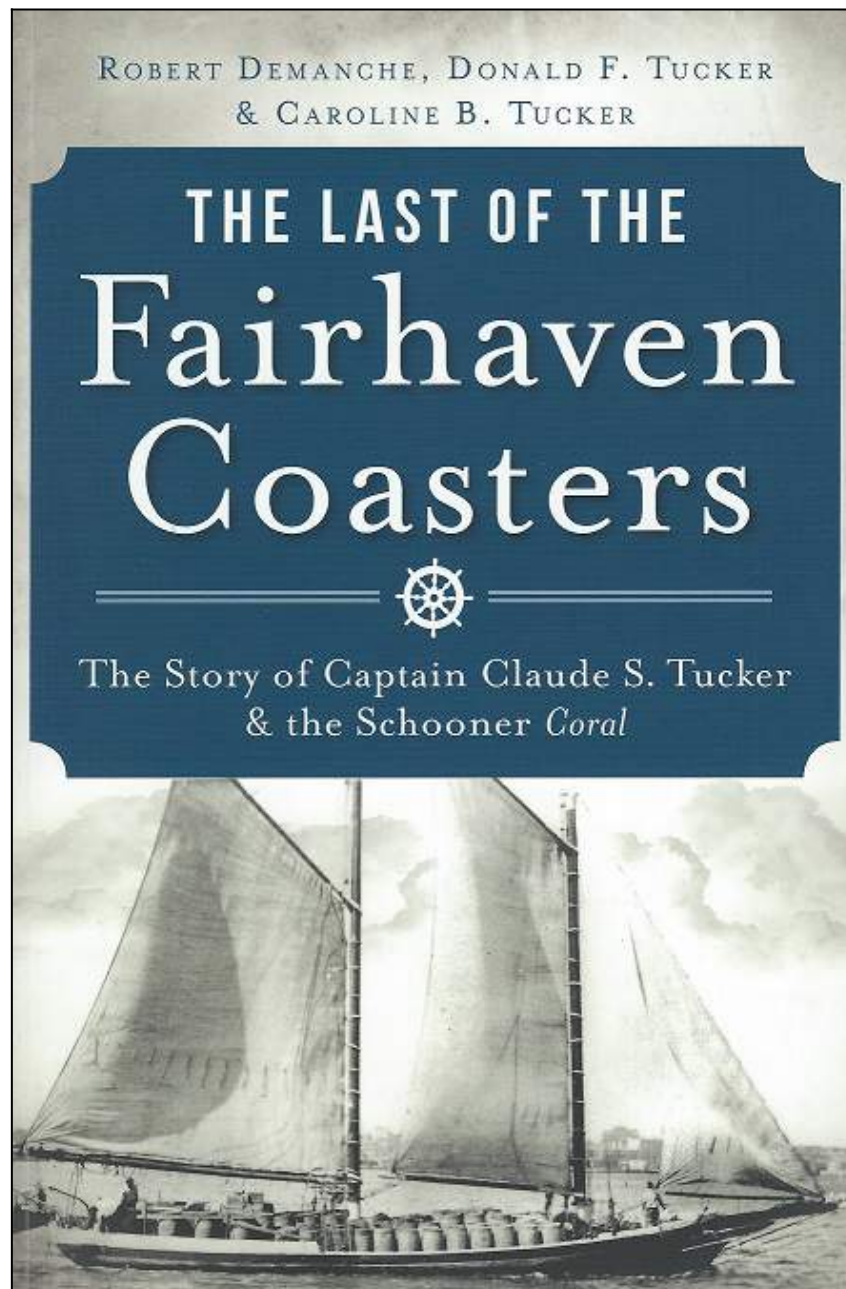


March Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series; Illustrated talk – The Last of the Fairhaven Coasters



March program explores the history of coastal schooners

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues this month on

Friday, March 21st at 7PM with an illustrated talk, Fairhaven Coasters: The Story of Captain Claude S. Tucker and the Schooner "Coral" by Robert Demanche, Donald F. Tucker and Caroline B. Tucker. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

From colonial days through the early 1900s, the cargo-carrying coasting schooner was crucial to our nation's growth. Several thousand of these wooden sailing vessels once frequented our harbors, but by the late 1930s, only the 60-year-old Coral and a handful of other working coasters remained. Join authors Robert Demanche, Donald F. Tucker (the son of Captain Claude S. Tucker), and Caroline B. Tucker as they present an evening of stories about the last of the Fairhaven coasters. We welcome you aboard as Captain Tucker and the Coral sail to the working waterfronts of familiar southern New England ports, crossing paths with the likes of schooner men Zeb Tilton and Charlie Sayle, artist George Gale, marine architect William Hand Jr., rumrunner Bill McCoy, Clifford Ashley (The Ashley Book of Knots), and even Dr. Seuss.
