

Screenplay

Gloucesterboys

by Garrett A. Hughes
adapted from Captain R. Barry Fisher's
"A Wharf Rat's Tale"

With the help of a fishing-schooner captain, four young Gloucester boys rebuild a Banks dory and endeavor to become dory fishermen.



Banks dory at The Dory Shop, Gloucester, Massachusetts, 2010

Current and Historical Setting

Listed below, by year of publication, are several books about Gloucester, its people and its dory fishing industry.

Alone At Sea: Gloucester in the Age of the Dorymen (1623-1939), John N. Morris (Commonwealth Editions, Beverly, MA, 2010).

The most comprehensive history of the dory fishing industry to date.

The Last Fish Tale, Mark Kurlansky (Ballantine Books, NY, 2008).

The people of Gloucester, their origins, ethnicity and traditions, and a cautionary note concerning their future.

A Doryman's Day, Captain R. Barry Fisher (Tilbury House Publishers, Gardiner, ME, 2001).

Source of "A Wharf Rat's Tale."

Down to the Sea: The Fishing Schooners of Gloucester, Joseph E. Garland (David R. Godine Publisher, Boston, MA, 1983).

A very human account of an industry built upon fishing schooners told in Garland's inimitable style.

The Dory Book, John Gardner (International Marine Publishing Company, Camden, ME, 1978).

The History, design, and construction details of various types of dories.

The Taste of Gloucester: A Fisherman's Wife Cooks, The Fishermen's Wives of Gloucester (The Cape Ann League of Women Voters, Gloucester Cookbook Committee, 1976).

Seafood the way it ought to be prepared.

When Gloucester Was Gloucester: Toward an Oral History of the City, Peter Parsons, Peter Anastas with photographs by Mark Power (Gloucester 350th Anniversary Celebration, Inc., 1973).

Interviews with Gloucester men and women including Captain Wallace Walker.

The American Fishing Schooners 1825-1935, Howard I. Chapelle (W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1973).

Seeing the vessels from a marine architect's point of view.

Lone Voyager: The Extraordinary Adventures of Howard Blackburn, Hero Fisherman of Gloucester, Joseph E. Garland (A Touchstone Book published by Simon & Schuster, 1963).

A biography of Gloucester's most famous doryman.

The Book of the Gloucester Fishermen, James B. Connolly (The John Day Company, NY, 1927).

True stories bigger than life.

Out of Gloucester, James B. Connolly (Charles Scribner's Sons, NY, 1902)

Tall tales by Gloucester's best known fiction writer and fisherman of the period.