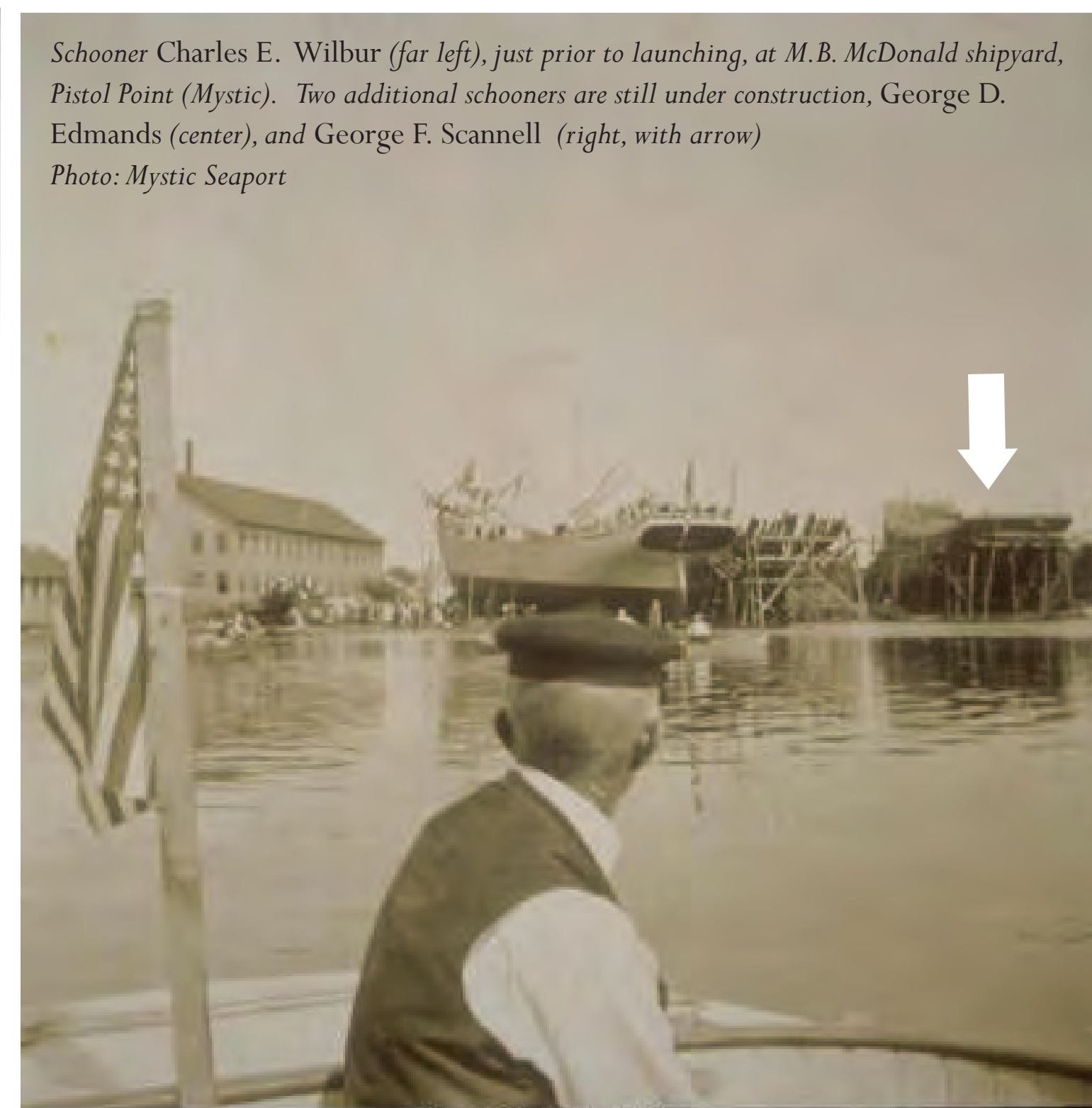


Excavation of 159 Buffel Head Road wreck from above  
Photo: Calvin Mires



Schooner Charles E. Wilbur (far left), just prior to launching, at M.B. McDonald shipyard, Pistol Point (Mystic). Two additional schooners are still under construction, George D. Edmonds (center), and George F. Scannell (right, with arrow)  
Photo: Mystic Seaport



The remains of a the bow of a wooden ship lie adjacent (and likely underneath) a residence at 159 Buffel Head Road, Duck.

One candidate for these remains is the American schooner *Momie T.*

This vessel, originally the single-decked wooden (oak, chestnut and yellow or hard pitch pine) schooner *George F. Scannell* was built in December of 1904 at Mystic, Connecticut by Michael B. McDonald (who would be in bankruptcy within 5 months).

