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Sailor Releases Century-spanning Double Mystery Set on Maine's Most Notorious Island, Combining Penobscot Bay History and Matinicus Island Lore

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Several years ago, a storm at sea forced author and sailor Darcy Scott to take refuge in the harbor at remote and notorious Matinicus Island—a place much in the news of late not only for the warring lobstering clans that descend from its original early 18th century settlers, but its infamous wild west-meets-beeper-generation lifestyle. Intrigued by this defiant, ruggedly self-sufficient community—one virtually closed to outsiders—Scott managed to negotiate a rare social entrée that allowed her access to a way of life most of us can only fantasize about.

The result is the May 10th release of *Matinicus—An Island Mystery* (Maine Authors Publishing, 2012), an intricate and meticulously researched weaving of the early 19th century and the present day whose dual plotline offers a glimpse of what life was once like on the island as well as a highly-charged murder mystery crafted from recent events. A Book Launch is planned for May 17th, 7:00 p.m., at RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth, NH.

Scott's tale, the first book in her Island Mystery Series, pits a renegade fishing community against an unhappy child-bride of the 1820s, a defiant twenty-first-century teen, and a hard-drinking botanist—Dr. Gil Hodges—who escapes to the island of Matinicus to avoid a crazed ex-lover and verify a rumored 22 species of wild orchid only to find himself hounded by the ghost of a child some 200 years dead. If Gil's hoping for peace and quiet, he's clearly come to the wrong place. Generations of infighting among loose-knit lobstering clans have left them openly hostile to outsiders. When a beautiful, bed-hopping stranger sails into the harbor, old resentments reignite and people begin to die—their murders linked, through centuries of violence, to a diary whose secrets threaten to tear the island apart.

*"Scott's prose crackles with energy, and her sense of place is superb...
The kind of book readers will tear through, only to find themselves hungry for more."
—Kirkus Reviews*

(Full review at <http://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/darcy-scott/matinicus/>)

Scott, a summa cum laude graduate of Smith College, is an experienced blue water sailor with more than 30,000 ocean miles under her belt. She's sailed to Grenada and back on a whim, island-hopped through the Caribbean, and been struck by lightning in the middle of the Gulf Stream. Her favorite cruising ground remains the coast of Maine, however, whose islands she's been sailing for more than two decades. Much of the year she lives with her husband aboard their sailboat in Kittery, Maine. This is her second novel.

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