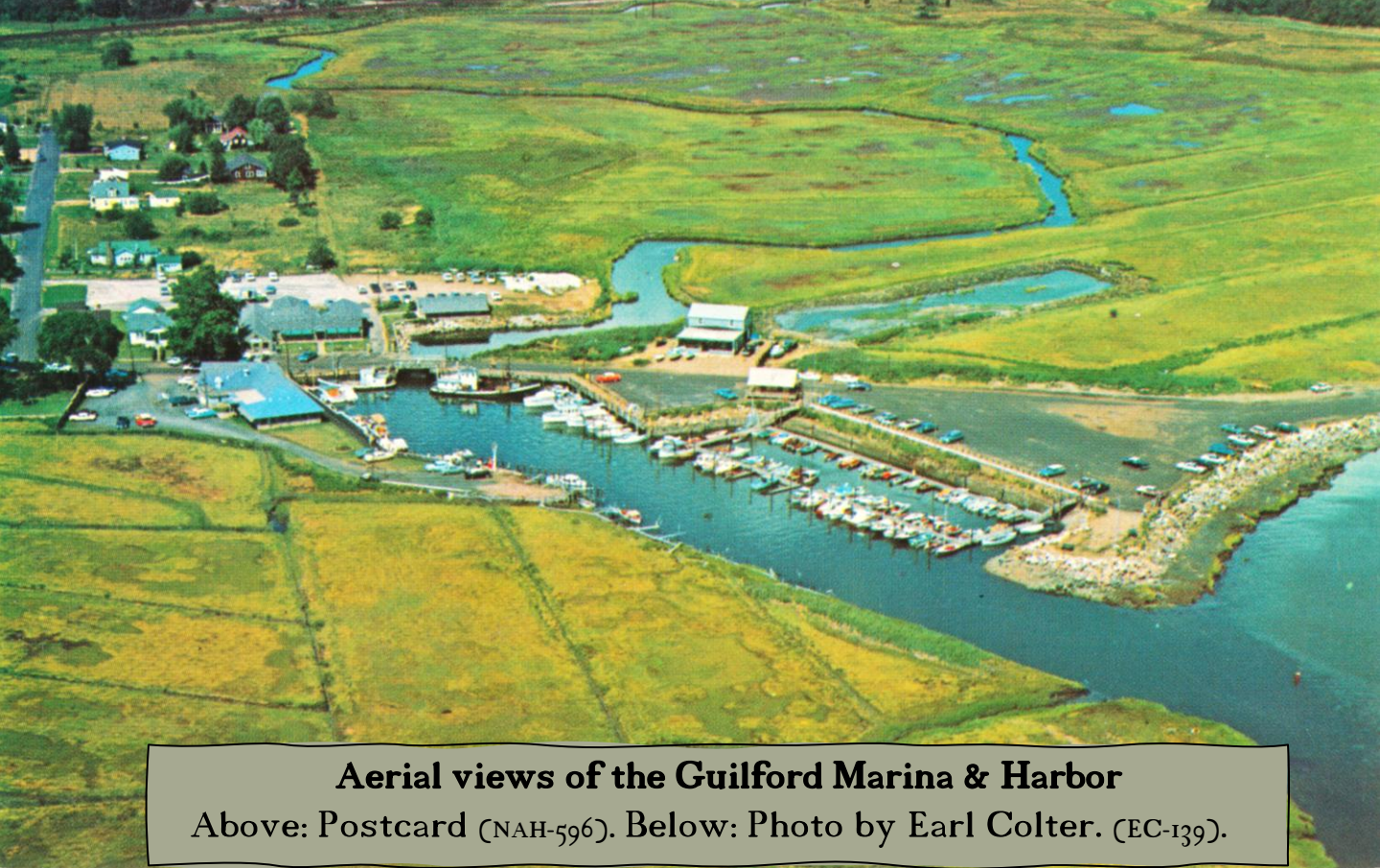
Located at the south end of Whitfield Street with lobster pots on the wharf and a fishing shack in the background. Photo by Henry S. Davis, circa 1935.

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The John S. Gilmore

Docked in Guilford before the old Coal Pocket amid snow and ice. Photo by Charles D. Hubbard. CDH-323



Aerial views of the Guilford Marina & Harbor
Above: Postcard (NAH-596). Below: Photo by Earl Colter. (EC-139).



Guilford Granite

Stony Creek quarries exported pink granite which was used to make bridges, breakwaters and tunnels throughout Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island, as well as the pedestal to the *Statue of Liberty*. The Beattie Quarry, which operated at Leete's Island from 1870 to 1918, had eight schooners to carry the pink granite.



← Torch

← Crown

← Book

Statue of Liberty

↙ ↘ Pedestal
From Stony Creek
Granite

← Star-shaped
Base



The *American Eagle* loading granite at Hoadley's Neck

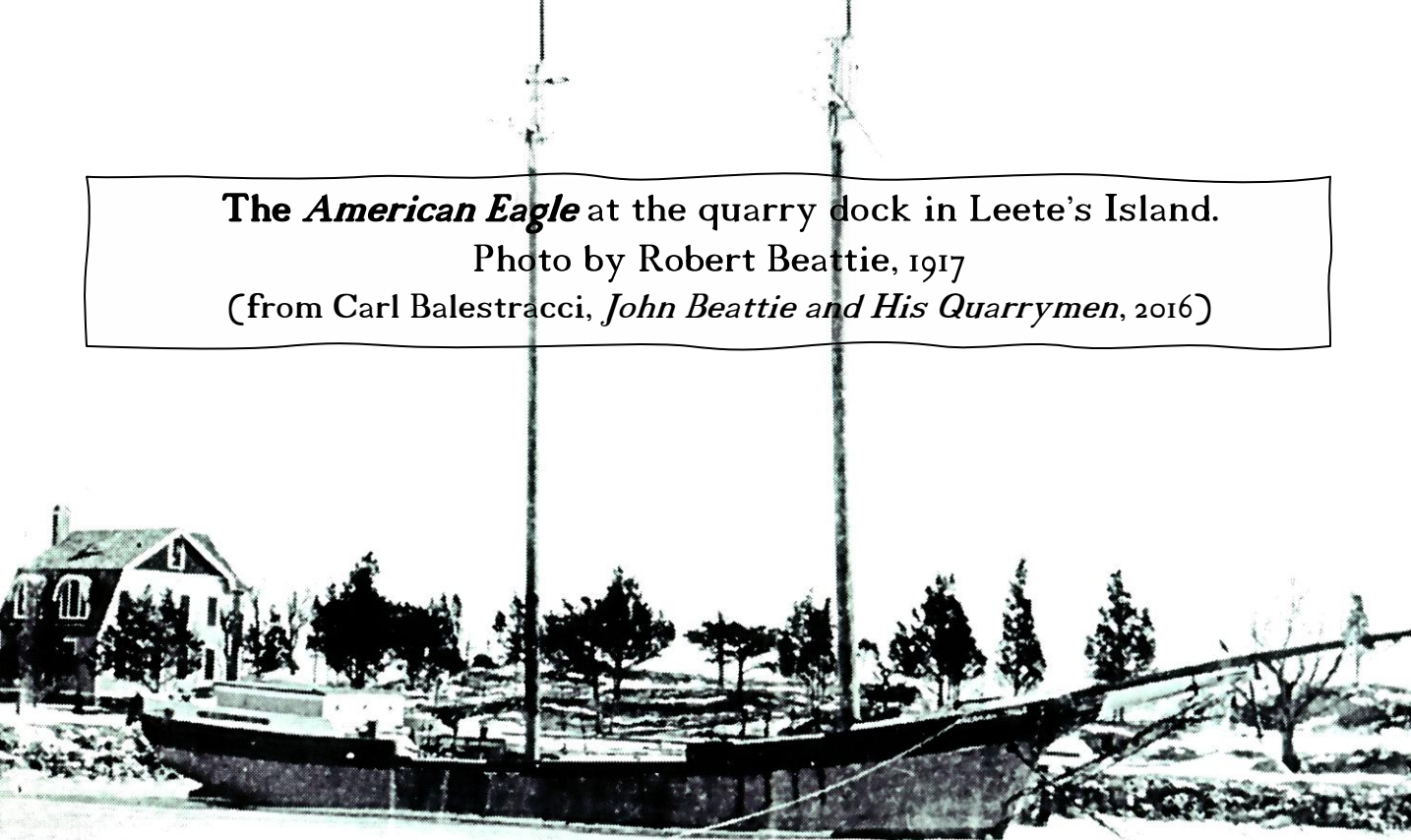
The vessel was owned by the Beattie Quarry. It would be brought close to shore, and the stone blocks were hoisted using a derrick. Photo Henry Davis, 1916.

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The *American Eagle* at the quarry dock in Leete's Island.

