***CHARLES W. MORGAN***

**\* SAILING REGATTA \***

**SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2014**

**An exciting sailing regatta showcasing two *Charles W. Morgan* whaleboats competing against two Azorean Maritime Heritage Society’s Azorean whaleboats will begin at 11:30am in the New Bedford Harbor on Sunday July 6th. The best viewing place is the State Pier where the race will start and finish. You are cordially invited to witness this first of its kind event and be part of history in the making.**

**The Regatta will begin from Pier 3 with the four whaleboats parading under tow around the harbor. The launch boat will line the boats up for the start in front of the State Pier. The race will then begin when the tow lines are released and the sails are raised. A triangular course in the harbor is planned.**

**Sponsoring the event is the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society (AMHS). AMHS was created in 1997 to promote Azorean maritime culture and raise awareness of the rich whaling heritage that had been shared for over 150 years on both sides of the Atlantic. With community outreach support, the AMHS was able to complete the construction of two Azorean whaleboats, the *Pico* and *Faial*. These boats, along with the *Bella Vista* owned by the New Bedford Whaling Museum, are used to stimulate recreational, educational and historic marine activities, including the International Whaleboat Regatta held alternately every other year in New Bedford and the Azores. In keeping with its mission, AMHS looks forward to welcoming the *Charles W. Morgan* to New Bedford and showcasing sailing skills of a bygone era.**