

MORE ABOUT THE PERSON JOSHUA SLOCOM

HIS LUCKY NUMBER WAS THE 13...

"My voyages were all foreign. I sailed as freighter and trader principally to China, Australia, and Japan, and among the Spice Islands. Mine was not the sort of life to make one long to coil up one's ropes on land, the customs and ways of which I had finally almost forgotten."



"Perhaps he had heard of my success in taking a most extraordinary ship successfully to Brazil with that number of crew"



Together, Virginia and Joshua Slocum lived one of the great love stories of maritime history. They are shown here at ages 33 and 39 respectively. (Photo from B. Aymar Slocum; first published in *The Voyages of Joshua Slocum*, edited by Walter Magnes Teller, Rutgers University Press, 1958)

"To be alone forty-three days would seem a long time, but in reality, even here, winged moments flew lightly by"

"My diet on these long passages usually consisted of potatoes and salt cod and biscuits, which I made two or three times a week"

"I should mention that while I was at Melbourne there occurred one of those extraordinary storms sometimes called "rain of blood," the first of the kind in many years about Australia."