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# ANNOUNCING *SAILS AND RAILS*

## For Immediate Release

NAHANT, MA – f/64 Publishing is proud to announce the October 15th release of our latest nonfiction publication, the color-illustrated nautical history *Sails and Rails* by Massachusetts historians Daniel deStefano and Gerald Butler. The authors of previous works on maritime history, they applied Shakespeare's famous question to their hometown: "What's in a name?"

They asked that question of the name Nahant, beginning their research with an inquiry into their home island off Massachusetts' shore, and found exciting tales of Viking skirmishes with early American natives...and more recent adventures with lobster boats and dory races.

Their research then expanded to encompass all vessels named Nahant, including schooners and tugs, side-wheel steamers and barges, as they traced the use of the name throughout modern maritime history.

Inspired by historic photographs—some of which are carefully reproduced in *Sails and Rails*—and vivid descriptions of these historical ships, deStefano set about painting beautiful watercolor portraits. These, along with pen and ink sketches from Butler and historic images dating back to 1865, illustrate this fascinating work.

The authors will begin their speaking tour in support of *Sails and Rails* with a talk and book launch reception at the Nahant Public Library on October 19th, 2014, at 2:30pm. All are invited to attend this free event, and are encouraged to bring friends and family to view the original artwork reproduced in *Sails and Rails*, and to learn more about deStefano and Butler's research.

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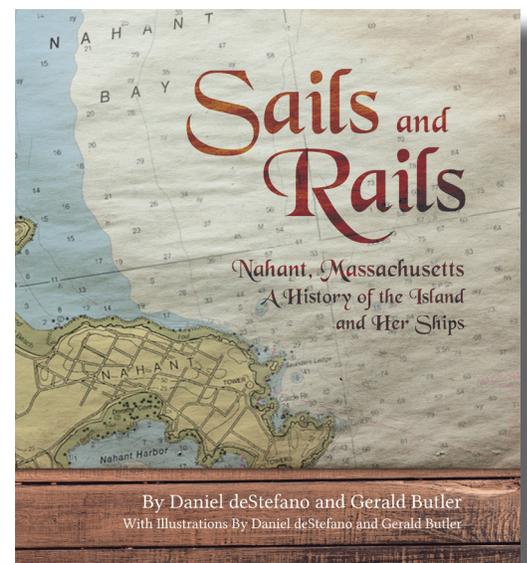
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