

From the Editors

The first issue of *Spritsail* was published during the summer of 1987 by the Woods Hole Historical Collection. With this Summer 2017 issue of *Spritsail*, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our journal dedicated to the history of Falmouth and vicinity. Appropriately enough, we also celebrate two other anniversaries in this issue.

Leonard Miele documents the history of 200 years of the Old Stone Dock. In its heyday the Old Stone Dock was the center of the economic life of Falmouth with goods arriving there from faraway places and local products such as salt and lard oil shipped to other states along the East coast.

Joanne Briana-Gartner makes vivid the 60 years of the Falmouth Theatre Guild with photos and anecdotes drawn from the archives of this popular theatrical organization.

To mark *Spritsail's* 30th anniversary, we are featuring excerpts from the 20 most recent issues. A complete Table of Contents for these ten years narrating Falmouth's rich and varied history can be found at the back of this issue. Should any sample whet your appetite for the full story, all past *Spritsails* are available to read at the Woods Hole Historical Museum, the Falmouth Museums on the Green, and the Falmouth and Woods Hole public libraries. They are also online at woodsholehistoricalmuseum.org under the Publications tab.

In Memoriam

W. Redwood Wright died on May 8th. He, with his wife Mary, inspired the creation of *Spritsail*, gave editorial guidance, and contributed excellent articles to its pages. We honor their memory and we will miss them greatly.