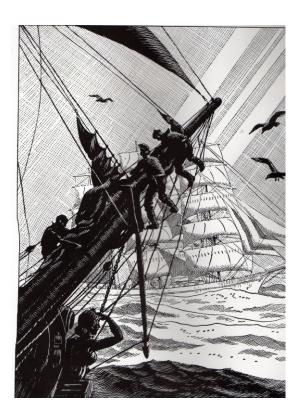
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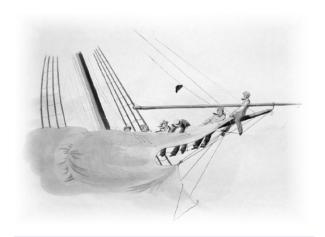


#### **Gordon Laco**

Gordon began his career in the marine supply industry in 1979. He has long had great respect for sail training and an appreciation for quality traditional rigging. He began importing rope for traditional rigs in 1999, when he was Captain of HMS BEE, a replica gunboat schooner from the War of 1812 period. He began distributing rope and rigging to sail training and museum ships across North America on a full time basis in 2003, after returning from 18 months as Lead Technical Adviser for the feature film 'Master and Commander, The Far Side of the World'.

He was co-founder of Atlantic Challenge Canada, served as Executive Director of Toronto Brigantine Inc, and is a frequent public speaker on issues involving seamanship, youth development and maritime history. Gordon served as an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy's Primary Reserve from 2006-2016. He was at the time of his commissioning, the oldest person to complete the RCN's tough Basic Officer's Training Course (that's a story best told over a beer). Gordon is very proud to serve as a Director of Tall Ships America, and to support Sail Training in every way he can.

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