



Literature of the Sea

Suggestions from the Staff and Supporters of the Schooner *Adventure*

Adventure: The Last of the Great Doryfishing Schooners – Joseph Garland

For those who want to know the grand successes and challenges faced by our schooner, *Adventure*; told by Gloucester's Joe Garland.

Alone at Sea: Gloucester in the Age of the Dorymen – John Morris

The president of our very own *Adventure's* Board of Directors tells the story of Gloucester's iconic fishermen, including his own grandfather.

The Boat Who Wouldn't Float – Farley Mowat

Famed Canadian author Farley Mowat's funny and heartwarming tale of cruising out of Newfoundland aboard *The Happy Adventure*, a misfit of a boat. A cruising classic filled with laughs.

Boon Island – Kenneth Roberts

A true tale of the wreck of the *Nottingham Galley* on New England's most inhospitable island in 1710. Tragedy and survival off our shores told by a great American writer.

Captain January – Laura E. Richards

Tale of a shipwrecked girl raised by a lighthouse keeper, made into a Shirley Temple movie. Out of print and tricky to find.

Captains Courageous – Rudyard Kipling

A classic tale told around the life of the Gloucester schooner fishermen similar to our own *Adventure's* crew! *Adventure* actually played the part of the schooner in a remake of the original film.

Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World – Mark Kurlansky

Delve into the amazing life of the cod and its impact on world history, including Gloucester.

The Cruel Sea – Nicholas Monsarrat

Based on the author's own vivid experiences, "The Cruel Sea" is the nail-biting story of the crew of *HMS Compass Rose*, a corvette assigned to protect convoys during World War II.

Dove – Robin Lee Graham

In 1965 16-year old Robin Lee Graham sets on a five year circumnavigation filled with experiences the envy of any young sailor. Another cruising classic.

The Endurance – Caroline Alexander

Polar explorer Ernest Shackleton and his crew of 27 endure one of history's most trying shipwrecks and subsequent test of human spirit.

Fast and Able: Life Stories of Great Gloucester Fishing Vessels – Gordon Thomas

A classic, written by the son of Captain Jeff Thomas the first skipper of *Adventure*, detailing the stories of great fishing vessels out of the port of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Grey Seas Under – Farley Mowat

This collection of tales of the exploits of a deep sea salvage tug out of Halifax, Nova Scotia is dedication, heroism and bravery as the tug's crew head out in one fearsome gale after another to save those in peril on the sea.

In the Heart of the Sea – Nathaniel Philbrick

Nat is a fellow sailor and New Englander from Nantucket. This is one of the great, true stories of human strength set amid the heyday of Nantucket whaling. Gripping from start to finish.

Lone Voyager: The Extraordinary Adventure of Howard Blackburn – Joseph Garland

The riveting tale of a Gloucester fisherman lost on the banks in his dory, by Gloucester's own Joe Garland.

The Long Way – Bernard Moitessier

Moitessier's spellbinding account of his solo circumnavigation in the Golden Globe Race, filled with storms, doldrums, fatigue and accomplishment.

Longitude – Dava Sobel

Dava Sobel does an amazing job of taking what might be an esoteric bit of maritime history and making it among the most compelling of human tales. Dava she said that publishing this book changed her life.

Moby Dick – Herman Melville

Nobody has Melville's turn of phrase and story telling ability combined with a first-hand understanding of the whale fishery. And, of course it begins with the most famous opening line in American literature; "Call me Ishmael."

The Perfect Storm – Sebastian Junger

Junger delivers a nail biting and insightful telling of one of Gloucester's most famous stories, the loss of the Andrea Gail with all hands in the perfect storm of 1991.

Sailing Alone Around the World – Joshua Slocum

The remarkable account of the first person to sail solo around the world.

Sea Change – Sylvia Earle

Earle went on to become the first female head of NOAA and a National Geographic Explorer in Residence along with being Time Magazine's first "Hero of the Planet." She inspires and fights for the health of the oceans with unparalleled insight and first hand experience.

Treasure island – Robert Louis Stevenson

What youngster could not help but fall in love with the characters in this pirate yarn of lost treasure and sailing ships.

Two Years Before the Mast – Richard Henry Dana

Dana's account of two years (1834-1836) working as a hand aboard the Pilgrim and sailing around Cape Horn has become a classic of American literature.

War of the Whales – Joshua Horwitz

Ken Balcomb, the main protagonist in this story of whales, sound in the sea, the US Navy and courtroom battles has followed whales all over the earth. Few have dedicated their life to the sea the way Ken has in this true tale.