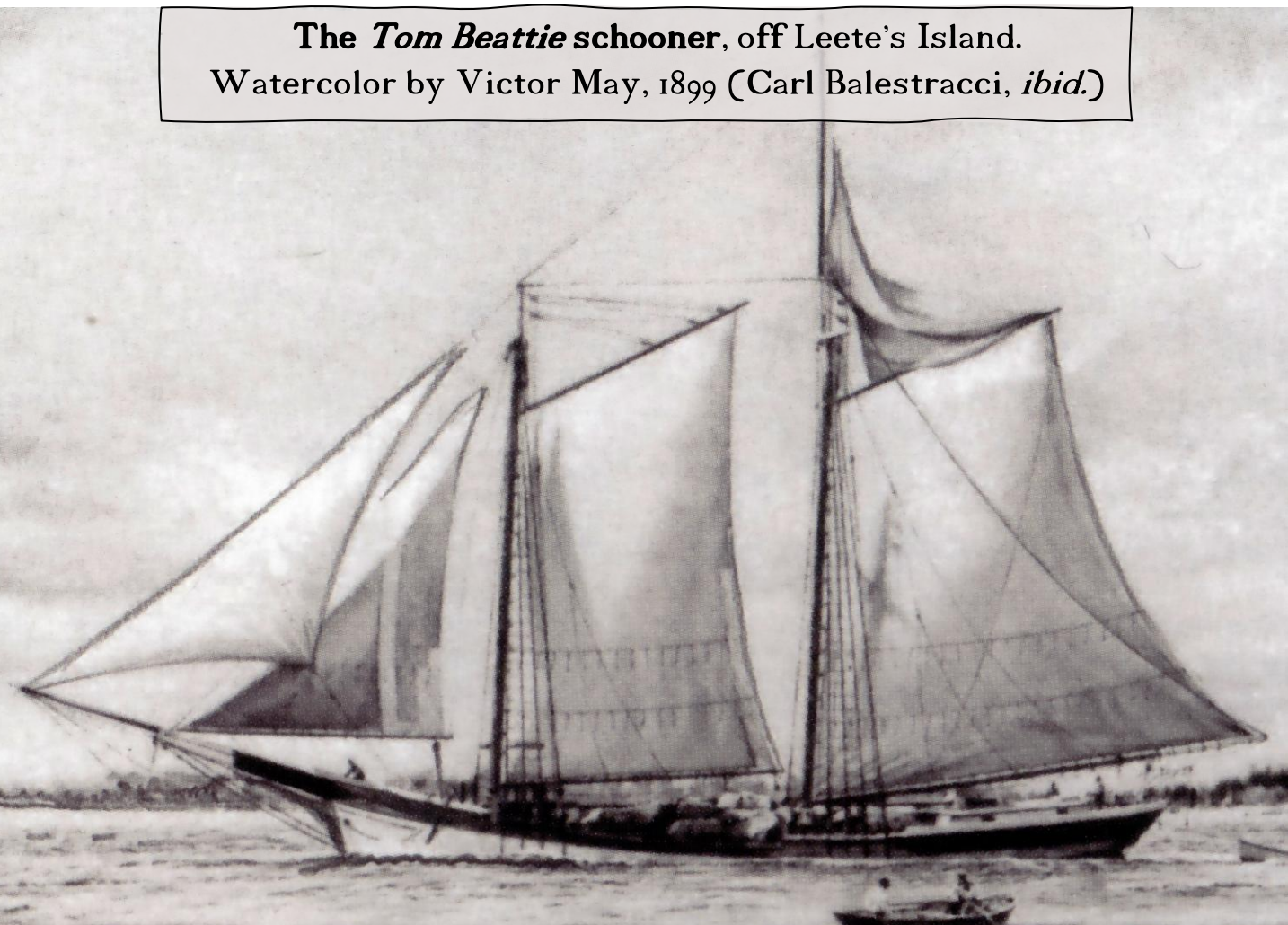
Photo by Robert Beattie, 1917

(from Carl Balestracci, *John Beattie and His Quarrymen*, 2016)



The *Tom Beattie* schooner, off Leete's Island.

Watercolor by Victor May, 1899 (Carl Balestracci, *ibid.*)



Shipbuilding

The shipbuilding industry in Guilford flourished, as it did in nearly all British colonies hugging the New England coastline or its major rivers. The first ship built in Connecticut by the colonists was in Wethersfield in 1633.

In Guilford, hundreds of sea-worthy vessels were made, predominately in the shipyards along the East and West Rivers. Some were built in backyards or barns and dragged by oxen to the edge of the water for launching at high tide (for example, see photo of the *Gray Dawn* below).

Between 1761 and 1867, over 430 commercial vessels were built in Guilford. Aside from *yachts*, these include commercial vessels, such as *steamers*, *brigs*, *brigantines*, *barques* (or *barks*), and *pettiaugers*, but mostly they were *schooners* and *sloops*, some up to 70 feet in length and with a carrying capacity of over 400 tons.

Shipbuilding Tools from Steve

VanDerMaelen's collection



Major Shipyards on the West & East Rivers, 1733 to 1960 And their owners

By Joel Helander

140 Water Street

Leete Shipyard, 1789 - c1835
James Leete, I (father)
James Leete, II (son)

West River

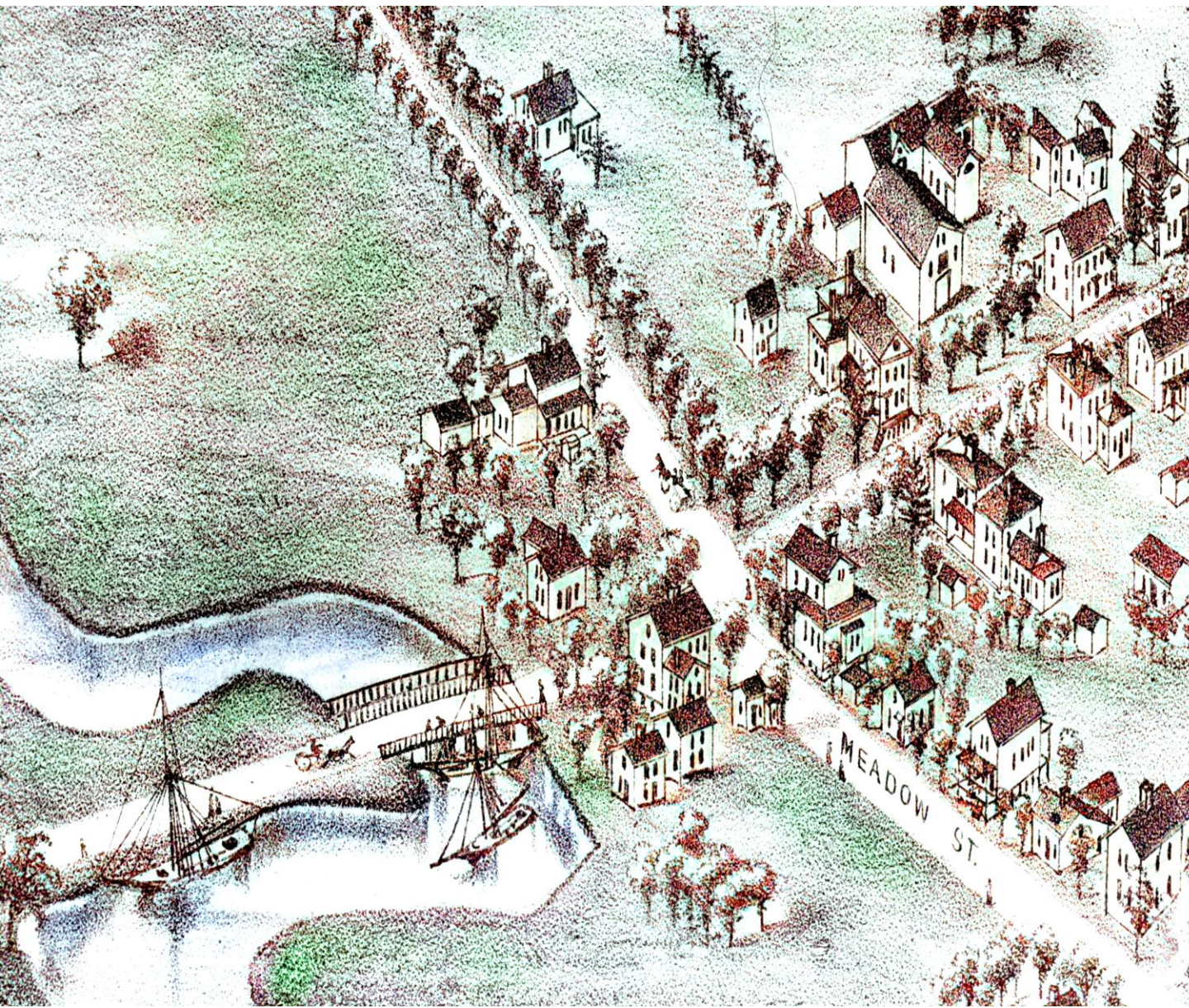
218 Water Street

Forsdick Shipyard, c. 1733 - 1799
John Forsdick, I (father)
John Forsdick, II (son)
Ozias Whedon & Partners Shipyard, 1803 - 1816
William Willard Shipyard, 1816 - 1824
Orrin D. Blatchley (& sons) Shipyard, 1827 - 1872
Edwin E. Brown Boat Yard, c. 1922 - 1943
Richard H. Whitehead, Sr. Boat Yard, c. 1943 - 1960
Neil E. Baird was manager and boat builder