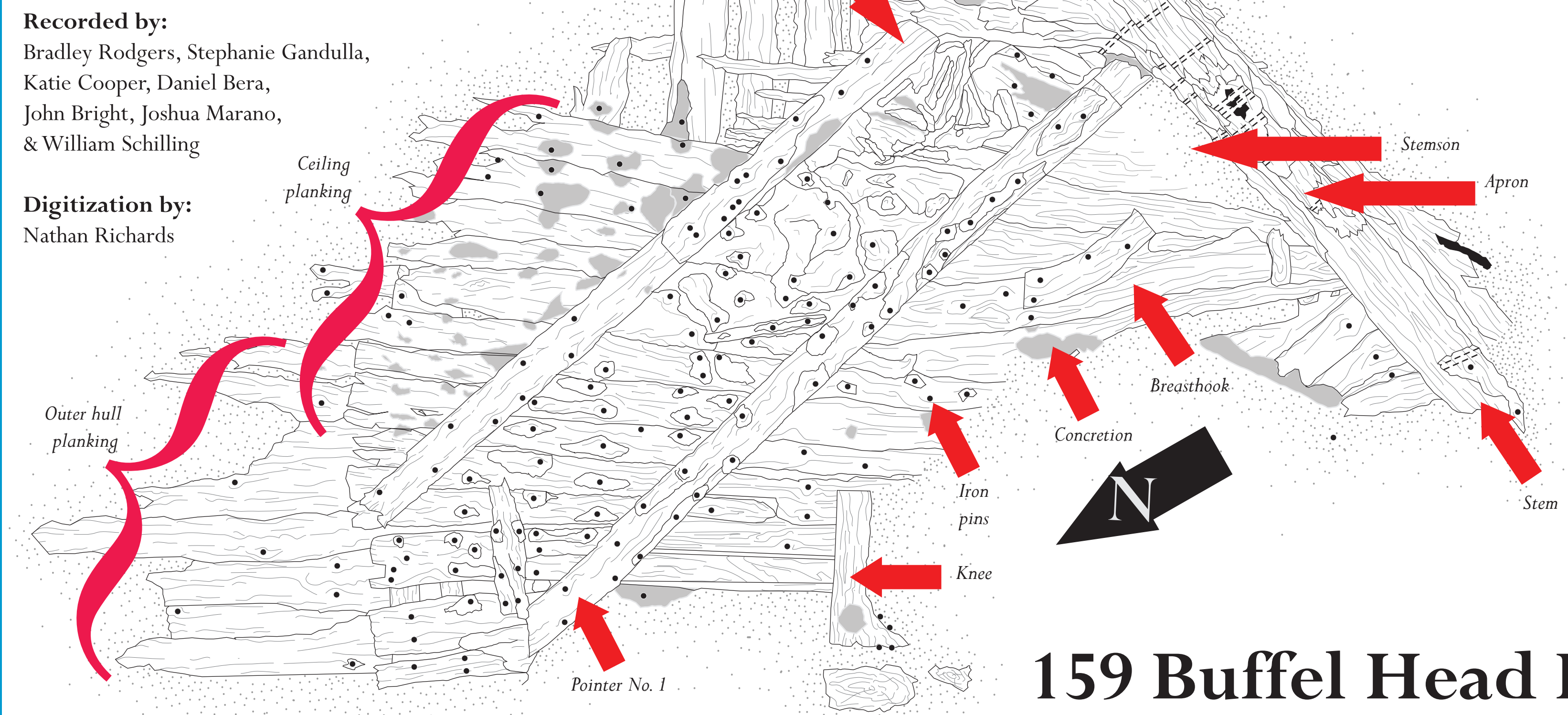
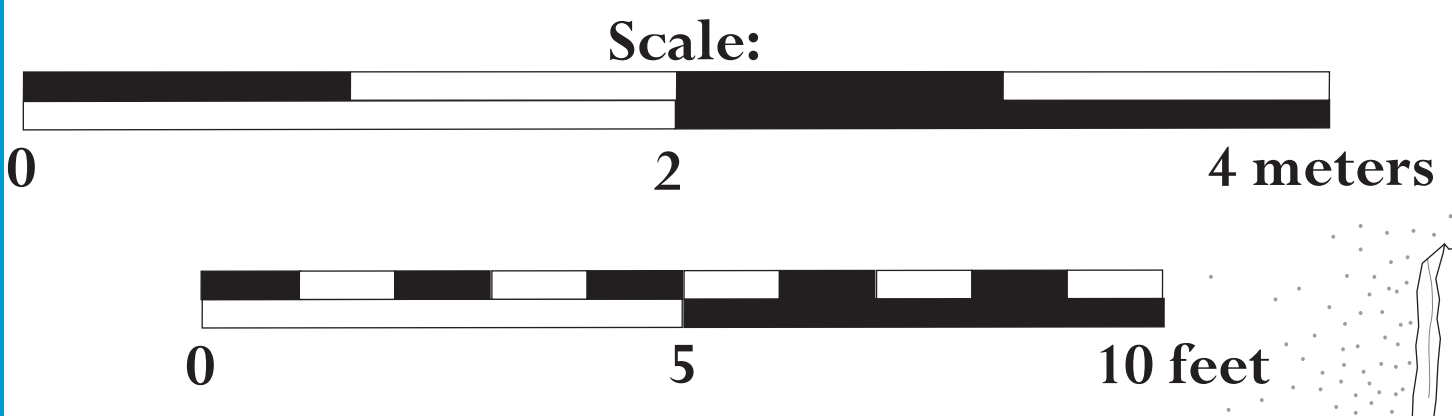
*George F. Scannell* was 169.2' long, 36.5' wide, with a draft of 13.3'. It had a gross tonnage of 475 tons, and sported 4-masts, an elliptic stern, and a billet head.

