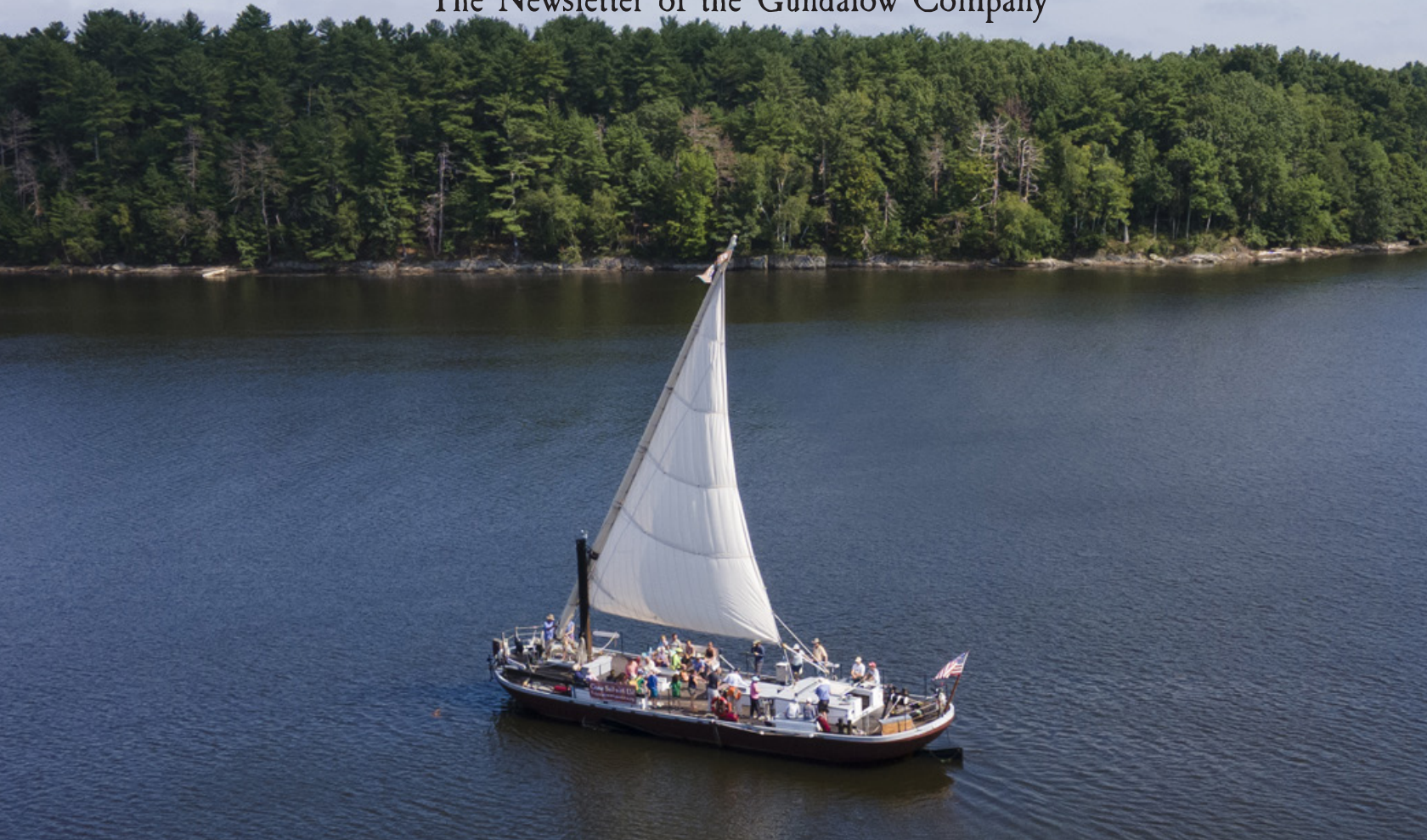


Piscataqua Currents

The Newsletter of the Gundalow Company



2021 EVENTS



Annual Meeting
May 12, 2021



Public Sails Begin
May 28th, 2021



Round Island Regatta
August 7, 2021

Join us aboard PISCATAQUA this season!

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 Gundalow Company

Dear friends,

A new season on the water is nearly upon us. Amazingly, 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the launching of the gundalow PISCATAQUA. Once just the distant dream of the Gundalow Company's founding Executive Director and board members, the construction of a Coast Guard Certified replica vessel marked a significant turning point for the organization.