East River

10 Boston Post Road

Hotchkiss Shipyard, 1846 - 1868
Eber S. Hotchkiss (father)
T. Dwight Hotchkiss (son)
Blatchley Shipyard, c. 1870 - c. 1910
Alfred Blatchley (father)
Philo Blatchley (son)



Ships in West River at Jones Bridge

The bridge and long causeway over the salt meadow, today part of Rt. 146 (Water Street), was an economically strategic area since it was the closest waterway to downtown Guilford for loading and unloading. Detail from Bailey's 1881 map. SWD-3388



**The *Gray Dawn* ready for launch into the West River
at Jones Bridge**

Such an event would attract spectators. The 60-foot twin-screw schooner was built by William P. Fowler in his backyard and sold to Dr. Hurst of Washington DC as a pleasure boat. Photo by Charles D. Hubbard, 1906.

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Brown's shipyard

A large boat being constructed.

Photo by Oliver B. Husted, circa 1910. SWD-538

Names of Over 430 Commercial Vessels

Built in Guilford Between 1761 and 1867

ABEONA, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1817 **ABRASIA**, brig, 186 tons. Built at Guilford, 1845 **ACHSAH** - schooner of Middletown. Built at Guilford 1813 **ACTIVE**, sloop, 56 tons. Built at Guilford, 1798 **ACTIVE**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1803 **ACTRESS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1811 **ACTRESS**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at New Haven. Rebuilt at Guilford, 1821 **ADELL**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1842 **AGNES**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1844 **ALABAMA**, brig, 271 tons. Built at Guilford, 1838 **ALBION**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1822 **ALERT**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1838 **ALEXANDER**, ship - 323 tons. Built at Guilford, 1804 **ALMIRA**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **AMAZON** - sloop of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1834 **AMERICA**, brigantine, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **AMERICAN STAR**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1815 **ANN ELIZABETH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1843 **ANN MARIA**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1805 **ANN SOPHIA**, schooner, 54 tons. Built at Guilford, 1826 **ANN**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1858 **ANN**, schooner, 147 tons. Built at Guilford, 1831 **ANN**, schooner, 95 tons. Built at Guilford, 1804 **ANNA E. LEETE**, sloop, of Madison. Built at Guilford, 1862 **ANNA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1794 **ANNA**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1789 **APOLLO**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **APOLLO**, ship, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1816 **ARGO**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1807 **ARGO**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1807 **ARGUS**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1800 **ARIETTA**, sloop, 26 tons. Built at Guilford, 1842 **ATLANTA**, schooner, 79 tons. Built at Guilford, 1800 **AURORA**, sloop, 74 tons. Built at Guilford, 1797 **BELLE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1846 **BELLONA**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1826 **BENJAMIN**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1803 **BETSEY AND MATILDA**, schooner - 74 tons. Built at Guilford, 1805 **BETSEY AND NANCY**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1787 **BETSEY**, brigantine, 106 tons. Built at Guilford, 1784 **BETSEY**, schooner - 89 tons. Built at Guilford, 1800 **BETSEY**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1800 **BETSEY**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1780 **BETSEY**, sloop, of Guilford, CT. Built 1784 30 tons **BETSEY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **BETSEY**, sloop, of Madison. Built at Guilford, 1827 **BETSY MATILDA**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1805 **BEYSEY** - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1827 **BLAZING STAR**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1811

BOSTON PACKET - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1791 **BRANCH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1829 **BROTHERS**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1791 **CAPE COD** - Yacht of Hartford. Built at Guilford, 1934 **CASHIER**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1836 **CASONE**, bark, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1850
CASTRO, brig, 161 tons. Built at Guilford, 1844 **CATHERINE**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1791 **CATHERINE F. HALE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1845
CATHERINE, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford. 1783 **CATY** - schooner of New London. Built at *East Guilford*, 1794 **CERES**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1804 **CHALLENGE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1817 **CHAMBERS** of New York **CHANCE**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1816 **CHARLES** - schooner of New London. Built at Guilford, 1794 **CHARLES B. PRINDLE**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1850 **CHARLES**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1829
CHOCTAW, schooner, 95 tons. Built at Guilford, 1840 **CLARISSA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1815 **CLEOPATRA**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1805
CLIO - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1810 **CLIO**, sloop, 40 tons. Built at Guilford, 1810 **CLOE**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at *East Guilford*, 1792 **CLOE**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1767 **CONCERT** - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1832 **CONCORD**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1818
CONSTITUTION, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1812 **CONURT** - sloop of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1832 **COQUETT**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1816 **COQUETTE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1836 **CORNELIA** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1823 **CORPORAL TRIM**, schooner, of New York, N. Y. Built at Guilford, 1795 **CORPORATION**, schooner, 108 tons. Built at Guilford, 1795
CUMBERLAND, schooner, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1766 **CYGNET** - Ship of New London. Built at Guilford, 1794 **DANIEL WEBSTER**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1834 **DAVID VAN NAME**, sloop, 60 tons. Built at Guilford, 1841
DAYLIGHT, bark, 224 tons. Built at Guilford, 1860 **DEBBY**, schooner, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1764 **DEBY ANN**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1803
DELIGHT - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1803 **DELIGHT**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1764 **DELIGHT**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1765 **DERBY** - schooner of New Haven. 24 tons. Built at Guilford, Built at Guilford, 1764 **DETROIT**, brig, 210 tons. Built at Guilford, 1836 **DEWITT CLINTON**, sloop, of Branford. Built at Guilford, 1826 **DIANA**, sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1802
DISPATCH, schooner, 85 tons. Built at Guilford, 1795 **DISPATCH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1820 **DOLPHIN**, sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1784
DOLPHIN, brig, 195 T- 1851 **DOLPHIN**, schooner, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1764 **DOLPHIN**, sloop, at Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1795

DOLPHIN, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1762 **DRIVER** - sloop of New London. Built at Guilford, 1823 **E. V. W. SNEDEKER**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Patchogue, N. Y, 1857 **EAGLE**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1820 **EAGLE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **EAGLE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1828 **EDGAR STUART** - steamer of New London. Built at Guilford, 1869 **EGLANTINE**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1841 **ELIZA** - brig-191 T- 1798 **ELIZA ANN** - schooner of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1804 **ELIZA THOMSON**, brig, 158 tons. Built at Guilford, 1862 New Haven **ELIZA THOMSON**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1862 **ELIZA**, brigantine, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1791 **ELIZA**, brigantine, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1793 **ELIZA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **ELIZA**, sloop, 47 tons. Built at Guilford, 1810 **ELIZABETH ANN**, sloop, 29 tons. Built at Guilford, 1839 **ELIZABETH**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1780 **ELIZABETH**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1781 **ELIZABETH DAVIDSON**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1846 **ELLEN ELIZABETH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1849 **ELLEN**, schooner, of Guilford Built at Guilford, 1835 **EMBARGO**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1808 **EMERALD**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1837 **EMMELINE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1815 **EMPRESS** - brig of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1822 **EMULATOR**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1841 **ENDYMION**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Lyme, 1814 **ENTERPRISE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1819 **ENTERPRISE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1812 **ENTERPRISE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1836 **ERA**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1849 **ESTELLE**, barque (bark), of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1854 **EUGENIA**, ship - 172 tons. Built at Guilford, 1799 **EXCHANGE**, schooner, of Georgetown, D. C. Built at Guilford, 1823 **EXPERIMENT**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1818 **EXPRESS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1822 **EXPRESS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1847 **FAIR AMERICAN**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Lyme, 1815 **FAIR AMERICAN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1811 **FALCON**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1829 **FAME** - sloop of New London. Built at Guilford, 1795 **FAME**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1803 **FANNY AND ALMIRA** - Ship of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1801 **FANNY COIT**, brig, 208 tons. Built at Guilford, 1835 **FANNY**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1802 **FANNY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1790 **FARMER**, schooner, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1784 **FAVORITE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1818 **FINANCIER**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1851 **FIRST CONSUL**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1825 **FLORIDA**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, date not given **FLYING FISH** - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford **FOX** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1807 **FRANCES**, schooner, 125 tons. Built at Guilford, 1828

