

# Launch Day

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On the 9 July 2011 Launch of the Schooner *Ardelle*, Made in Essex Massachusetts by Harold Burnham and a Circle of Devoted Assistants.

Soon a new schooner built using methods consistent with the old ways is to be launched from the last of the shipyards.

For many months, deep in the night when the birds have gone silent and the hold of the present loosens phantom shipwrights have gathered in the vapor that trails across the water to deliberate about the work.

Because a side-launch is particular to this place and repeats so many that came before it, the echo of the hull's first contact with the water will pull the past through the present and the present into the past. When the hole in time opens all the inhabitants of all past and possible versions of the town will see each other. Like every launch, this will be a celebration. People from all past and possible version of town will converge. They will embrace and share drinks and tell each other important things.

