

Author and Book Profile

Author: Mary Jane Hayes

Book: *Serena to Sea Story II*, published by Nautical Publishing of Rockledge, Florida

Mary Jane Hayes has been a freelance writer/photographer for almost forty years. Hundreds of her articles, essays and poems have appeared in a variety of publications, nautical and non-nautical and thousands of her photographs, including 200 covers. Her first book: *Eye on the Sea: Reflections on the Boating Life*, published in 1999 by Breakaway Books of New York, won the Boating Writers International's First Place Award (book category) for being the best book on recreational boating published in the years 1998-1999.

Her new book: *Serena to Sea Story II*, published by Nautical Publishing of Rockledge, Florida, chronicles the adventures of Mary Jane and her husband (and skipper) Warren aboard three of the four boats they've owned--- a Sabre 28-foot sailboat named *Serena*, a Grand Banks 32 foot trawler yacht named *Sea Story* and a 36 foot Grand Banks trawler named *Sea Story II*. All of their boats have been moored in the harbor at Scituate, Ma.

Aboard these boats, readers of *Serena to Sea Story II* voyage with the Hayes' as they cruise all over the south and north shores of Boston, to Maine, Cape Cod and the Islands, Narragansett Bay, Long Island Sound, the East River and New York Harbor, up the Hudson River and down the Intracoastal Waterway to Florida. They cope with every kind of sea and wind condition including a squall in Buzzards Bay and zero visibility fog in Maine; many an instrument and engine breakdown; the psychological factors of forever putting out into the unknown; searching for, sailing, living aboard and salvaging a boat; the nitty-gritty of getting ready for a cruise; the absolute glories boating grants that can't be found anywhere else. Mary Jane's favorite is the first time they ever ran the East River and into New York Harbor and "the beating heart of the busy-ness of the world!" But short of sinking, catching fire, colliding with another vessel or having one of them go overboard, everything that can happen to mariners has happened to them. Ashore now on an extended sabbatical, Warren is insuring other peoples' boats and Mary Jane is working on another book.