FRANCES, schooner, 99 tons. Built at Guilford, 1825 **FRANCIS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1817 **FREDERICK**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1815 **FREDERICK**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1806 **FRIENDSHIP**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1803 **FRIENDSHIP**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1792 **G. A. SLAVES**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1844 **GARLAND**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1841 **GENERAL MINA**, sloop, 39 tons. Built at Guilford, 1825 **GENERAL TAYLOR**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1846 **GEORGE AND JANE**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1794 **GEORGE**, schooner, 91 tons. Built at Guilford, 1820 **GEORGE**, sloop, 45 tons. Built at Guilford, 1812 **GEORGE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1812 **GEORGETOWN PACKET**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1796 **GEORGETOWN**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1821 **GEORGIA**, brig, 151 tons. Built at Guilford, 1800 **GERTRUDE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1828 **GOLD HUNTER**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1819 **GOLL**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1810 **GRACE ANN**, sloop, of Milford. Built at Guilford, 1829 **GRACE**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1785 **GRIEFIN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1794 **GRIFFIN** - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1794 **GROCERS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1827 **GUILFORD**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1765 **GUILFORD**, sloop, hailing port not given. Prize vessel. **GUILFORD**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1811 **GUILFORD**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1835 **GULL** - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1810 **HANNAH**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1783 **HANNAH**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1786 **HARMONEY**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1792 **HARMONY** - sloop of New London. Built at Guilford, 1784 **HARMONY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1784 **HARRIET B. HAWKINS**, sloop, 35 tons. Built at Guilford, 1848 **HARRIET**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1791 **HARTFORD** - sloop of New London. Built at Guilford, 1787 **HATTIE LEWIS**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1864 **HAWK**, sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1786 **HAWK**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1783 **HAWK**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1786 **HAWK**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1793 **HAWKE**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1765 **HECTOR** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1810 **HENRY LEWIS**, schooner, of New London. Built at Guilford, 1867 **HENRY ORSON**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1852 **HENRY R. BARNES**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1845 **HENRY**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1802 **HERMIONE**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1805 **HERO** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1826 **HEROINE**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1827 **HIRAM**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1806 **HOPE**, brig, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1786 **HOPE**, brigantine, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1800

HOPE, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1784 **HULDAH**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1761 **HURON**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1801
HURON, ship of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1819 **INDUSTRY**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1840 **INDUSTRY**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1790
INDUSTRY, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1788 **JACKALL** - sloop of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1800 **JAKE**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1787
JAMES - ship - 275 tons. Built at Guilford, 1792 **JAMES**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1815 **JANE ELIZA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1853 **JANE**, ship, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1805 **JANE**, sloop, 60 tons, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1787
JAVA, sloop, 63 tons. Built at Guilford, 1816 **JAVA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1816 **JEFFERSON**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1801
JENNY, brig, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1764 **JOHN** - sloop of New London. Built at Guilford, 1794 **JOHN B. CARRINGTON** - 3-masted schooner - 1874 - 388 tons - built at East Guilford **JOSEPH G. MERRITT**, sloop, 24 tons. Built at Guilford, 1844
JULIAN, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1791 **JULIANA**, schooner, 121 tons, 1796 **JULIET**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Norwich, 1824 **JULIUS CEASAR**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1767 **JULIUS CEASAR**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1783
JULIUS CEASAR, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1785 **JUNO**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1834 **JUNO**, brigantine, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1795 **JUNO**, sloop, 32 tons. Built at Guilford, 1801 **JUNO**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1790 **JUNO**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796
LA BRUCE, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1825 **LADY GREEN**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1783 **LADY TOMPKINS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Saybrook, 1819 **LAPWING**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1814 **LAPWING**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1825 **LARK** - pettiauger - 22 tons. Built at Guilford, 1797 **LARK** - schooner of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1790 **LAUREL**, sloop, 35 tons. Built at Guilford, 1817 **LAUREL**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1817
LIBERATOR, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Killingworth, 1827 **LIBERTY**, schooner, 61 tons. Built at Guilford, 1795 **LIBERTY**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1784 **LIBERTY**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1834 **LILLY** - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1787 **LINNAEUS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at East Guilford, 1824
LINNET, sloop, 59 tons. Built at Guilford, 1824 East Guilford **LION**, brig, 191 tons. Built at Guilford, 1833 **LITTLE EDWARD**, schooner, 83 tons. Built at Guilford, 1801 **LOTA**, bark, 307 tons. Built at Guilford, 1847 **LYDIA**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Barnstable, Mass., 1814 **LYDIA**, sloop, 60 tons. Built at Guilford, 1795
LYDIA, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1793 **MACEDONIAN**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1822 **MARIA**, sloop, hailing port not given. Built at Guilford, 1785

MARS, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1794 **MARS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1804 **MARTHA CLARK**, bark of Guilford. Built at Guilford 1851 **MARS**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1794 **MARS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1804 **MARTHA CLARK**, bark of Guilford. Built at Guilford 1851 **MARTHA**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1810 **MARY ANN**, sloop, of New Haven, 49 tons. Built at Guilford, 1808 **MARY ANN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1783 **MARY ANN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1804 **MARY ANN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1808 **MARY ANN**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1787 **MARY B., CORBIN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1848 **MARY C. ARNOLD**, 3-masted schooner, 379 tons. Built at Guilford, 1875 - later **GRACIE D. CHAMBERS** **MARY FRANCES**, sloop, 23 tons. Built at Guilford, 1844 **MARY ORSON**, sloop, 27 tons. Built at Guilford, 1852 **MARY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1797 **MARY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1805 **MARY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1809 **MARY**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1793 **MATILDA**, sloop, of Madison. Built at Guilford, 1821 **MERCHANT**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1828 **MERCHANT**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1840 **MEUDI**, bark, 321 tons. Built at Guilford, 1855 **MINERVA**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1799 **MINERVA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1795 **MORGIANA**, ship, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1815 **MORNING STAR**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1814 **MOTTO**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1839 **NANCY BISHOP**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1845 **NANCY**, brigantine, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1795 **NANCY**, sloop, home port not given. Built at Guilford, 1762 **NEPTUNE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1816 **NEW HAVEN**, brigantine, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1799 **NEW YORK** - schooner of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1824 **NEW YORK** -brig, 181 tons, 1801 **NIGHTHAWK**, schooner. Built at Guilford, 1764 **NISUS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1807 **NONESUCH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Piermont, NY, 1841 **NORFOLK PACKET**, sloop, 76 tons. Built at Guilford, 1823 **NUMA**, brig, 110 tons. Built at Guilford, 1830 **OCEAN EAGLE**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1856 **OCEAN**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1811 **OCEAN**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1839 **OCEAN**, ship - 402 tons. Built at Guilford, 1794 **OCEAN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1817 **ONEIDA**, ship, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1799 **ONWARD**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1854 **OPPOSITION**, schooner, of New Orleans, La. Built at Guilford, 1824 **ORBIT**, sloop, 41 tons. Built at Guilford, 1825 **ORION**, sloop, of Guilford. **OSCAR** - sloop of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1834 **OTRANTO**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1832 **PACIFIC**, ship, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1818 **PARAGON**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1818 **PARNEL** or Parnell, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1804

PASSPORT, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1837 **PEERLESS**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1848 **PEGGY**, brig, 163 tons. Built at Guilford, 1789 or 1786
PEGGY, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1783 **PHEBE** - brigantine of New London. Built at Guilford, 1790 **PHOENIX**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1803 **PILGRIM**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1784 **PILOT**, sloop, 25 tons. Built at Guilford, 1784 **PILOT**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1846 **PIONEER**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1823 **PLANTER**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1801 **PLANTER**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1826 **PLOUGH BOY** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1826 **PLYMOUTH**, bark, 218 tons. Built at Guilford, 1848 **POLAND**, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1831 **POLLY & SOPHIA**, schooner, of Guilford. Built in Mass., 1806 **POLLY AND FANNY** - Brig of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1799 **POLLY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1790 **POLLY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1802
POLLY, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1804 **POLLY**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1785
POTOMAC, brig, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1807 **POWHATTAN**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Mamaroneck, N.Y., 1865 **PRESIDENT** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1802
PRINCESS, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1847 **PROSPERITY** - sloop of New London. Built at Guilford, 1786 **RACHEL**, brig. Built at Guilford, 1785 **RANDOLPH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1810 **RANGER**, sloop, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1789 **REAPER**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1851 **REAPER**, sloop, 54 tons. Built at Guilford, 1822 **REBECAH**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1794
REBECCA, brigantine, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1788 **REBECCA**, schooner, 31 tons. Built at Guilford, 1797 **REBECCA**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1797
REBEKAH, sloop, 69 tons. Built at Guilford, 1794 **RIVER**, owned by Jonathan Parker & Co., New Haven **ROGER**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1811 **ROSE BUD**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1856 **ROVER**, sloop, 55 tons. Built at Guilford, 1832
ROVER, sloop, of Guilford. Built at New York, N.Y., 1798 **ROXANNA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1806 **RUDOLPH GRONING**, brig, 190 tons. Built at Guilford, 1838
SAILOR, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1806 **SALLY**, schooner, 24 tons. Built at Guilford, 1799 **SALLY**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1794 **SALLY**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1801 **SALLY**, sloop, 20 tons. Built at Guilford, 1764 **SALLY**, sloop, 31 tons. Built at Guilford, 1787 **SALLY**, sloop, 41 tons. Built at Guilford, 1804 **SALLY**, sloop, 60 tons. Built at Guilford, 1786 **SALLY**, sloop, 67 tons. Built at Guilford, 1793 **SALLY**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1796 **SALLY**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1764 **SALLY**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1784 **SALLY**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1785 **SALLY**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1788 **SALLY**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1789 **SAMUEL**, sloop, 48 tons. Built at Guilford, 1815 **SAMUEL**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1801 **SAMUEL**, sloop. Built at Guilford, 1778

