

they had to be loaded by barges as there was not enough available wharfage. Eighteen sailing ships have often been anchored in the inside harbour at one time, so it was possible to cross the harbour by walking over the decks of the closely packed ships.

One of the most famous sailing ships ever built in Pugwash was the "City of Halifax", built by the DeWolfes. It was a full rigged beauty, according to 90-year old George Stewart, whose memory of and love for the old ships, can recall the earliest days of ship-building in the port town.

The proud Captain of the City of Halifax was a Muckleheny who came to Pugwash from the Parrsboro Shore district. His nephew, George MacDonnell accompanied him on one trip, but had the misfortune of falling overboard. Although he was rescued, he died soon after of injuries received.

Another queen of the sea the "Scotia, built in Pugwash with Captain Yeaman as the master. His daughter, Mrs. Martha MacLeod, is still living in Pugwash at the present time.

The "Eliza Oulton" was built by the Oulton family, and named for the bride of one of their sons, the former Eliza Borden who accompanied her husband on the ship's maiden

voyage to London as a honeymoon trip. Other ships built here were the "Alpha" and the "Beta", the latter being built where Mark Gillis' store is now located.

The men of Pugwash signed on these Pugwash ships, to sail them across the seven seas of the world and the "Beta" like many others took its full crew from the village. Two of the men who went to London in her were Jack Glenn and John Stewart. Returning from London to the West Indies, the "Beta" struck shifting sands of the coast of Florida and was grounded, high and dry, for several days.

The "Mortola" was the last square rigged ship built in Pugwash, and George Akerley, Charlie McCoy, Steve Cameron and Allie MacLeod were some of her crew.

Joseph Jones was the Martola's builder, and the ship often returned here for cargoes of lumber.

One of Nova Scotia's fastest ships and remembered by old sailors, was the "Sara A. Townsend", built by Dave Redmond for Captain Townsend of Sydney, N.S. After leaving Pugwash, this double top master went to Picou for a load of coal, continued on to Annapolis Royal and so started her career as a speedy sailing ship.