

Look out in Gloucester harbor today and you might see one of these beautiful vessels at work. **The Schooner Thomas E. Lannon**, [www.schooner.org](http://www.schooner.org), built in Essex in 1997, offers two-hour sails from Seven Seas Wharf in downtown Gloucester. Joe Garland, Gloucester author and historian, described the Lannon as the “quintessential essence of Gloucester.”



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Scene from last year's annual Schooner Festival

Or, visit Gloucester over Labor Day weekend and you're sure to see lots of schooners in the harbor, as Gloucester this year hosts the **25th Annual Gloucester Schooner Festival**.

Upwards of 20 traditional wooden vessels from the US & Canada compete in the Mayor's Race for the Esperanto Cup, a trophy from the first International Fishermen's Races sailed in 1920. Saturday evening, enjoy the Lighted Boat Parade and fireworks over the harbor. Watch Sunday's Parade of Sail from Stacy Boulevard to see these magnificent vessels as they sail out of the harbor to race. A few lucky folks can even purchase Race Day passage on one of the participating schooners. Some of the visiting vessels are open for tours, and there are maritime activities all weekend. **Gloucester's Maritime Heritage Center**, [www.gloucestermaritimecenter.org](http://www.gloucestermaritimecenter.org), is the hub for the weekend. Plan a visit to Gloucester over Labor Day and help Gloucester celebrate her maritime history.



## THE SOU'WESTER

The iconic Gloucester fisherman's hat was born from necessity during the 1800's. The yellowed staple in every fisherman's sea bag during the age of sail and still in use to this day, was originally made of cotton sailcloth waterproofed with yellow linseed oil. Rubbing with lamp black produced a darker version. The narrow front brim folds back to act as a gutter to drain sea or rain water. A wide back brim lays over the collar to prevent water from running down the back.

Why is it called a sou'wester? We get our bad weather from the northeast. You want your face towards the southwest while your back and the brim of your sou'wester take the brunt of a nor'easter.

You can purchase an authentic sou'wester hat in many of the downtown shops. It's a Gloucester icon that you'll appreciate in foul weather!



The bronze Man at the Wheel statue was created by sculptor Leonard Craske in 1923

courtesy of Schooner Lannon

There's plenty to see and do by land and by sea. Tour a museum or local mansion; get hands on with sea creatures; see artists at work in their studios; explore our natural, artistic & cultural heritage. Gloucester's long history stretches back nearly 400 years, so there's plenty to explore!

No visit to Gloucester is complete without a trip on the water. Many types of whales feed and spend the summer off our shores. Several local whale watch companies can take you there. Or opt for a sail on a wooden schooner or a relaxing tour of scenic Gloucester harbor. Tuna, bass or cod calling you? A fishing charter can get you to prime fishing grounds, but it's up to you to land the big one. And if the fish aren't biting out there, you can always come ashore for a harborside seafood dinner.

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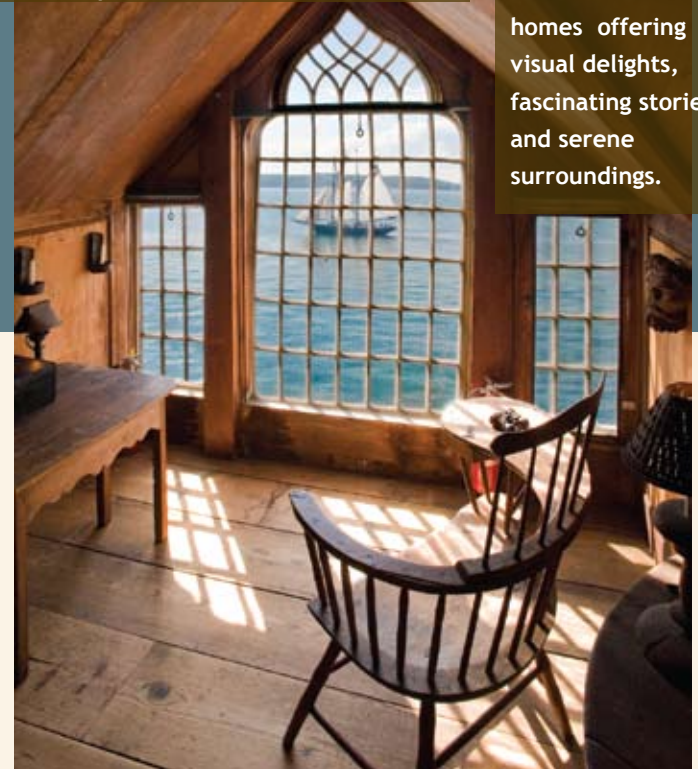
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The Schooner Thomas E. Lannon glides past  
Beauport's Master Mariner Room

bottom  
Octagon Room

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Historic New England

Nestled in the heart of downtown's Main Street sits an outstanding example of high-style Georgian Architecture. Built in 1782, for Judith Sargent Murray, writer, philosopher, and advocate for women's equality in marriage and education, this house captures the early history of Gloucester as the country's premier seaport. The house boasts rich interior woodcarvings and an unparalleled collection of family portraits by John Singer Sargent and other famous portraitists of the 18th and 19th centuries. The house offers programs about the

life and work of Judith Sargent Murray as well as the popular Cape Ann Garden Tour, held on the third Saturday in June each year.

Ten minutes east, located in the private neighborhood of Eastern Point, is **Beauport**, the Sleeper-McCann House, summer retreat of collector, antiquarian and one of America's first premier interior designers, Henry Davis Sleeper. The house began as a modest cottage in 1907 and grew, over a 27-year period, to over forty rooms filled with curiosities, colored glass, folk art and china in every nook and alcove. Situated on the rocks overlooking Gloucester Harbor, the structure