



# MARITIME PORTSMOUTH

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This catalogue accompanies the exhibition *Maritime Portsmouth: The Sawtelle Collection* (June 3 - August 31, 2011 at the Discover Portsmouth Center) a priceless collection of nearly 200 paintings and artifacts, gathered over two decades and never exhibited publicly before. Founded in 1623, Portsmouth is home to sea captains, shipbuilders, craftsmen and patriots. In the Age of Sail, many merchant shipyards flourished alongside the Navy Yard (est. 1800) on the fast-flowing Piscataqua River between Maine and NH. The exhibition and catalogue dramatically remind us how closely this region is tied to the sea.

### Excerpts from *Maritime Portsmouth: The Sawtelle Collection*:

“It is highly appropriate that the never-before seen Sawtelle Collection can now be seen by the wide audience that Joe and Jean Sawtelle envisioned. And it is the honor of both the Portsmouth Historical Society and the Portsmouth Athenaeum that it appears through the auspices of two organizations that he both loved and served.” -- Richard Candee, professor emeritus, Boston University American and New England Studies.

“What Joe and his wife Jean accomplished in three decades living on the New Hampshire seacoast defies calculation. ... This volume zooms in on one of their many passions. The Sawtelles loved Portsmouth, their adopted home, and Portsmouth loves the sea. So they became collectors of maritime art and artifacts related to the Piscataqua River region and New Hampshire’s only seaport... And here it is, gathered in one place for the first time.” -- J. Dennis Robinson, *For the Love of Portsmouth: The Sawtelle Story*

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