SANDS, sloop. Built at Guilford **SARAH ANN** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford, 1823
SARAH BROWN, brig, 348 tons. Built at Guilford, 1841 **SARAH ELIZABETH**, sloop, of
 Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1847 **SARAH JANE**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford,
 1848 **SARAH LEWIS**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1857 **SARAH**
MCDONALD, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1848 **SARAH MUNSON**, sloop, of
 Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1849 **SAVAGE**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1804
SELINA, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1821 **SOPHIA**, sloop, of Guilford. Built
 at Guilford, 1849 **SOUTH CAROLINA**, ship - 213 tons. Built at Guilford, 1799
SPARROW, sloop. Built at Guilford **SPLENDID**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford,
 1824 **STAR** - sloop of Middletown. Built at Guilford, 1829 **STAR**, sloop, of Guilford.
 Built at Guilford, 1846 **STEPHEN WATERMAN**, schooner, of New Haven. Built at
 Guilford, 1847 **THOMAS H. THOMPSON**, schooner, of Madison. Built at Guilford, 1843
THOMAS W. THORNE, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Clinton, 1841 **THREE FRIENDS**,
 ship - 203 tons. Built at Guilford, 1795 **THREE SISTERS**, schooner, 85 tons. Built at
 Guilford, 1795 **THREE SISTERS**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1797
TRAVELLER, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1846 **TRIMMER** - sloop of New
 Haven. Built at Guilford, 1821 **TRIO**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1828
TRITON, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1822 **TRIUMPH**, ship - 225 tons. Built
 at Guilford, 1805 **TRUMBULL**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1810 **TRYON**,
 sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1810 **UNCLE TOBY**, ship, of New York, N.Y. Built at
 Guilford, 1796 **UNDERHILL**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1820 **VANGUARD**,
 sloop of Branford. Built at Guilford, 1826 **VERNON** - sloop of Fairfield. Built at Guilford,
 1824 **VETO**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1833 **VICTORIN**, schooner, of
 Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1838 **WALLACE**, ship, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1823
WELTHA ANN, brig, 164 tons. Built at Guilford, 1791 **WELTHA ANN**, brigantine, 121
 tons, of Guilford, built at Mystic, 1789 **WELTHA ANN**, sloop, 60 tons. Built at Guilford,
 1791 **WETUMPKA**, brig, 267 tons. Built at Guilford, 1839 **WILLIAM**, brig, of New
 Haven. Built at Guilford, 1799 **WILLIAM**, brig, of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1815
WILLIAM, brig. Built at Guilford, 1765 **WILLIAM**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford,
 1814 **WILLIAM**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1817 **WILLIAM**, sloop. Built at
 Guilford, 1785 **WINYAW**, schooner, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1816 **WOOD**
SAWYER - sloop of New Haven. Built at Guilford, 1826 **WOOD SAWYER** - sloop of New
 London. Built at Guilford, 1827 **YANKEE**, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1850
ZEPEYRUS, sloop, of Guilford. Built at Guilford, 1825

Data obtained from (1) *Ship Registers & Enrollments of New Haven, Connecticut ca. 1762 – 1867. Mystic Seaport Museum* (provided by Norman J. Brouwer). (2) *Connecticut Ship Database, 1789-1939*, Mystic Seaport Museum online database. (3) *New York Ship Database* (provided by Norman J. Brouwer).

Danger on the High Sea

The *Juno*, a vessel owned by Aaron and Martin Blatchley of Guilford, sailed one bright day in June of 1799 from the East River in Guilford to the West Indies, loaded with:

- Twenty-two horses & three stud horses
- Ten thousand hogshead staves
- Beef, pork, lard and cheese
- Several barrels of beans and six of herring
- Six large coops of fowls
- Thirty barrels of corn
- Thirty water puncheons
- Hay and provender for stock
- Crackers, garden seeds, clothing, chest, medicines, books, cash, etc.

When they were within sight of their destination—the Island of St. Kitts—they were captured by a French privateer schooner. The *Juno* and its cargo were seized and lost. The crew — *John Scranton, Constant Chapman, Samuel Griffing, John Elderkin, John Barrett, John Scranton and William Blatchley* — were imprisoned. Six months later they were released and they finally returned to Guilford, however, penniless.

Faulkner's Island Lighthouse

In 1802, the lighthouse on Guilford's Faulkner's Island was built to guide ships at sea, warning sailors of hazardous shoals and rocks -- preventing shipwrecks. Today, it is one of roughly 25 historic lighthouses on Long Island Sound.



Faulkner's Island from the air

Visible are the boathouse, powerhouse, the keeper's dwelling and lighthouse tower. Photo by Henry S. Davis, 1930. SWD-2145



Lighthouse on Faulkner's Island

The tower is 46-feet tall and octagonal, a shape typical for lighthouses built before 1830. A third story was added to the lightkeeper's dwelling in 1871 to accommodate Capt. Oliver Brooks (who was the lighthouse keeper for 31 years), his family and an assistant. The outbuildings contained workshops, chicken coops, a tool house, a fog siren and engine rooms. Photo by Wedmore, 1910.



Faulkner's Island light tower
The lightkeeper's house is being painted. Photo by Henry S. Davis, circa 1915. SWD-1740



A Megaphone Foghorn

Lighthouses were ineffective during periods of heavy fog -- thus all sorts of foghorns were invented and implemented. This gigantic megaphone rotated on a wooden platform and served as a foghorn on Faulkner's Island. Photo by Claude J. Tipple, 1899. CJT-8

Men of the Sea

About one-quarter of young men in Guilford, as with other coastal towns, went off to sea, even if for a short period in their lives. Sailors braved danger and challenges on the high seas. Some lost ship and cargo, others were murdered at sea.

The fact that communities along the shoreline exhibited a preparedness for sea action and privateering was one aspect that benefited the colonists when the American Revolution broke out.

During the Prohibition era, alcohol reached Guilford shores by speedy boats circumventing the law and the reach of the Coast Guard -- note, the rumrunners and bootleggers.

Names of Guilford Sailors Active between 1796 and 1851

The following list* contains the names of over 160 Guilford-born boys and men who were registered as sailors. Some were as young as 14, others as old as 61. Year of their certification and age are given. No doubt, many more were registered, but seamen often lost their certification paperwork, which then could not be passed on to the archives.

