

Amistad Illustrated Lecture at Whaling Museum



Captain Sean S. Bercaw will present an illustrated talk, titled “Full Sail into Cuba on the Amistad” on Thursday, April 12th from 6:30 – 8 pm at the New Bedford Whaling Museum – part of the museum’s 22nd annual Sailors’ Series lecture programs.

Captain of the Amistad, former Naval Officer and Master Mariner, Sean S. Bercaw has sailed over 160,000 nautical miles under sail. He shares the fascinating narrative of sailing the Amistad reproduction, in 2010, into the Cuban waters where the 1839 story – which was the subject of the 1997 Steven Spielberg movie, “Amistad” – began. The revolt of the Amistad’s African captives, their takeover of the ship and the ensuing court battle is an inspiring human story that, in a case successfully argued by former President John Quincy Adams, culminated in their freedom being granted by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Admission: \$15 members; \$20 non-members. For tickets, call (508) 997-0046 Ext. 100.