*Scannell* was renamed *Momie T.* in 1916, and was lost of Caffrey's Inlet on January 27, 1920. All of its crew of nine were saved.

While the location fits, and the dimensions of many of the timbers from the 159 Buffel Head Road wreck match the recommended sizes for the bow timbers of American wooden ships built around this time, the identity of the site cannot yet be conclusively proven.

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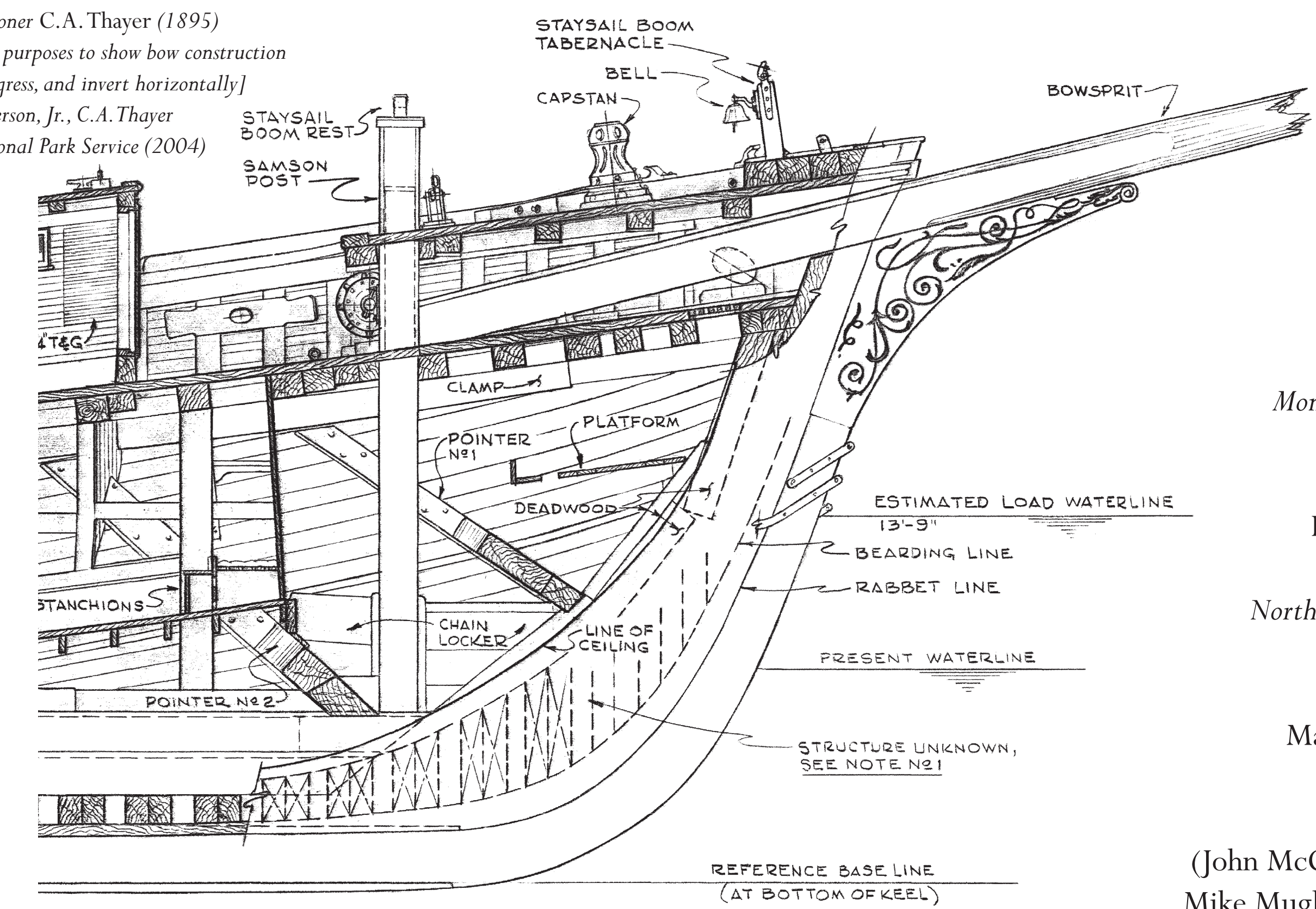
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Outboard profile of schooner C.A. Thayer (1895) depicted for comparative purposes to show bow construction [rotate site plan 180 degrees, and invert horizontally]  
Source: Richard K. Anderson, Jr., C.A. Thayer Recording Project, National Park Service (2004)



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