



# ***Swallow***

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My Great Grandfather was Tom Bushe. He was building a boat at the time of the War of Independence and start of the Civil war. She (the boat) was called Swallow. Swallow was made of oregon pine wood. She had two sails, a centre board and lead ballast. She was very modern for that time. My Great Grandfather got the plans for the Swallow from a magazine called Yachting monthly. Swallow was finished in 1922. She remained a sailing boat until the 1950's during which time, as well as been used as a fishing boat she also won many sailing races. After this she continued to be used as a fishing boat powered by an outboard engine.



My Great Grandfather (who built the Swallow)  
Tom Bushe gutting fish



Swallow being sailed by its  
Builder Tom Bushe

Tom (my great grandfather) was born in 1882 to Tom and Mary Ann Bushe (nee Salter) in the Cove, Baltimore. He had one brother called George and two sisters called Ellen and Maggie. He, his father also called Tom and his Grandfather Tom were all shipwrights (boat builders). They all lived in the Cove, Baltimore where I now live with my family.

My Grandfather Richard and his brother Frank inherited the boat in 1963 after the death of their Father. When Frank died my Grandfather Richard inherited the boat. My Grandfather Richard who is now 87 years of age still gets to enjoy the boat during the summer months. For several years my grandfather took us fishing during the summer on Swallow. To this day Swallow is still used and enjoyed by the Bushe family. In 2016 a lot of repairs were made to maintain the boat. I look forward to celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 5 years' time.



Harry Bushe (my self) on board Swallow 2015



The Shed in which Swallow was built



Swallow in the Cove with Seagulls resting on top of her.



My Grandfather Richard getting his Lobster pots ready on board Swallow

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Information about the boat, Richard, 1970

