

Spinner Publications celebrates the release of its newest book “Under Sun, Stars and Sails: A Whaling Family’s Life at Sea” with author Q&A, book signing & reading

To celebrate the release of its newest book – [Under Sun, Stars and Sails: A Whaling Family’s Life at Sea](#) by Marsha Hall Brown, Spinner Publications will hold a book launch event and signing on Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum’s Cook Memorial Theater, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. The event is free to the public.



Author Marsha Hall Brown.

Come meet author Marsha Hall Brown and be among the first to get a personalized copy of the book. Ms. Brown will read brief

passages from this intimate true-life account of a 19th-century Nantucket family's adventures at sea during whaling expeditions that included everything from visits to exotic seaports to deadly hurricanes, serious illness, snake-infested rivers, and dangerous jungle crossings.

Learn about whaling Master Captain Joseph Marshall and his wife, Malvina Pinkham Marshall, who became partners in the whaling industry while creating a distinctive family life with their young daughter, Helen during their nine years together at sea.

The author will read from actual family letters and journals, which were used in the book's compilation. Contributing Editor Tom Hall will talk about the extraordinary narrative of the Marshall family and their Pacific voyages during turbulent times in American history.

Guests will be invited to ask questions during the presentation.

"Marsha Hall Brown brings us on an exhilarating and vicarious voyage around the world as she pieces together, through meticulous research, the unusual childhood of Helen Marshall. In doing so, we are treated to an intimate look at a seafaring family and equally engrossed in the global business that was Yankee whaling." –James Russell, Gosnell Executive Director, Nantucket Historical Society.

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