*Data obtained from *Registers of Seamen's Protection Certificates*, Mystic Seaport Museum online database

Benton, Joel 1805 (age 18)	Hunt, John 1805 (age 17)
Berry, Zachariah 1807 (age 18)	Hunt, John, Jr. 1810-1811 (age 22-23)
Bishop, Joel 1805 (age 20)	Hunt, John, Jr. 1825 (age 36)
Bradley, James 1815 (age 35)	Hunt, William 1815 (age 18)
Bradley, Samuel 1804-1805 (age 19-20)	Hunt, William 1817 (age 21)
Bradley, Samuel 1831 (age 30)	Johnson, Reuben 1806 (age 27)
Brooks, John 1807 (age 22)	Kidder, S. Hammond 1806 (age 15)
Cezanne, James D. 1811-1812 (age 17-18)	Kimberly, Eli 1811 (age 19)
Chalker, William 1805, 1807 (age 21, 23)	Kimberly, George 1803 (age 19)
Chittenden, Abraham 1800 (age 19)	Kimberly, George 1811 (age 26)
Chittenden, William 1805 (age 28)	Kircum, Samuel 1804 (age 18)
Clement, William 1810 (age 26)	Kirkum, Bela 1806 (age 16)
Clement, William 1819 (age 35)	Kirkum, Bela 1810 (age 19)
Clement, William 1826-1827 (age 42-43)	Kirkum, Bela 1814 (age 23)
Compton, William 1804 (age 25)	Kirkum, Caleb 1810 (age 15)
Conklin, Joseph 1821 (age 21)	Kirkum, Caleb 1815 (age 20)
Conn?, Davis 1803 (age 19)	Kirkum, Erastus R. 1825 (age 20)
Crampton, Jesse 1805 (age 22)	Landon, Nathaniel L. 1805 (age 22)
Crampton, Uriah 1806 (age 20)	Leete, Jonathan R. 1827 (age 18)
Crampton, William 1838 (age 19)	Lines, Amos 1812 (age 18)
Cruttenden, Joel 1804 (age 22)	Meigs, Alfred G. 1838 (age 27)
Curtis, David 1803 (age 26)	Meigs, Frederick 1809 (age 18)
Daniels, Prince 1820 (age 24)	Meigs, Isaac 1806 (age 21)
Deming, Henry 1804 (age 14)	Meigs, Stephen 1804 (age 41)
Deming, Henry 1804 (age 15)	Meiss, Alfred F. 1839 (age 23)
Deming, Henry 1805 (age 16)	Moore, Peter 1838 (age 32)
Deming, Harry 1808 (age 19)	Muhioe?, William E. 1817 (age 21)

Deming, Henry 1812 (age 23)
Deming, Henry 1827 (age 36)
Deming, Henry 1827 (age 36)
Deming, James 1805-1806 (age 18-19)
Deming, James 1810 (age 22)
Deming, James 1812 (age 26)
Deming, James 1815 (age 29)
Dickinson, Damon 1807 (age 18)
Dudley, Augustus B. 1811 (age 20)
Dudley, Erastus 1805 (age 22)
Dudley, Loveman 1805 (age 25)
Dudley, Russ 1805 (age 21)
Everts, Samuel, 3rd (age 21)
Fairchild, Lewis W. 1800 (age 20)
Faulkner, Charles 1806 (age 33)
Field, George 1822 (age 23)
Field, Johnson 1804 (age 25)
Foot, Samuel E. 1805-1806 (age 17-18)
Fowler, Bela 1804 (age 25)
Fowler, Benjamin R. 1805 (age 26)
Fowler, James H. 1805-1806 (age 19-20)
Fowler, James H. 1815 (age 28)
Fowler, Joel 1805 (age 15)
Fowler, John 1804 (age 20)
Freeman, Ebenezer 1815 (age 19)
Freibie, Russell 1804 (age 23)
Frisbie, Russell N. 1823 (age 21)

Munger, Bela 1810 (age 20)
Munger, George 1806 (age 25)
Murray, Samuel 1806 (age 23)
Norton, Jedidiah 1796 (age 61)
Norton, Montgomery 1804 (age 21)
Norton, Nelson 1841 (age 31)
Parmale, Hervey 1809 (age 21)
Parmale, Orin 1806 (age 20)
Parmale, William 1807 (age 21)
Parmele, Rosseler 1801 (age 17)
Porter, Hubbard 1805 (age 17)
Redfield, Griffin 1827 (age 16)
Sanford, James O. 1832 (age 19)
Saxton, Linas 1810 (age 37)
Scranton, Jonathan 1804 (age 24)
Scranton, Joseph 1815 (age 43)
Seward, Amos 1806 (age 20)
Shelley, Frederick 1825 (age 21)
Shelley, Frederick 1829 (age 25)
Shelley, Harry 1818 (age 22)
Shelley, Harvey O. 1817 (age 24)
Shelley, Joel 1829 (age 23)
Shelly, Edmond, Jr. 1806 (age 21)
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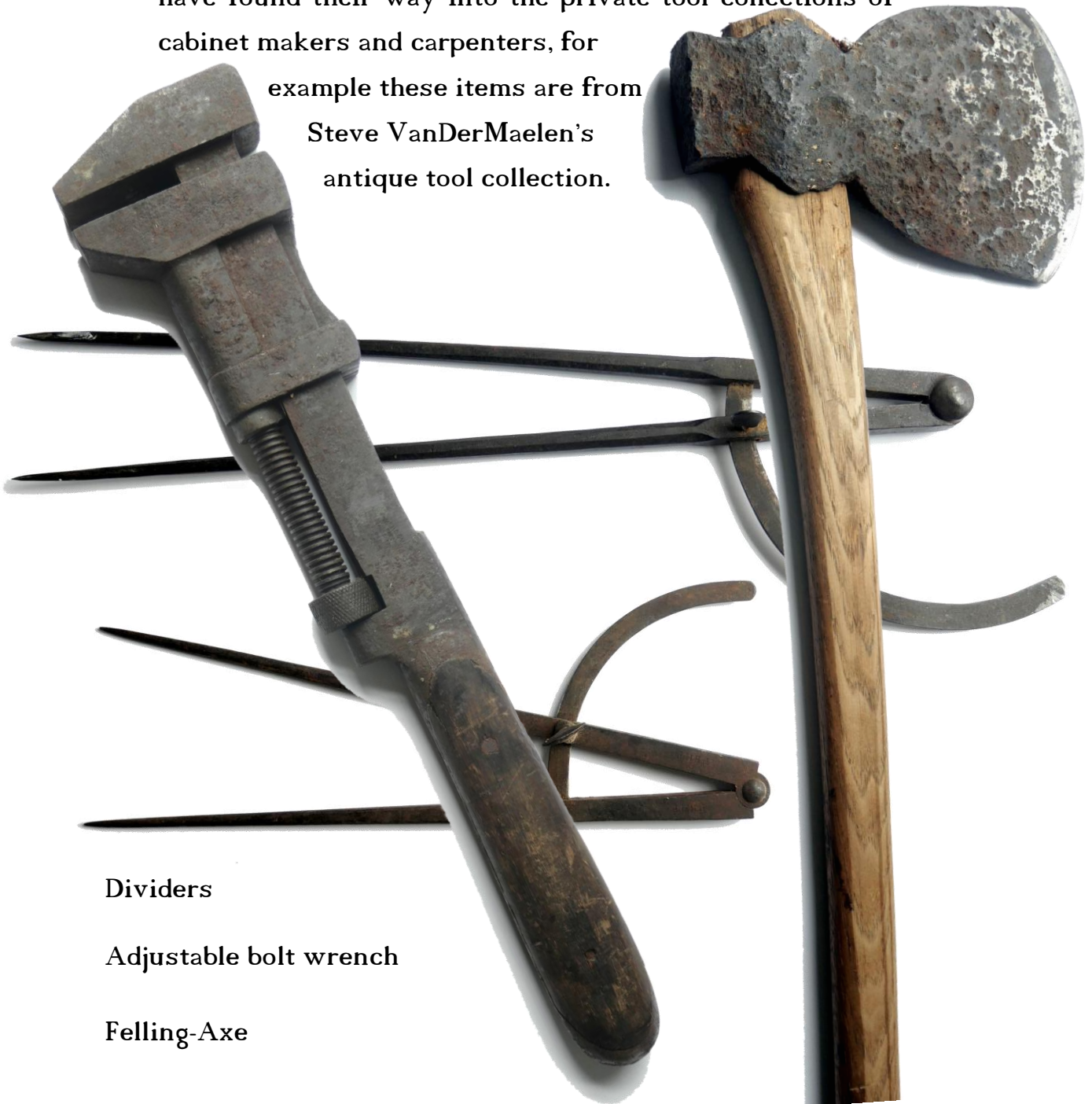
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Graves, Richard 1812 (age 20)
Gregory, Titus 1805 (age 28)
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Griffing, Henry 1805 (age 25)
Grumbley, Samuel 1798 (age 21)
Hale, Frederick 1810 (age 18)
Hall, Amaziah 1810 (age 19)
Hall, Benjamin 1809 (age 19)
Hall, Harry 1809 (age 32)
Hall, Henry 1807 (age 30)
Hall, William 1851 (age 21)
Hand, Leveret 1804-1805 (age 21-22)
Handy, Hail 1806 (age 22)
Handy, James 1804 (age 23)
Harrington, Asabel 1815 (age 29)
Hart, William 1811 (age 23)
Hill, William S. 1827 (age 17)
Hopson, Ebenezer 1808 (age 16)
Hopson, Ebenezer 1810 (age 18)
Hotchkiss, Joel 1806 (age 20)
Hotchkiss, John W. 1840 (age 25)
Hotchkiss, Page 1831 (age 21)
Hubbard, William H. 1805 (age 22)
Hunt, Harry 1825 (age 15)
Hunt, James 1808 (age 17)

