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A Whale of a Tale Memoir
Sails on the Fringes of History

Windjamming to China is the extraordinary memoir of a 15-year-old boy who sailed the North Pacific in the 1930s on a five-masted schooner.

Even in that time, almost all wind-powered vessels had been replaced by steam and steel. In a larger sense, this book recounts the proud story of the American sailor, who speaks through the mists of time, evoking proud traditions that should never be forgotten. Windjamming to China truly sails on the fringes of history.

“If you have room on your shelf for only one more book about seafaring in the late great age of sail, you will be well served by this one. It invites comparison with Moby Dick – a long tale rising from a real commercial voyage under sail, told by a master storyteller who is not afraid to discourse at length on any side topic of the trade or stretch the truth. In the end, we find a narrator who has come from the shore a naïve green hand and returns to it a changed man, and we the readers have changed and evolved along with him … The author signs on as a boy of fifteen, and returns home a sailor and a man. Now in his eighties, Tjgaard takes us with him back to those days. His was one of the very last commercial voyages to be made under sail. He remembers it with clarity and great attention to detail, and conveys to us the wide-eyed wonder of that boy of sixteen told with the wisdom and humor that comes with age.” – David Hirzel, author of Sailor on Ice: Tom Crean with Scott in the Antarctic 1910-1913

Windjamming to China was recently featured on Pacifica’s KOIT Channel 26 “Footsteps of Pacifica” with the author interviewed about his work. The show was hosted by San Francisco’s Marine Museum’s historian David Hirzel and sponsored by the Pacifica Historical Society. This 30-minute prime time program will be shown several times. Visit http://vimeo.com/47986781

About the Author: Gustav Tjgaard has always loved literature, having read Cervantes’ Don Quixote for the fourth time as a 10-year-old. At age 85, he views the sailor as a legitimate folk hero. Originally from Decatur Island, Washington, he now lives in Pacifica, California, and has already written his next five books. See the author’s video at http://youtu.be/mpd3HUe1ekY

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