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Maritime Experience

Museum exhibit design, education and program development:

The "Sea Chest Program"

<http://www.astrococktail.com/seachest.html>

As the logical extension of earlier programs I did for New York City's South St. Seaport Museum, I personally developed this model maritime interpretive educational program and exhibit over a period of five years at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, VA, and now it's a maritime museum staple.

Management/PR/leadership:

The Confederate Naval Historical Society

<http://www.astrococktail.com/CNHStale.html>

I was founding president, and in cooperation with federal and local, public and private resources, we changed the nature of underwater ship protection and preservation, including helping save landside sites such as Ft. Fisher. See the Board of Advisers for personal references.

Historical music research/production/performance:

For The Mariners' Museum:

A Chesapeake Sailor's Companion (CD notes)

<http://www.adelphirecords.com/world/1032Chesapeake.html>

A Chesapeake Sailor's Companion (CD listen)

http://www.amazon.com/gp/recsradio/radio/B00005EBJM/ref=pd_krex_listen_dp_img?ie=UTF8&refTagSuffix=dp_img

Four centuries of maritime music on the Chesapeake Bay, produced for The Mariners' Museum. Read and listen to snippets at the individual cut links.

For the Bicentennial:

The Top Hits Of 1776

<http://www.astrococktail.com/tophits1776.html>

A researched compendium of popular music in America during the period of the American Revolution, including many never recorded before or since, including the song that became "The Star-Spangled Banner". *The New York Times* loved it. Read and listen to/download complete album at the link.

For Maritime Music International:

Sailor!

Songs From A 19th Century Seaman's Chest

<http://www.astrococktail.com/sailor.html>

Extensive album of 19th century maritime music. Read and listen to/download complete album at the link.

Zawisza Czarny!

<http://www.astrococktail.com/ZCalbum.html>

The Merseyside recordings of the performing crew of the Polish 140-ft staysail schooner *Zawisza Czarny*...a sixteen-cut musical documentary of her 1992 voyage. Read and listen to/download complete album at the link.

also, as a sidepiece to that journey, a **forty-day journal with photos**

<http://www.astrococktail.com/ZCjournal.html>

The tale of the 1992 trip on *Zawisza Czarny* by transatlantic educator and liaison officer, which turned out to be a PR miracle

Papers:

Life's Stormy Sea: Maritime Images In 19th Century Hymnody

<http://www.astrococktail.com/hymnody.html>...

Music In The Confederate Navy

<http://www.astrococktail.com/CSNmusic.html>

"Songwriter Charles Dibdin & 18-19th Century Maritime Music" (Mystic Seaport Museum)"

"The Influence of 19th Century Popular Song On Maritime Music"(Mystic Seaport Museum)

"Recent Problems Protecting Endangered Wrecks in the James River" (Soc. for Hist. Archaeology)

"Confederate Raiders: An Historic Past With A Future" (U.S. Naval Academy)

Articles:

Ships and Chanteys (Air New England *Flying Our Way*):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Ships%20And%20Chanteys.pdf>

Of Songs and Oysters (Mariners' Museum Journal):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Of%20Songs%20And%20Oysters.pdf>

Sea Songs Along The Baltic (Mariners' Museum Journal):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Sea%20Songs%20Along%20The%20Baltic.pdf>

England Travelogue (Mariners' Museum Journal):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Summer%20In%20England.pdf>

The Merry Dunn of Dover (Mariners' Museum Journal):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/TheMerryDunnofDover.pdf>

Do Ships Have Souls? (World of English):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/DoShipsHaveSouls.pdf>

Ocean Victuals (Sea Heritage News):

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Ocean%20Victuals.pdf>

Shooting The Sun (Matrix/Townley blog):

<http://matrixtownley.wordpress.com/2009/04/06/shooting-the-sun/#comments>

Northern Mariner and International Mariner reviews:

<http://www.astrococktail.com/print%20article%20pdfs/Maritime%20reviews.pdf>

Production, Promotion, Marketing:

Producer/director, 1994 Great Lakes Tall Ship Maritime Festival Series (7 cities)

Public relations officer, Polish tall ship *Zawisza Czarny*, 1992 Atlantic Tall Ship Races

Live Media (interviews, documentaries, appearances):

BBC, CBC, PBS, NBC, CBS, ABC, and Granada (England) radio & TV, Polish National Radio/TV, Voice of America, Armed Forces Radio, various local and cable TV, CNET Radio

Editorial Experience

Recent staff:

Western market and content developer for:

GaneshaSpeaks.com, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India (current)

Senior writer and/or editor at:

* Matrix Astrology Software's *Sessions in the Third House* (webzine, editor/writer)

<http://www.astrologysoftware.com/community/sessions/index.asp?orig=>

* InternetNews.com / StreamingMediaWorld.com (daily/weekly, senior writer)

* *AutoMedia / EQ Magazine / Surround Professional Magazine / CarSound* (monthlies, editor/writer)

Earlier staff:

The Inside News (national weekly tabloid, chief editor/writer)

Sexology Today (monthly, managing editor)

Concertina Magazine (quarterly, editor)

Boating (monthly, assistant editor)

CBS Publishing (writer), MCA Publishing (writer), Buddha Publishing (writer)