Over the past ten years, the PISCATAQUA has become such a familiar and recognizable feature on the river, it's easy to believe that it has always been there. Yet, it was the vision, passion, expertise of the staff and crew, coupled with the community's investment and involvement, that brought the PISCATAQUA to life and set us on the course to where we are today.

Previously limited to dockside tours and school visits aboard the historically authentic CAPTAIN EDWARD H ADAMS, the PISCATAQUA provided a versatile new platform on which to expand our programs and connect with new audiences. Today, the Gundalow Company is able to achieve our mission to protect the Piscataqua Region's maritime heritage and environment through education and action more fully aboard the PISCATAQUA and on shore with our robust array of camp and school programs; public river tours; an on board speaker and music series; and community partnerships.

As we embark on the PISCATAQUA's 10th anniversary year, we are grateful to those who helped us get to where we are today and excited about what lies ahead. We hope to see you onboard this season.

Thank you for being part of our crew,



Rich Clyborne
Executive Director



An Audacious Dream—The Building of the gundalow PISCATAQUA

By Caroline Amport Piper



In the end, we found ourselves at the beginning.

The launch of the gundalow PISCATAQUA ten years ago marked the arrival of a long imagined future. Now a decade later, the big red boat with its odd looking rig and giant sail, so unlike any other vessel on the river today, is a connection to both the past and the future.

We of course have the benefit of knowing how the story turned out. Yet success was far from guaranteed. The Gundalow Company's visionary, passionate and ambitious founding staff and long serving board members were committed to their vision to build, not just a replica historic vessel, but a Coast Guard Certified passenger vessel. As the Great Recession was still throwing a wake, they set about raising the \$1.2 million it would take to build the boat and maintain it through the first years of operation.

The project was an audacious and expensive undertaking that would involve not only the design and construction of the boat itself, but the creation of a full scale shipyard on the grounds of one of the United States' most prominent historic museums. It would pull resources and generate support from all corners of the community. It would, of course, involve a range of skilled shipwrights and other craftsmen, but also landscapers to grade (and then regrade) the site, electricians to run power, cranes to lift roof trusses and walls into place (and then remove them), and the construction of a second building to house the tools. And all of this would be on display for the public to watch, learn and question.

Truly, it was a staggering undertaking.

Together a combination of paid and volunteer crew worked enthusiastically and tirelessly month after month to turn the dream of the PISCATAQUA into a reality. Temperatures fluctuated, saws hummed and dust flew, knees were shaped, trunnels were pounded, planks were steamed, seams were caulked and slowly, but surely, the boat began to take shape. At every step of the way museum visitors, event attendees and the general public looked on, curious to see something they never had seen before—the building of a gundalow using traditional boat building techniques.





As 2011 drew to a close, the once unthinkable became believable. A 64 foot gundalow was ready for launch. On a cold December morning, building movers expertly maneuvered the boat out of the shipyard, across the street, over the Pierce Island Bridge and into the water for the first time. The PISCATAQUA was born.

Now, ten years later it seems as though this boat has always been here. And in many ways it has. Or at least its ancestors have. For gundalows were fixtures on these rivers for hundreds of years. Today, instead of transporting goods along the rivers the gundalow PISCATAQUA inspires the environmentalists, historians and stewards of tomorrow. The PISCATAQUA lets us explore and know the rivers that define this place, and offers a chance for all of us to step away from our land-bound lives and reflect back—at the shoreline, our maritime history, and our place in the world at-large. We are eternally grateful to all those who dared to dream that this was possible and to those who played a role in making the gundalow PISCATAQUA a reality.

Large and small, these countless contributions defined the very essence of the project and the region itself. We are many, but we are also one. The water connects us all. And the PISCATAQUA is our boat. Happy 10th Anniversary PISCATAQUA. May your time on the water be as long as the current is fast.



In Memory

Volunteers have always been and continue to be central to the Gundalow Company's success. On the 10th anniversary of the PISCATAQUA we remember these special people who played key roles in the building of the boat:

Jeff Taylor: A founding member of the Gundalow Company and ultimately Board Chair, Jeff's steadfast leadership was a critical component in the decision to undertake the building of a new gundalow and to grow the organization. His passion for boats was boundless and the launching of the PISCATAQUA was the culmination of a long held dream for him.



Alex Kennedy: A retired doctor, Alex was a regular of the volunteer boat building crew that worked tirelessly to bring the boat to life.