Smith, Samuel 1821 (age 21)
Spencer, Christopher 1805 (age 32)
Spencer, Harry 1810 (age 27)
Spencer, Richard 1809 (age 20)
Spencer, Richard 1822 (age 33)
Spencer, Richard 1824 (age 34)
Stone, Asher 1811 (age 20)
Stone, Daniel 1811 (age 24)
Stone, Harvey 1809 (age 15)
Stone, Harvey 1812 (age 17)
Stone, Henry 1805 (age 22)
Stone, Hubbard 1804 (age 19)
Stone, Josiah 1808 (age 29)
Stone, William S. 1826 (age 23)
Vail, Horace 1811 (age 15)
Vail, James 1804 (age 21)
Vail, James 1815 (age 33)
Vail, James, Jr. 1804 (age 18)
Vail, Leverett 1819-1821 (age 26-28)
Vail, Seth 1809 (age 22)
Vaill, John 1798 (age 17)
Vaill, Nathaniel 1798 (age 18)
Vinton, Samuel 1805 (age 24)
Wild, Richard 1816 (age 16)
Willard, Elias 1804 (age 46)
Willard, Jonah 1805 (age 24)
Willard, William 1799 (age 17)

Tools of the Ship-Building Trade

Shipbuilding along coastal Connecticut towns was a thriving industry throughout much of the 18th and 19th centuries. Most of the tools used in the trade have been neglected and discarded over the decades. However, some have found their way into the private tool collections of cabinet makers and carpenters, for

example these items are from
Steve VanDerMaelen's
antique tool collection.



Dividers

Adjustable bolt wrench

Felling-Axe



Ship builder's adze



Square



Auger



Wooden clamp



Mast knife



Timber saw — regular hand saw

Gouge

Smoothing hand plane

Fore plane

Slick — paring tool



From top to bottom



Hand saws

Frame saw



Capt. Frederick Weld – One of Guilford's Last Whaling Captains

From Capt. Frederick Weld's logbook for the voyage of the ship *Italy*, Dec 30, 1849 (orig. text paraphrased):

"At 4 AM we had fine weather. At 6 AM we saw whales supposed to be sperm whales dallying around. We raised and lowered the boats . . . on my boat the hoisting strap broke which caused it to go down sideways . . . we saved the boat and returned on board. At 9 AM saw the same whales again, struck and killed them. Ends fine weather . . . "



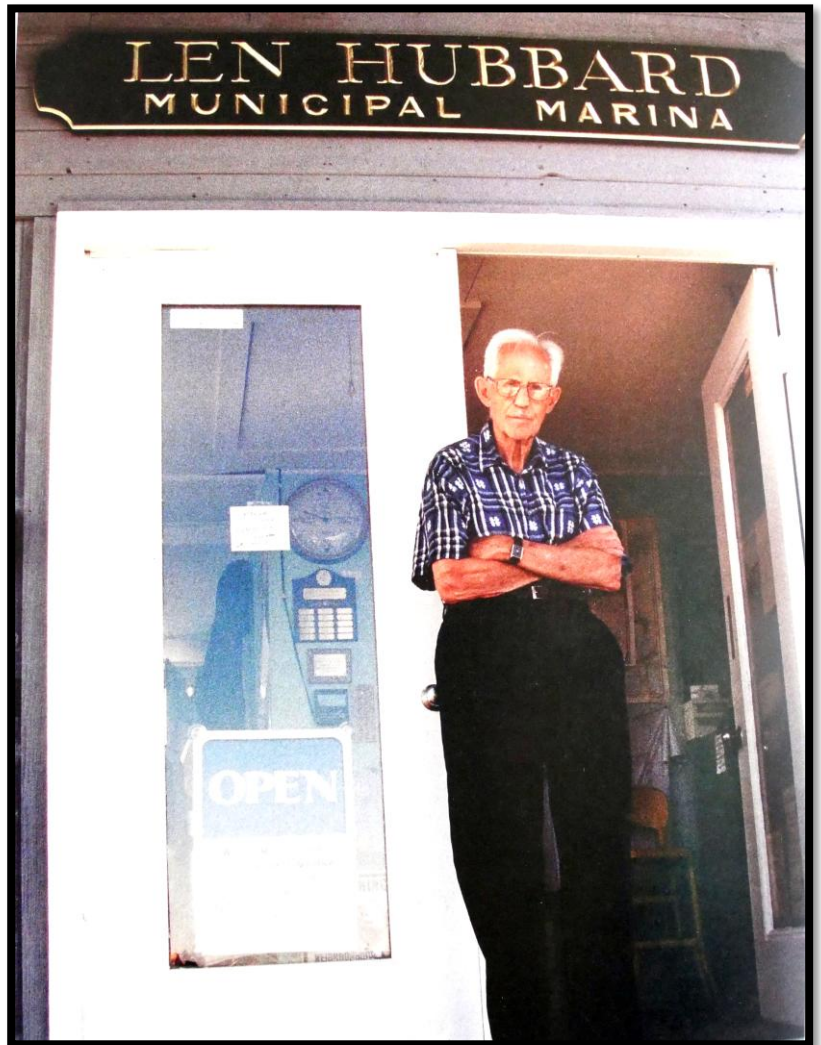
Home of Capt. Frederick Weld at 65 Boston Street, built by his brother William Weld in 1851. Photo John Plant

Len Hubbard

A Guilford Maritime Treasure

Len Hubbard (1909-2001) "was a very special guy in many ways," said Guilford's Poet Laureate Gordy Whiteman, a friend of Hubbard's for 70 years. Len loved boats and boating. He was a scout-master for half a century, a commander of the Guilford US Coast Guard Auxiliary, an avid member of the Keeping Society, founding member of the Guilford Yacht Club, town treasurer for 32 years and he served on the Marina Commission. The marina at the Town Docks is named in honor of him.

Len Hubbard standing in front of the municipal marina at the Town Docks.

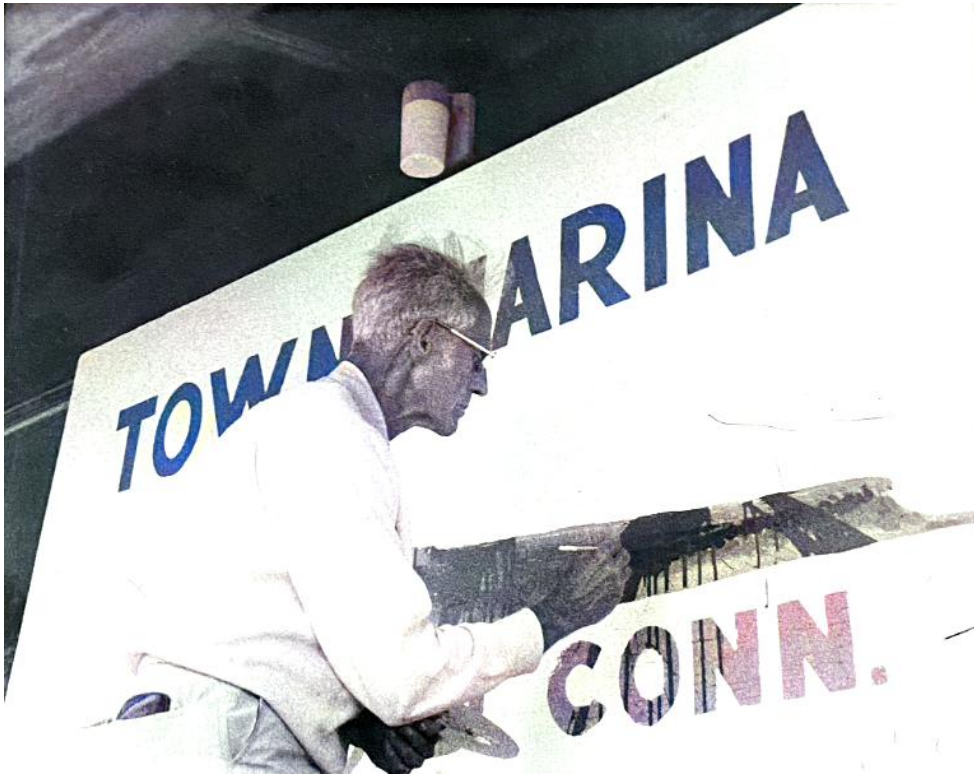


TOWN MARINA



GUILFORD CONN.

Len Hubbard's mural painting of Faulkner's Island, which is still present at Guilford Town Marina.



Len Hubbard working on his mural at the Guilford Town Marina.

Sailboats & Yacht Clubs

Sailboat racing has long been a popular summer recreation in Guilford. In the 1880s Barker's Sachem Head Hotel sponsored races. When the Sachem's Head Yacht Club was founded in 1897, races were held nearly every week during the summer.

