



MYSTIC SEAPORT, INC.

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WHAT'S NEW TO SEE AT MYSTIC SEAPORT

Change is a way of life at Mystic Seaport as new exhibits are opened, new projects are started, and older exhibits are revised. Some of the more recent changes are as follows:

- 1) In the Henry B. duPont Shipyard, the fishing schooner L.A. DUNTON has been hauled out on the lift dock and is undergoing extensive overhauling. The after half of the vessel is being completely retopped, and the stern is being rebuilt to its original lines.
- 2) The newly built seineboat is in the water, having just recently been launched. Very distinctive in its yellow and white trim, the seineboat is a reconstruction of the type of boat used by the mackerel seiners around the turn of the century. As no lines were available, the Seaport design has been developed from pictures and written descriptions. The seineboat, 36' overall, will be used this summer by the Mariner Program and will be rowed by the Special Demonstration Squad.
- 3) In the Small Boat Lab. a new tender for the Seaport's schooner BRILLIANT is under construction. The design of this 18-1/2' tender is based on Herreshoff's design of the COLUMBIA tender, circa 1901.
- 4) In the white boat shed, John Gardner, Assistant Curator for Small Craft Studies, is constructing a replica of the AMERICAN STAR, an early 19th century 27'3" racing Whitehall. The original AMERICAN STAR designed to be rowed by four men, ferried General Lafayette on his return tour of America in the early 19th century and was presented to him by the crew. It is still in existence in France.
- 5) Work continues on the CHARLES W. MORGAN, floating at her new berth at the Chubb Wharf. A new pine ceiling is being installed on the port side as the below decks reconstruction work progresses.
- 6) The Block Island Life-Saving Station is now open, showing the equipment of a typical lifesaving station of the mid-19th century. Adjacent to the lifesaving station is the newly renovated Life-Saving Service Half Way House which served as a shelter and resting place for the beach patrols on their beach rounds.
- 7) The Pugsley Clock Shop exhibit of watches and clocks has been redesigned and is being reinstalled to present a more organized display of the Seaport's collection of time pieces.

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- 8) The BENJ. F. PACKARD cabin exhibit, although not yet complete, is interesting to view, to see some of the behind the scenes efforts and construction that goes into a major Seaport exhibit.
- 9) The North Boat Shed exhibit of small craft is changed periodically to display some of the Seaport's collection, the majority of which remains in storage due to limited exhibit space. On display now are kayaks and canoes, built primarily in the latter half of the 19th century. Also in this shed is a fully equipped whaleboat and several dories.

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