Previous:

Apostolic Recording Studios <http://www.astrococktail.com/Apostolic.html> (designer),

Tenth St. Productions (producer),

Epiphany Publishing (publisher)

Books (current):

The Lunar Return (Llewellyn), *Composite Charts* (Llewellyn)

Dynamic Astrology (Inner Traditions), *Planets In Love* (Whitford Press)

Freelance writer, editor:

eDigitalPhoto Magazine,

Dell Horoscope Magazine,

Panasonic ProVideo,

The Warsaw Voice,

Fortean Studies,

Digital Cinema,

Sea Heritage News,

The Rappahannock Record,

Intelligent Transportation Systems Daily,

The Motivation Show Daily,

CES Mobile Daily,

Recording Media,

The National Enquirer,

South Street Seaport Reporter,

The Mariners' Museum Journal,

Streaming Media Magazine,

Network Magazine (Sony),

Flying Your Way,

World Of English,

ProSound News,

Toy Fair Times,

Sea History,

Northern Mariner,

Sail,

Fate,

Firefighters' Quarterly

Deep Background:

John Townley is a **writer**, maritime historian, editor, author, photojournalist, recording artist, producer, and publicist. His books and articles range from unabashed **tabloid** feature writing to **scholarly papers** for the halls of academe.

In the **editorial/publishing** chair, he has headed daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly magazines both on staff and freelance.

John has **produced** recordings for labels as wide-ranging as **Columbia Records** and the **National Geographic Society**. A pioneer of professional **multitrack recording and production**, he designed and built the first 12-track recording studios in both New York and San Francisco and still writes extensively on the recording business for a variety of periodicals.

As **founding president** of The Confederate Naval Historical Society, he received the first-ever **Federal award** for leading an **F.B.I. investigation** and prosecution of looters of historic sunken ships under The National Historic Shipwrecks Act.

Former **program developer** at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia and New York's South Street Seaport Museum, his papers have been published by the Society for Historical Archaeology, Mystic Seaport Museum, and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Liaison (public affairs) officer and instructor aboard the Polish youth-training **tall ship** *Zawisza Czarny* in the 1992 Columbus Tall Ships Race, John was also director of Maritime Music International's seven 1994 maritime **festival productions** in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Some current URLs (other):

All articles (dozens) at: www.astrococktail.com/articles.html

Shanty Festival: <http://www2.warsawvoice.pl/old/v406/Buzz03.html>

Northern Mariner: <http://bell.mma.edu/~achase/ASVO-Northern-Mariner-review.html>

Deep background interview: <http://www.astrococktail.com/HouseplantTownleyInterview.html>

Matrix Interview:

http://www.thenewage.com/astromag/archive/articles/article_template.asp?ID=147&orig=

Composite Charts Interview:

<http://www.astrodomus.com/htmls/BookOfWeekResult.asp?CurID=8&Interview=TRUE>

Cycles Of The Sun And Moon (book excerpt): http://innerself.com./Astrology/cycles_moon.htm

Print articles (34): <http://www.astrococktail.com/jtprint.html>

Other:

Producer, recording artist: Columbia, Vanguard, Sony, Folkways, Adelphi, The National Geographic Society, The Smithsonian Institution

Designer/builder/engineer: 12-track recording studios, New York and San Francisco

Former President, The Astrologers' Guild of America

Discography (production &/or performance):

Pop and Folk:

- 1968 - The Family Of Apostolic, Vanguard Records
- 1969 - O Glory: The Rev. Gary Davis Apostolic Studio Sessions, Vanguard Records
- 1971 - Just Another Day, Vanguard Records
- 1975 - Songs of 1776, Songs Of The Civil War, National Geographic Society
- 1976 - The Top Hits Of 1776, Adelphi Records
- 1978 - The Flying Cloud, Adelphi Records
- 1999 - The Best Of The Magicians, Sony/Sundazed Records

Maritime recordings:

- 1972 - *The X Seamen's Institute Sings Sea Songs At South Street Seaport*, Folkways Records
- 1975 - *Heart Of Oak!* (X Seamen's Institute), Folkways Records
- 1976 - *Songs Of The Tall Ships* (The Starboard List), Adelphi Records
- 1977 - *Sea Songs Seattle* (festival album), Folkways Records
- 1978 - *Cruising Round Yarmouth* (The Starboard List), Adelphi Records
- 1978 - *Newport Tall Ships Shanty Festival*, Folkways Records
- 1980 - *Sea Song Favorites* (X Seamen's Institute), Folkways Records
- 1985 - *A Chesapeake Sailor's Companion* (The Press Gang), Mariner Records
- 1989 - *"The Old Bells (Stare Dzwony)" At The Albert Dock*, Maritime Culture Foundation, Poland
- 1991 - *Sailor!* (John Townley), Maritime Music International
- 1993 - *From The Baltic To The Bahamas* (Townley/Siurawski), Maritime Culture Fndn., Poland
- 1995 - *The Warsaw Mermaid* (Townley/Siurawski), Maritime Culture Foundation, Poland
- 2001 - *A Chesapeake Sailor's Companion* (The Press Gang), Adelphi Records CD reissue
- 2004 - *Classic Maritime Music* (Smithsonian Folkways Recordings)