

Schooner *Virginia*

Passage from Boston to Norfolk on a Tall Ship

The Schooner *Virginia*

The sailing ship *Virginia*, built in 2006, is a replica of a 120' pilot schooner constructed in 1917.



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The original schooner transported harbor pilots to and from commercial sailing vessels entering and departing the port of Norfolk.

Getting Under Way in Boston Harbor

Eight crew members are
required to hoist the mainsail.



Tall ship skippers are a rare breed

The skipper of the schooner *Virginia* is one of a select few captains licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard to command a tall ship.

He also commanded the sailing ship *H.M.S. Surprise* used in the film *Master and Commander*, starring Russell Crowe as Captain Jack Aubrey.



Under sail between Boston and Provincetown on Cape Cod



The Power of Wind



Constant vigilance required



A crew member must serve as lookout at all times.

A traditional ship.....



...sailed the traditional way.



Navigation at sea

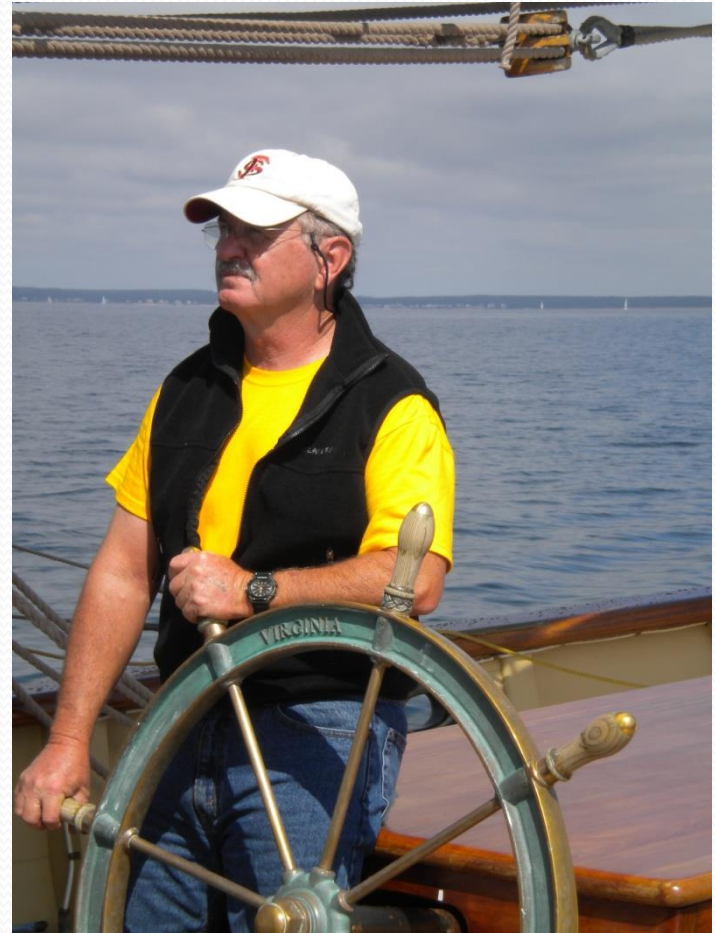
Traditional



Modern



Men at work....



...and women, too.

Standing watch.



Penny, age 80+, at the helm.

Good food = good morale!

Fresh tuna anyone?



A crew that eats together stays together.

No sunscreen required



Safely at the wharf in Norfolk



The End