Peter Winthrop: A retired minister and longtime Gundalow volunteer, Pete was part of the volunteer building crew and, once launched, became a regular sailing crew member aboard the PISCATAQUA.



We are grateful for each of Jeff, Alex and Pete's contributions and remember them well.



Music on the *PISCATAQUA*

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2021 Concert Cruises
Bring a picnic and join the fun!

THURS, JULY 1	6:00 - 8:00	OneBrickShy	<i>Bluesy Americana Eclectic</i>
SUN, JULY 4	6:00 - 8:00	York River Ramblers	<i>Fiddle tunes, Waltzes, Airs</i>
THURS, JULY 8	6:00 - 8:00	Short Brothers	<i>Folk, Roots, Originals</i>
SUN, JULY 11	6:00 - 8:00	Carol Coronis & Bob Halperin	<i>Roots, Blues, Traditional Seafaring</i>
THURS, JULY 15	6:00 - 8:00	Cormac McCarthy	<i>Singer/ Songwriter Variety</i>
THURS, JULY 22	6:00 - 8:00	High Range	<i>Acoustic Roots</i>
THURS, JULY 29	6:00 - 8:00	Green Heron	<i>Folk and Bluegrass</i>
SUN, AUG 1	6:00 - 8:00	OneBrickShy	<i>Bluesy Americana Eclectic</i>
THURS, AUG 5	6:00 - 8:00	Short Brothers	<i>Folk, Roots, Originals</i>
SUN, AUG 8	5:30 - 7:30	Penhallow	<i>Celtic</i>
<i>This sail departs from 85 Adams Point Rd in Durham and will sail on the Great Bay!</i>			
THURS, AUG 12	5:30 - 7:30	Cindy Duchin	<i>Americana, Country, Original Folk</i>
SUN, AUG 15	5:30 - 7:30	Oran Mor	<i>Celtic Folk and Sea Songs</i>
THURS, AUG 19	5:30 - 7:30	Cindy Duchin	<i>Americana, Country, Original Folk</i>
SUN, AUG 22	5:30 - 7:30	Drowned Valley	<i>Bluegrass, Folk, Old-time & Gospel</i>
THURS, AUG 26	5:30 - 7:30	Truffle Duo	<i>Acoustic Soul & Americana</i>
SUN, AUG 29	5:00 - 7:00	Penhallow	<i>Celtic</i>
THURS, SEPT 2	5:00 - 7:00	Drowned Valley	<i>Bluegrass, Folk, Old-time & Gospel</i>
SUN, SEPT 5	5:00 - 7:00	OldHat Stringband	<i>Bluegrass, Old-time, Folk, Country</i>



Gundalow Company's 2021 Tuesday Speaker Series

To purchase tickets, go to gundalow.org,
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JULY 6 6:00 - 8:00	Jeremy D'Entremont <i>Lighthouse Historian</i>	Piscataqua Region Lighthouses: An Anniversary Year
JULY 20 6:00 - 8:00	Melissa Paly <i>Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper</i>	What in the World is a Waterkeeper?
AUG 3 6:00 - 8:00	Gary Hildreth <i>US Navy Public Affairs</i>	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's History: A Submariner's Perspective
AUG 10 5:30 - 7:30	Kalle Matso <i>Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership</i>	Seaweeds, Seagrass and Shellfish: The Out of Sight Ecology of Our Estuary
AUG 17 5:30 - 7:30	Lou Ferland <i>Retired Police Chief</i>	Adventures Along the Piscataqua
AUG 24 5:30 - 7:30	Emily Burke, Aliya Caldwell, & Chloe Pearson <i>UNH Ecology Lab</i>	Follow that fish, crab, and bird!
AUG 31 5:00 - 7:00	Carol White <i>Fort Stark Visitor Center</i>	Did a German mini Sub try to Penetrate Portsmouth Harbor in World War II?
SEP 7 5:00 - 7:00	Kevin Wade Mitchel <i>Roleplayer</i>	Meet Jack Stains, a "Black Jack" in Historic Old Portsmouth: A Living History Reenactment
SEP 21 4:30 - 6:30	Kevin Galeaz <i>Thresher Memorial</i>	The Loss and Legacy of USS Thresher

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Today the Gundalow Company's mission – to protect the Piscataqua Region's maritime heritage and environment through education and action – has never been more important. Our programs, held throughout the tidal towns of the Piscataqua, connect our maritime history with contemporary coastal issues such as water quality, habitat restoration, conservation, and stewardship



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