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The Shallop Project and Rigging Class

During the summer of 2010, fourteen Morse High School student learned hands-on boat building skills under the expert guidance of Shipwright Will West and documentary filmmaking under the tutelage of Media Consultant Patti Irish along with many committed volunteers. The 18' shallop, similar to that used by the colonists was launched October 9, 2010.

Due to the success of the summer project, a winter/spring class was offered to complete the rigging for the shallop **JANE STEVENS**. Fifteen Morse High School students under the guidance of a shipwright, media specialist and dedicated volunteers are busy building, making and documenting the sailing rigging for the shallop.

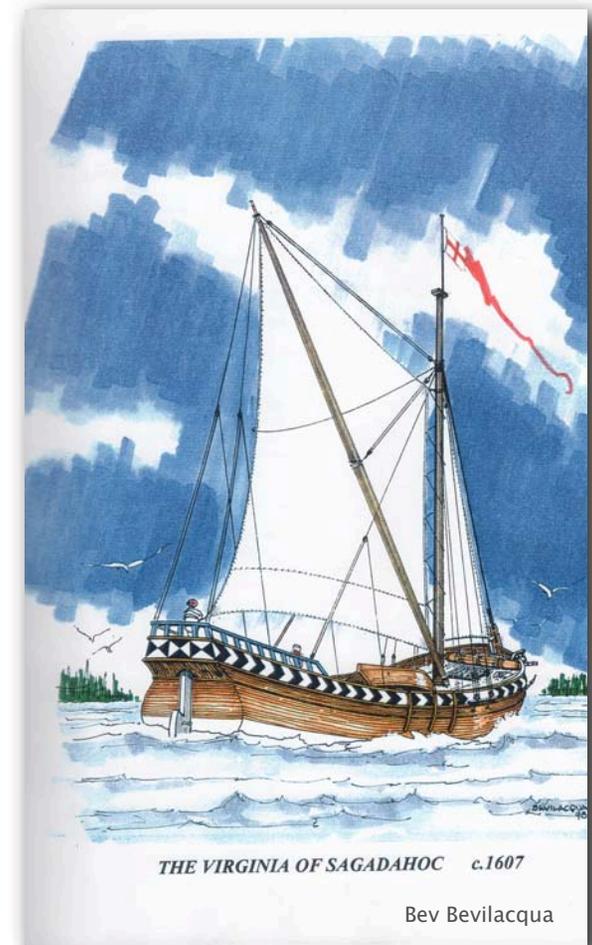
Our next step is to begin laying the keel and building frames for the **Virginia of Sagadahoc** during the summer of 2011.



Patti Irish

Maine's First Ship "Virginia of Sagadahoc"

Maine's 1607 Link to American History



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History

Over 400 years ago, at the Popham Colony on Maine's Kennebec River, which is now in Phippsburg, an English-built vessel launched America's love affair with shipbuilding.

In 1607, at the mouth of Maine's Kennebec River, a group of hardy English settlers established a fragile foothold on this coast, thirteen years before the Pilgrims. **Virginia of Sagadahoc** was the first English-built ship built on the North American continent.

In 1608, **Virginia of Sagadahoc** sailed to England and in 1609 she sailed from England to Virginia.

Photos and information of recent archeological digs at the Popham Colony at can be found at: http://mfship.org/Maines_First_Ship/History.htm



Our Vision

Maine's First Ship will build the pinnacle **Virginia of Sagadahoc**, a reconstruction of the first English ship built in North America, to bring the historic story to current and future generations of Maine students and adults, as well as to enhance the tourism industry.

Future operations by the **Virginia of Sagadahoc** on the rivers and the coast of Maine will enable schools and the public to experience and learn about the early history of Maine and its remarkable shipbuilding tradition. Education and public programs will inform and inspire people of all ages.



Maine's First Ship has a two-fold mission: Education and Tourism.

- Education: Maine's First Ship is committed to the education of students in grades K through high school and college. Students who are identified as at risk for drop out, as well as the total student body, are invited to plan, build, and be engaged in the after launch programs, including a regular schedule with day sails on Maine rivers and the Maine coast for area schools, colleges, camps and special public events.



- Students will receive credits in Math, English, History, Environmental Science and other subjects approved by their schools.

- Tourism: Maine's First Ship is committed to attracting tourists to the region, before, during and after the construction.

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