



Stonington, CT, has quite a history. Pretty little town.



Stonington beach picture. Running Free is anchored out there.



We enter Mystic, CT, harbor and see this presidential-looking yacht at a dock.



Mystic Seaport's beautiful 61' schooner **Brilliant** used to teach teens & adults how to sail.



The **Joseph Conrad** (small full rigged training ship). Summer campers to the Seaport use it as a dormitory. How cool is that?



Onboard the **Joseph Conrad** training ship.



The Seaport campers sail twice a day on these little boats.



Running Free at the Seaport wharf with the **Joseph Conrad** in the background.



Joyce acting like the skipper of the 1921 fishing schooner **L.A. Dunton**.

Charles W. Morgan by the Numbers

The *Charles W. Morgan* slid out of Jethro and Zachariah Hillman's shipyard in New Bedford, MA, on July 21, 1841.



Over the course of her career, she brought in 33,488 barrels of whale oil and 152,984 pounds of whale bones.

She took 7 months to construct with 31 men working on her.

She cost \$26,877 to build and another \$28,977 to outfit for her first voyage.

She was 113 feet long and classed as a 361 ton whaling ship.

Her beam was 27 feet, 4 inches with a 17-foot, 6-inch depth.

Her main track was 110 feet above the deck.

The oil capacity was over 15,000 square feet.

More than 1,000 sailors worked aboard the *Morgan* during her career — representing more than 50 countries.

She carried 4 whale boats (later a 5th was added).

The *Morgan* typically carried a crew of 30 to 36 men.

Her cruising speed could reach over 9 knots.

Charles Morgan originally costed 8/16 shares of the vessel.

The *Morgan* was first sold for \$17,000 to Edward Matt Robinson on March 8, 1846.

She had 5 owners during her whaling career.

During her first 10 years, she returned with only one cargo worth under \$100,000.

Her first voyage cut into 31 whales.

On December 13, 1841, her first whale produced 17 barrels of oil.

The most profitable voyage brought in a cargo of \$165,407.25.

The least profitable voyage brought in a mere \$2,077.01.

The longest voyage was 3,801 days long — nearly 10 years.

The *Morgan* survived 1 cannibal attack, 1 deliberate sea fire and she narrowly escaped from the Confederate blockade.

She received 1 conversion from a burning ship and 5 escaped Russian convoys.

Her last voyage began September 9, 1920, and ended May 28, 1921.

The *Morgan* was used in 2 movies (*Miss Pettigrew*, 1916; *Down to the Sea in Ships*, 1922; *Sea Road*, 1930).

John E. D. Smith logged the most time and miles aboard the *Morgan* as he shipped for 33 years between 1868 and 1891.

She hunted the wives of 6 captains.

The *Morgan* had 26 different captains. James A.M. Earle served the longest of them as he sailed on her for 10 years over 9 voyages.

He had had the capacity for 3,000 barrels (each barrel holding 31.2 gallons of oil) therefor, she could potentially bring home over 90,000 gallons of oil.

Between September 6, 1841, and September 9, 1920, she had 37 working voyages.

Ports of Call of the Charles W. Morgan



Illustration from the logbook of the first voyage of the Charles W. Morgan, September 6, 1841 - January 1, 1842.

"May kind Neptune protect us with pleasant gales and may we be successful in catching sperm whales"
— Voyage 1, Charles W. Morgan Logbook

During her 30 years of service, the *Morgan* made 37 voyages, the longest lasting nearly five years. Her final port of call? *Algebra's Voyage*, where she arrived in 1941.



