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Hervey Garrett Smith was a self-employed marine artist and writer. A graduate of the Pratt Institute of New York, he did illustrations for many sailing magazines and *National Geographic*. The largest collection of his paintings is held by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

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