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Bulk: 1960 - present

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This is an open reference collection of research notes, newspaper clippings, and other short, often unpublished, secondary sources about individual vessels. It includes both historical research and articles written about contemporary ships. A wide variety of vessels are represented, from fishing schooners and merchant sail to supertankers, ferries, and small boats.

In English

Open collection; multiple sources and accessions

Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:

Ferries

Fishing boats

Historic ships

Merchant ships

Navigation--history

Sailing ships

Schooners

Ships

Tankers

Acquisition:

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Condition:

Materials in this collection are mostly in good condition. However, many are on papers that are fragile and degrading with age.

Processing Note:

This collection serves to organize newspaper clippings, articles, research notes, and other small, often unpublished, pieces of secondary material about individual vessels. Original manuscripts are filed in PMM 32. The collection is organized by vessel name, and is added to as new material becomes available.

Scope and Content:

This is an open collection of research notes, newspaper clippings, and other short, often unpublished, secondary sources about individual vessels collected as reference materials. The

collection contains a mix of historical research and articles written about contemporary ships, many of them active in the late twentieth century. Vessels represented range from small boats to supertankers, with fishing vessels, schooners, sailing ships, ferries, and a variety of other vessels in between.

The bulk of the published material in this collection comes from Maine newspapers or nautical trade publications in the late twentieth century. Some articles, often contemporary to the vessels they describe, date as early as the mid-nineteenth century. The collection also contains research notes from Penobscot Marine Museum staff, volunteers, or correspondents, including a significant number written by Robert B. Applebee in his role as museum historian.

This collection is organized alphabetically by vessel name.