

## WHAT'S NEW AT MYSTIC SEAPORT

Winter is the time when the staff at Mystic Seaport creates new exhibits and changes and modifies existing ones, however, there is always plenty to see and we would like to mention several areas where change has occurred since last year.

Scrimshaw Exhibit - Stillman Building main floor. This whalers art of carving in whale's teeth or bone is illustrated by more than three hundred pieces from the Seaport collection. Many of these items have not been exhibited in many years. Above the cases there are a number of fine whaling paintings.

Stillman Buildings - South Wing - a major new acquisition is the large model of the KENILWORTH, a four masted bark. This fine model was built by an undertaker, Carroll Ray Sawyer, whose models are prized by the few museums that own them. Its very well scaled so that the proportions of all parts of this model are accurate.

China Trade - Wendell Building - this topical exhibit contains many paintings and objects from the China Trade in the nineteenth century when clipper ships sped between the United States and the Chinese treaty ports. The exhibit lacks only a ping pong ball and a photograph of Dr. Kissinger to be current.

CHARLES W. MORGAN - work is continuing on the 'tween decks, strengthening the ship in preparation for her removal from the bed of sand where she has been for the last 31 years. After she is hauled this October for relatively minor repairs the MORGAN will return as a floating exhibit.

EMMA C. BERRY - After two years of work restoring this 106 year old Noank wet-well smack, she was put on exhibit last summer. She has been reframed, her well installed, and her rig has been restored as a Noank sloop.

Ship Preservation Facility - at the extreme south end of the Seaport we have built a number of structures which will house our ship and boat restoration staff. The lift dock which will be capable of lifting any Seaport vessel is still under construction.