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Tucker Daland Papers

Daland, Tucker, 1851-1942
Papers, 1875-1932
1 flat box (1 linear foot)
Lawyer and yachtsman from Brookline, Massachusetts; summer resident of Vinalhaven, Maine

Two yacht log-books and a scrapbook kept by Tucker Daland, a Boston lawyer and yachtsman who summered in Vinalhaven, Maine. The collection is almost entirely related to Daland’s interest in yachting. The two log-books record daily activities on the racing yacht SHADOW and cruising yacht HERON. The scrapbook has line drawings, notes, sketches and photos of dozens of yachts, with some material more personally related to Daland.

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Finding aid available; folder level control.

Subject headings:
Daland, Tucker, 1851-1942
HERON (yacht)
SHADOW (yacht)
Sailing
Yacht building
Yachting
Yachting—social aspects
Yachts
Yachts—design and construction

Acquisition:
This collection was given to the Penobscot Marine Museum by Emily Lewis in 2011.

Restrictions:
This collection is open for research. It has no special restrictions.

Condition:
The two log-books are in good condition. The scrapbook has worn covers and spine and a fragile binding. The pages and glue are yellowing, causing some of the papers pasted in place to yellow as well. Some items are becoming detached from the pages. Items inserted loosely are more likely to show wear. A photo of the SHADOW, mounted on board, is broken in half.

Related Materials:
This collection was part of a larger gift that includes five boats owned by Tucker Daland and articles of clothing owned by members of the Daland family.
Historical Note:

Tucker Daland (1851-1942) was an enthusiastic yachtsman and long-time summer resident of Vinalhaven, Maine. The son of Henry Tucker and Helen Eliza Daland, he attended Harvard University before starting his career as a lawyer in Boston. Daland quickly became an established part of Boston’s social scene. In 1884, he purchased land for a summer home on Vinalhaven Island, across the Fox Islands Thoroughfare from North Haven, and was one of the first out-of-state summer residents in the area.

Daland was heavily involved in yachting for most of his life. In 1875, he purchased the Hereshoff-designed centerboard sloop SHADOW, which was dominating New England’s racing circuit, and sailed her for the season. After selling SHADOW in 1876, Daland went on to own and commission a wide variety of vessels, from sailing canoes to practical rowboats for getting around the Fox Islands to powerboats. He acquired the HERON, a 45’, B.B. Crowninshield-designed schooner, in the early twentieth century, and sailed her extensively around the Penobscot Bay.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains two yacht log-books and a scrapbook kept by Tucker Daland which, together, document nearly fifty years of American yachting. The log-books are from two ends of Daland’s career: one, from the SHADOW, covers a racing season in 1875, while the other, from the HERON, records cruises around Penobscot Bay between 1920 and 1932. Both contain notes on destinations, weather conditions, and mishaps or successes, as well as crew and passengers on board, thereby describing the social, geographic, and material worlds of Daland’s yachting experience. The SHADOW log-book additionally contains accounts for food purchases, wages, and other expenses for operating the yacht.

The scrapbook contains material dated from 1872 to 1924. The bulk of the material consists of plans, notes, articles, sketches, and photographs of yachts that Daland owned or was interested in. There are also newspaper clippings, primarily from the 1870s, and a few watercolors and other undated ephemera.

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