



Joseph F. Filipowski is a passionate researcher with a concentration in American social, political and maritime history. With over forty years of study, Mr. Filipowski brings a unique insight to today's social and political challenges. Speaking regularly before large groups such as the Rotary District Conference, Hope House Foundation and the

Mariners' Museum has enabled Joseph to develop an entertaining and uplifting program that is educational as well as informative.

An avid wooden boat builder and sailor, Joseph works at his Lafayette River Boatbuilding facility at 1046 West 24th Street in Norfolk. Besides serving as a technical consultant to the maritime teak decking industry, Joseph works with apprentices, students and independent boat builders. Combining a reverence for old woodworking tools and techniques with an appreciation for modern technology and engineering enables them to produce floating and sailing works of art.

"The *JOLLY JOE* was the centerpiece throughout the event. The 'piece de resistance' were the poignant sea chanteys that you so eloquently performed..." Joseph M. Mulkerrin, Rotary International, District Governor 2000-2001

"... nothing short of fantastic. "

Lynne Seagle, Executive Director, Hope House Foundation

"...the reaction of the club members expresses better their thanks for the wonderful program on wooden boats, the sea and the beautiful interpretations of Captain Allen Villiers... Captain Arthur Clark... and E.B.White..."

B.Anne Davis, Program Co-Coordinator, Rotary Club of Portsmouth

"Your selfless devotion of personal time and talent ...to assist these young men by sharing your professional career insights coupled with the tour of your facility and samples of your craftsmanship are most notable".

Daniel D. Dickenson, III BSA Troop 24 Larchmont

" ...Your oratory set just the right tone for an event... in which we hope to both educate and inspire... Your keen appreciation for the maritime experience came through in your eloquent recitation of the words of E.B. White, Joseph Conrad and others... the classic boats that you had on display further revealed the craftsmanship of traditional boat builders that you are so skillfully continuing..."

John B. Hightower, President and CEO, The Mariners' Museum

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