

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.



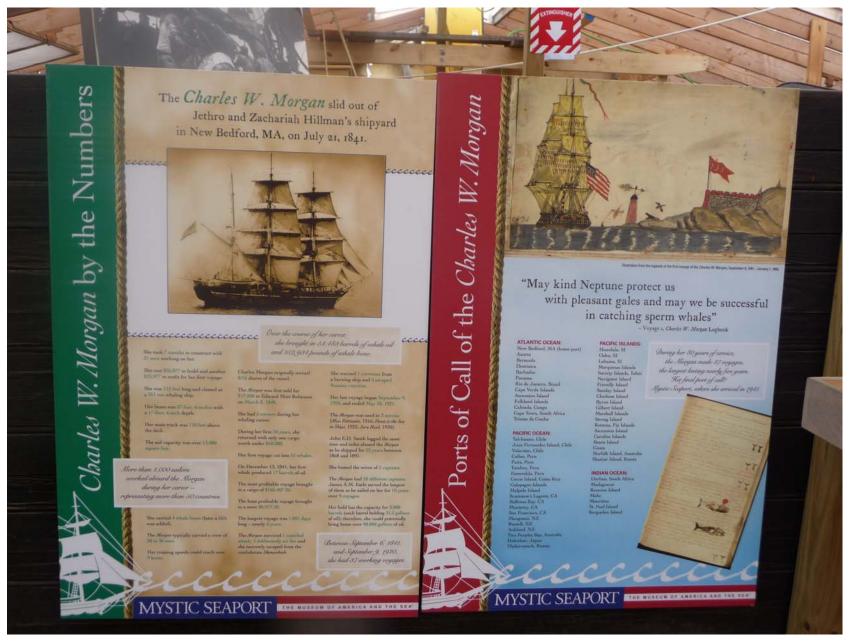
The Seaport campers sail twice a day on these little boats.



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**.



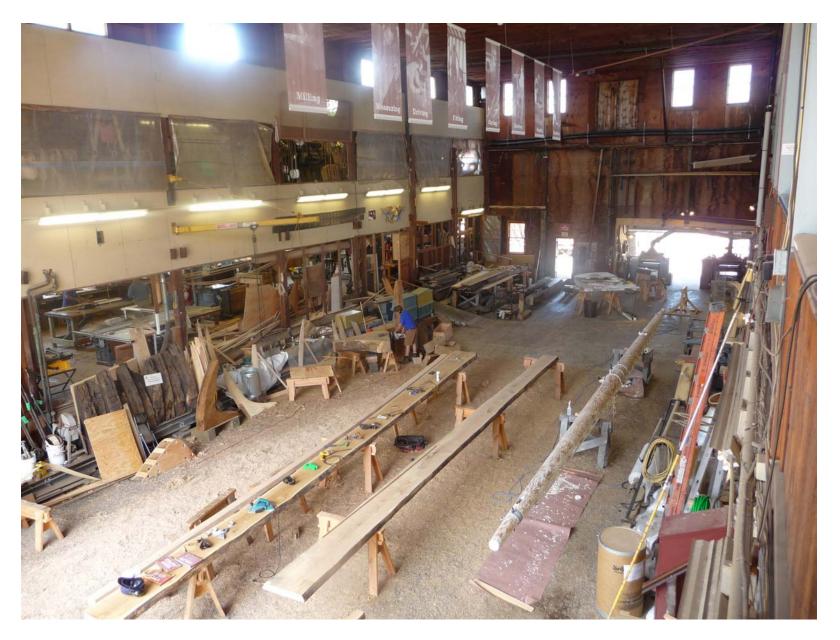
Information about the Charles W. Morgan, the last sailing wooden whale ship.



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.