- ATLANTIC OCEAN:**
 - New Bedford, MA (home port)
 - Azores
 - Bermuda
 - Dominica
 - Barbados
 - Panama
 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - Cape Verde Islands
 - Ascension Island
 - Falkland Islands
 - Calmbe, Congo
 - Cape Town, South Africa
 - Tristan da Cunha
- PACIFIC OCEAN:**
 - Tahiti
 - John Fortuin Island, Chile
 - Valparaiso, Chile
 - Callao, Peru
 - Paita, Peru
 - Timaru, Peru
 - Zamora, Peru
 - Cocos Island, Costa Rica
 - Galapagos Islands
 - Marquesa Island
 - Scammon's Lagoon, CA
 - Buller's Bay, CA
 - Monterey, CA
 - San Francisco, CA
 - Marquesa, NZ
 - Russell, NZ
 - Auckland, NZ
 - Two Peoples Bay, Australia
 - Hokaido - Japan
 - Vladivostok, Russia
- PACIFIC ISLANDS:**
 - Hawaii, HI
 - Oahu, HI
 - Lahaina, HI
 - Marquesa Islands
 - Society Islands, Tahiti
 - Navigatoe Island
 - Friendly Island
 - Sunday Island
 - Chatham Island
 - Hyem Island
 - Gilbert Island
 - Marshall Islands
 - Stung Island
 - Rotuma, Fiji Islands
 - Ascension Island
 - Caroline Islands
 - Bonin Island
 - Canton
 - Norfolk Island, Australia
 - Shannon Island, Russia
- INDIAN OCEAN:**
 - Urbain, South Africa
 - Madagascar
 - Russom Island
 - Made
 - Mascotto
 - St. Paul Island
 - Kerguelan Island



The ongoing restoration of the **Charles W. Morgan** in the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard.



Down below in the **Charles W. Morgan**, built in 1841 & arrived in Mystic in 1941. Whaleship for 80 years & made 37 voyages around the world.



The lumber yard building for the **Charles W. Morgan's** restoration.



This 600 year old “live oak” tree was donated to Mystic by a North Carolina family. The oak came down on their property during Hurricane Hugo. The wood is being used in the Morgan’s restoration.



Mystic Seaport's pretty percheron horses.



Carriage rides at Mystic. Here's one of the percherons earning it oats.



Mystic's performance crew telling the tale about a young woman who stows away aboard a whale ship. King Neptune appears when they sail over the Equator.



This **Alerion** is in the historic small watercraft building.



Franklin D. Roosevelt's 25' sloop, **Vireo**, which he sailed with his family in 1920 right before he got polio.



Part of the collection of figureheads & ship carvings from the Golden Age of Sail.



The captain's stateroom in the **Benjamin F. Packard**.



A 1876 Spelling Bee by the Village Green School House for ages 6-13.



We enjoy Mystic's 1876 Independence Day Parade celebrating America's 100th birthday.



Good Victorian women. The lady w/o an umbrella is the “immigrant Italian” who runs the Seaport’s General Store.



Miniature tall ship in the parade.



The percheron pulls the carriage full of dignitaries.



Happy guy on an antique bike along with the sad “Death” guy.



After the parade everyone listens to the program in the Village Green. Here the dignitaries sing a patriotic song.



Military exercises demonstrated by Civil War re-enactors from the 27th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry.



Carl & Joyce happy to be at Mystic Seaport on July 4th, 2012.



The **L.A. Dunton** gets bedecked with nautical flags on the 4th.



We go have “heavenly” pizza at Mystic Pizza near the Seaport.



We meet some fine Aussies from Canberra on the sailboat **JAC** docked near us: crewmembers John, Carlyn & Peter with skipper Martin.



We leave Mystic on July 5th by going thru the bridge with this schooner full of paying customers behind us.



Carl, Joyce, Jan Dennis & Brian Beckwith in Niantic, CT. We met them in '09 in the St. Lawrence Seaway when they were on their boat **Roving Seas**.



Carl & Jan in front of the summer house which was an ice house 100 years ago. Jan & Brian live in the Bahamas during the winter.



Jan's daughter & husband along with Brian & Carl.



Yay, we go have dinner in style at the Main Street Grill in Groton, CT.



I love Brian's t-shirt. Here he shows us where their mooring buoy is up the Niantic River. We stay there overnight in a lovely bay. After that, on to New London to see OpSail, 2012, and some fantastic fireworks in the harbor.