



Race for Real Sailors [A]: The Bluenose & the International Fisherman's Cup, 1920-1938

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David R. Godine, USA, 2006. Hardback/Cloth. Book Condition: New. 250pp Illustrated. [In stock in Australia, for immediate delivery] In the summer of 1920, many Canadian fishermen following the America's Cup series were frustrated. Every time the wind breezed up, the organisers called off the race. These are contests for men in whites and boats with tender hulls, they muttered in the taverns of Halifax and Lunenburg. Why not show these fancy yachtsmen what the last of the working schooners, manned by genuine salts, can do? A Nova Scotia newspaper donated a trophy and threw down the gauntlet to the seamen of New England, challenging them to meet the Maritimes' best in a race for real sailors'. And so the International Fishermen's Cup was born. Exhaustively researched in archives in both the U. S. and Canada, A Race for Real Sailors is a vibrant history of the Fishermen's Cup series, which dominated sporting headlines between the two world wars. Here are the incidents and drama of each race and the almost living personalities of the schooners that contested them: the Delawana and the Esperanto, the Columbia and the Gertrude L. Thebaud, and dominating them all the Bluenose, the big brute from Lunenburg...



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