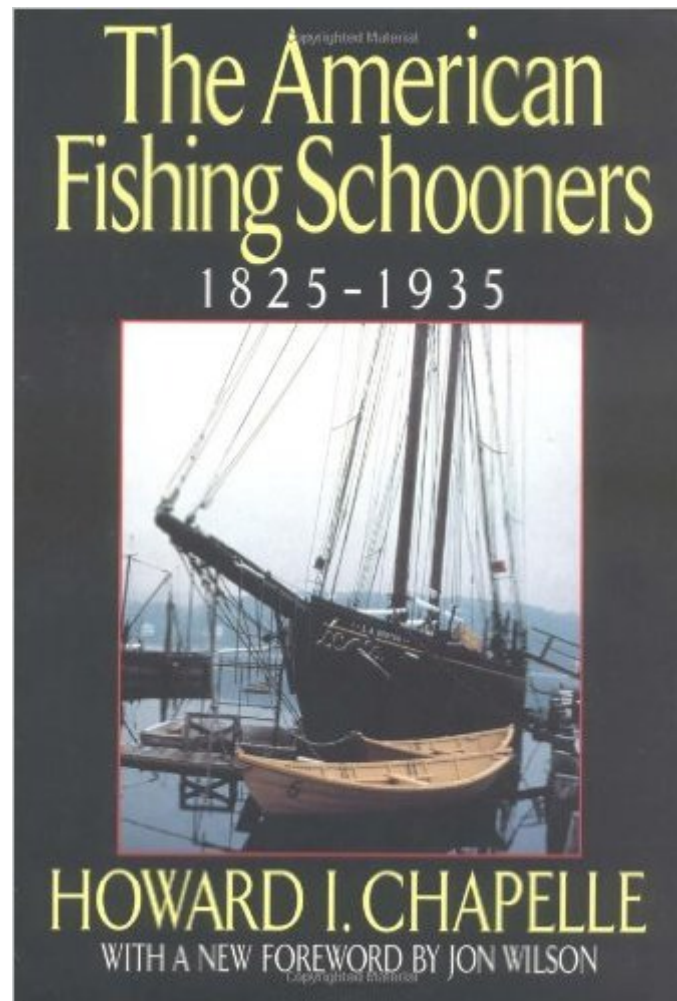


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# The American Fishing Schooners, 1825-1935



## Synopsis

An important feature of the book is its illustrated glossary-appendix, which covers items of hull construction and equipment, rigging and gear, colour and carving, and includes notes by the builders and riggers themselves. The evolution of the American fishing schooner from the 18th century to the last working and racing schooners of the mid-1930s is recounted in this book. The designers, builders and crews are discussed, and 137 plans of schooners show graphically the development of the type.

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Howard Chappelle, the dean of American watercraft historians completed this final work a few years before his death. Not particularly rich in "sea lore", it is nonetheless the standard resource regarding this American arche-type of design. Enhanced with numerous photographs, lines drawings and sketches of rigging and deck gear, it is a valuable resource. It is a complement to other volumes of Chappelle's work.

This is the most comprehensive book ever written on the subject. It was penned by one of America's premier historians of 19th Century Naval Architecture. It is doubtful that a finer book will ever be written on the subject of American fishing schooners. It was a classic when I was a boy, and it is still a classic. No student of 19th Century Maritime history should go without this book.

This is a great reference book for any serious model builder, with lots of details and illustrations, clearly charting the evolution of the design of the American fishing schooners over the golden age of their careers.

The most comprehensive source I have encountered for the intricate details of north american fishing schooners from the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Chapelle has written a book for those who love ships and want to explore this wonderful corner of naval history. As he admits the early years (late 1700's and up to the 1830's) is a little light but with enough well drawn (warning, Chapelle has been accused of "improving" lines on his drawings of ships he did not design) drafts to understand most of what he is taking about. However, if you are not familiar with nautical design you will need nautical dictionary to get the full value out of this book. I don't want to sound too negative, I really enjoyed this book, but it is not for the average reader. Also, the drawing are really beautiful and all are fun to look over. Please note, when I say drawings, I mean nautical draft, with the hull draw from one side (usually starboard) , a view that splits a fore and aft view (on one the left and one on the right), and a view of the hull that I don't completely understand but seems to show the hull from below and helps to show the shape of the hull. Mast and sails may or may not be shown, rigging not shown to any detail.

Chappelle is considered the authority on the naval architecture of American sailing craft, and this book is a "must have" for anyone interested in the construction and design of these unforgettable working ladies of the sea.

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