

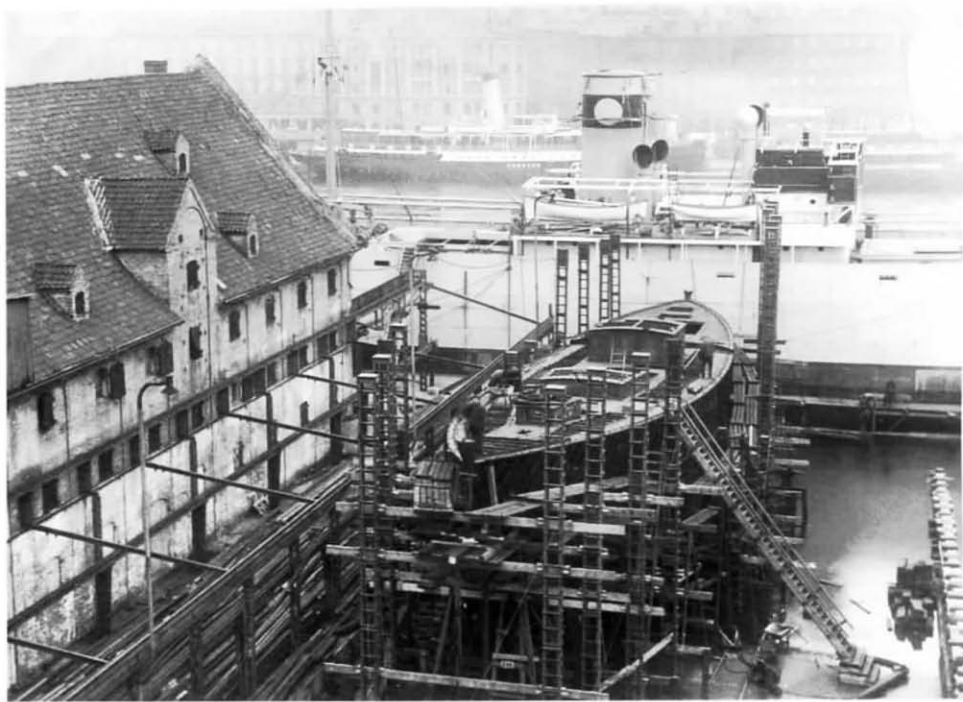
From the Editor

During this summer of 1997 *Spritsail* celebrates its 10th anniversary. In the first issue of Summer 1987 Redwood Wright wrote, "*Spritsail* was created to encourage the continuing discovery and presentation of historical material about our town and the people, places and events which have shaped it." With that Statement of Purpose we celebrate ten successful years and present a special issue. Only once before, in the Winter of 1992 article "The Development of Falmouth as a Summer Resort" by Candace Jenkins, have we devoted an entire issue to one subject. In this anniversary summer of

1997 we publish another issue on one timely subject. A few weeks after the arrival of the new 274 foot R/V *Atlantis* in Woods Hole, we take pleasure in remembering the original sea-going research vessel, the 142 foot ketch *Atlantis*. William B. Cooper, a member of the crew in 1944 and 1945, has written about the people he knew and the events that he experienced "Before the Mast in the Ketch *Atlantis*."

Welcome aboard *Atlantis*!

Mary Lou Smith



Atlantis under construction, December 1930, Copenhagen. Courtesy WHOI.