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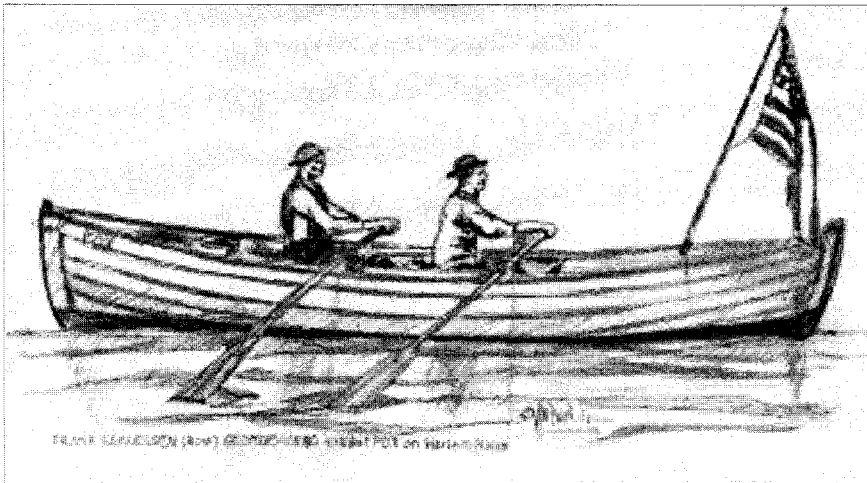
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George Harbo and Frank Samuelsen donned their Derby hats and 'Sunday best' to display their newly built *Surf Boat 'Fox'* on the Harlem River in 1896. Days later they rowed from the Battery in lower Manhattan to Le Havre, France. A distance of over 3,000 miles. We are creating a sculpture to honor this incredible event.. Read more below.
Drawing from original photos by Bill Osmundsen

AVAST!!! PROJECT FOX:-

The Voyage of the Fox,
the first transatlantic rowing adventure,
in 1886, by George Harbo and Frank Samuelsen,
a Sculpture work in progress,
has been published in large
11" x17", 22 page format and is also on view and is
available on my web site:-[www.BronzeSea.org/TheVoyage of the Fox](http://www.BronzeSea.org/TheVoyageoftheFox)

Victor Samuelsen who is based in Greenwich CT and Manhattan is the project coordinator. Victor introduces the Fox project, in the publication, the idea, which caught our collective fancy in July of last year. We both share a common heritage and love of the sea. When Victor unearthed the little known story of George Harbo, Frank Samuelsen and the Fox,-he thought it would be a good motif for my ongoing *Bronzes from the Sea* series.

We also thought with a little luck and good will "The Voyage of the Fox" in Bronze would be a fitting monument for the home town of both Frank Samuelsen and his distant relative and my friend Victor, both of Farsund, Norway. As we delved into the story of this adventure it grew and became more and more worthy of such a memorial..

- The story of the Fox, which I touched on in the March Blog, is about two Norwegian immigrants who, in 1886, decided to take up the challenge of taking a small boat, by oar only, and row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean. This type of adventure and daring was a great part of the mid to late 19th century. The American Yacht *America* in 1851, had challenged the British in a race around the Isle of Wright, winning and beginning the legacy of the *Americas Cup*.

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