The first regatta held at Sachem's Head Yacht Club

Onlookers view from the shoreline, 1897.
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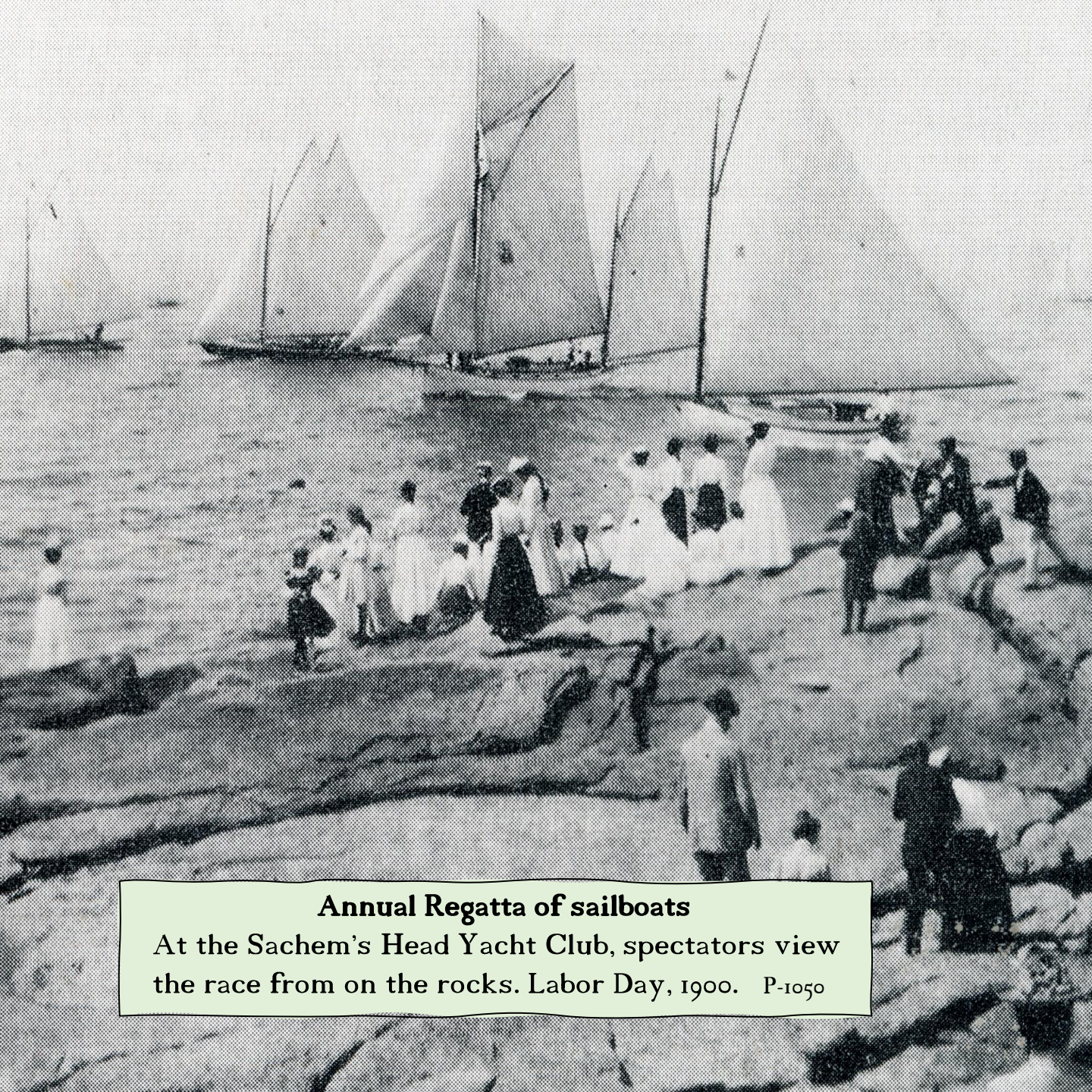
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Sachem's Head Yacht Club

The windmill pumped in fresh water. Several launches are tied up dockside. Photo William Peck, 1900. WEP-18



Annual Regatta of sailboats

At the Sachem's Head Yacht Club, spectators view the race from on the rocks. Labor Day, 1900. P-1050



Guilford Yacht Club before expansion

Aerial view also shows Guilford Point, Jacob's Beach and Chaffinch Island at mouth of West River. Photo by Earl Colter, 1980. EC-137-3

Enlargement of the Guilford Yacht Club

Aerial view also shows Guilford Point and Chaffinch Island at mouth of West River). Photo by Earl Colter, 1994. EC-138





Gaff rigged yawl sailboat with bowsprit under sail.
Photo by William E. Peck, circa 1900.

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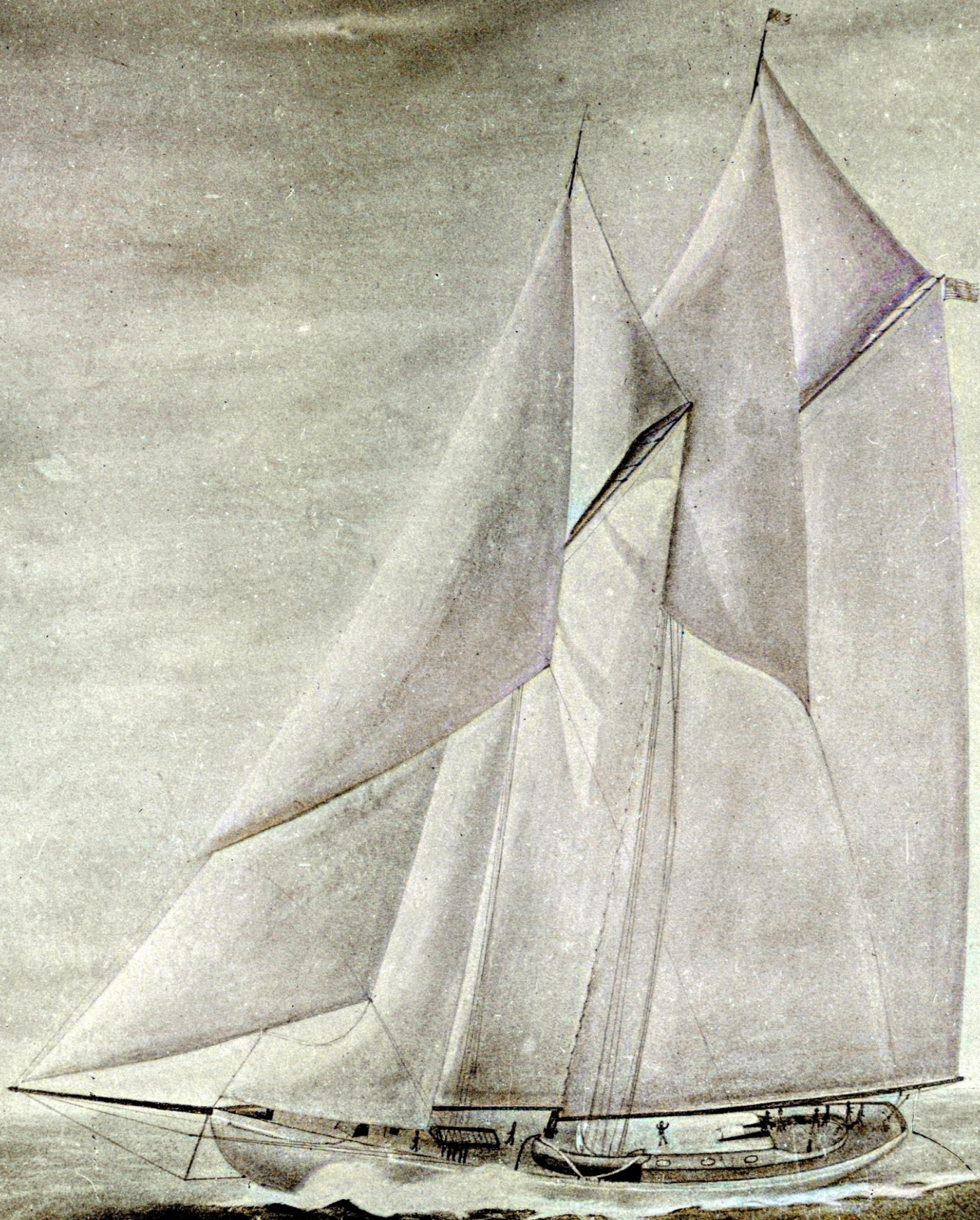


A two-masted gaff rigged sailboat under sail.
Photo by William E. Peck, c.1900. WEP-59



Gaff rigged yawl sailboat with bowsprit under sail. Photo by William, circa 1900.

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Painting of a Guilford schooner.
Signed by W. B. Davis. 1909. SWD-630

Maritime Guilford



Passenger steamer with smokestacks and two masts.
Photo by William E. Peck, circa 1900.

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