

The Springfield Historical Society and NH Humanities Council
proudly present
"Overboard: A True Bluewater Odyssey of Disaster and Survival"

On Thursday evening, July 11th, author Michael J. Tougias will be our very special guest speaker. In May of 2005 Captain Tom Tighe and first mate Loch Reidy of the sailboat Almeisan welcomed three new crew members for a five day voyage from Connecticut to Bermuda. One of the new members was Ron Burd of N.H. Four days into their voyage a massive storm struck and Captain Tighe and Reidy were swept from the boat and carried away by huge seas. The three new crew members somehow remained on the vessel as it was torn apart. Tougias brings this story to life, following the desperate struggles of both the crew on the boat and the Captain and his first mate in the sea. Tougias met Burd at a Humanities Council program and wove his story into this program and a book by the same title!

People should plan to arrive at 7 pm to vote in our annual election of officers. Mr Tougias will present his program at 7:15. This will all take place at the Springfield Town Meetinghouse at 23 Four Corners Rd, Springfield, NH. The building is handicapped accessible and the program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Please call Donna Denniston 496-5462 for directions or further information.