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Sturgis Haskins Collection

Haskins, Sturgis, 1940-2012

Collection, 1919 - 2011

9 linear feet

Sailor, writer, photographer, and gay rights activist from Sorrento, Maine.

Research notes, photographs, correspondence and ephemera compiled by Sturgis Haskins of Sorrento, Maine. The bulk of the collection consists of Haskins's encyclopedic research into the one design boats raced around Frenchman's Bay and Mount Desert Island in the late twentieth century. The remainder includes photographs and harbor records for the town of Sorrento and correspondence, photographs, and ephemera related to yacht clubs, sailboat racing, and architecture around the northern part of Penobscot Bay.

In English.

Heidi H. Hooper; Gift; 2012; LB2013.8

Finding aid available; volume level control

Subject Headings:

Haskins, Sturgis, 1940-2012

Sorrento (Me.)

Mount Desert Island (Me.)

Alden, John Gale, 1884-1962.

Herreshoff Manufacturing Company

Luders Marine Construction Co.

Fishing boats

Sailboat racing

Sailboats

Yacht racing

Yachts

Photograph albums

Acquisition:

This collection was donated to the Penobscot Marine Museum by Sturgis Haskin's sister, Heidi H. Hooper, shortly after Haskins's death.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. There are no special restrictions, except where materials may retain their original copyright.

Condition:

This collection is largely in good condition. Leaves that are not encased in page protectors are often worn or torn around the binder rings, and some documents have been folded to fit into page protectors.

Processing Note:

This collection is organized as Sturgis Haskins left it, with no modification since.

Related Materials:

PMM 28, the Sorrento Yacht Club Records, is another group of material donated by Sturgis Haskins, representing his long-standing involvement with the Sorrento Yacht Club. Haskins also donated a collection of burgees, most flown on his own boats, with LB2013.8.

Maine Maritime Museum holds more of Haskins's photographs and correspondence about one design boats in collections MS-101 and PC-75. Coll. 2682 at the Maine Historical Society contains photographs, historical documents and ephemera, and correspondence from Sturgis Haskins. It is broader in scope, covering Haskins's ongoing interests in the history of Sorrento and Sullivan, Maine, architecture and local estates, and his gay rights activism. Another group of Haskins's papers is at the University of Southern Maine as LG MS 07, Sturgis Haskins Papers.

Historical Note:

Sturgis "Sturge" Haskins (1940-2012) was an avid sailor, photographer, writer, and organizer from Sorrento, Maine. He was the son of Reginald and Helen Haskins, both of Sorrento, and grew up in the town. He attended the University of Maine at Machias and Orono, the New School for Social Research in New York, and spent a year at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He lived in New York in the 1960s and Boston in the 1970s, spending summers sailing in Sorrento before moving back to the town full-time.

Haskins's obituary describes him as a "well liked good citizen, who got things done." He was deeply involved with projects related to his many interests. As a historian, he helped found the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society and served on the board of the Great Harbor Marine Museum. He was on the planning boards for the Town of Sorrento and for Hancock County, and served on the Sorrento Harbor Board as well. He was an outspoken advocate for gay rights and the gay community, founding the Wilde-Stein Club at the University of Maine and the Chiltern Mountain Club out of Boston. An outdoorsman, he was active in the Maine Sierra Club and the Maine Audubon Society. Finally, as a sailor, he was both a junior and senior Maine sailing champion, a sailing instructor, an active member of the Sorrento Yacht Club, and an organizer for many one-design races in the Sorrento and Mount Desert Island area.

Haskins was also a writer, publishing articles in magazines like "Wooden Boat" and "DownEast magazine," a prolific photographer, and a careful researcher. Much of his research was directed towards the history of one-design racing classes and local yacht clubs. He was also interested in music and architecture.

Scope and Content:

The bulk of this collection consists of Sturgis Haskins's research notes and photographs of boats and classes of boats raced in Sorrento, Frenchman's Bay, and Mount Desert Island. It also contains some correspondence and manuscript material related to sailing and yacht racing and topical ephemera collected by Haskins. The collection provides a detailed record of the development of small, one design racing sailboats, and a somewhat episodic record of yachting and sailing around Sorrento and Mount Desert Island in the twentieth century.

Haskins's research is precise and encyclopedic, neatly listing dates or hull numbers, owners, designers, and builders for multiple classes of racing sailboats. Haskins usually focused this research either on boat builders, like the Herreshoff Manufacturing Co., George Lawley & Sons, or the Mount Desert Yacht Yard; or by one design class, like the Winter Harbor Knockabouts or Northeast Harbor A-Class. Though the starting point for this research was often classes of boats being raced in Frenchman's Bay, Haskins usually included all boats built in the class or by the firm, making this a valuable resource for the development of one design sailboat racing. For some sailboat classes, usually those closely tied to Sorrento or Mount Desert Island, Haskins included photographs of each member of the class.

Other material in this collection is usually incidental to Haskins's research process, and therefore somewhat fragmentary. Haskins's research into Luders L-16s, for instance, accompanied his effort to revive L-16 racing on Mount Desert Island, and his correspondence on the subject illustrates some of the social world of one design racing. Several other classes are represented in a similar manner.

A portion of this collection is dedicated to Haskins's hometown of Sorrento, Maine. Haskins served on the town harbor committee in the 1980s, and his records of that, including lists of every boat moored in the harbor, are here. There are also photographs of many Sorrento boats and people, ephemera from the Village Improvement Association, and a few records from the Sorrento Yacht Club.

Ephemera in this collection likewise reflects Haskins's collecting interests, and includes advertisements and brochures about various one-design boats, programs and other items from yacht clubs around Frenchman's Bay, and souvenir pamphlets from vacation spots on Mount Desert Island and around Penobscot Bay. The last is supplemented by extensive photographs that Haskins took on home and garden tours of summer cottages on the Maine Coast.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Research Material	
1	1	Research notes and publication requests	
	2	Boothbay Harbor One-Designs	
	3	Herreshoff S Class	
			<u>Planning</u>
	4	Sorrento Planning Board, town maps, 1974	
	O.S.	Maine Coastal Inventory Resource Maps, c. 1973 (oversize)	
			<u>Sailing and Yacht Racing</u>
	5	Atlantic Class Association	
	6	Cape Cod Mercury Association	
	7	Larchmont Yacht Club	
	O.S.	Northeast Harbor Fleet, race chart, one-design classes	
	8	<i>Paul Elvström explains...the yacht racing rules.</i> 7 th edition. Lyvington (Hampshire): Creagh-Osborne & Partners, 1973.	
			<u>Yacht catalogs and advertisements</u>
	9	John G. Alden, Inc.	
	10	Alden Ocean Shells (Martin Marine Corp.)	
	11	Cape Cod Shipbuilding Co.	
12	O'Day Corporation		
13	Canoes, motorboats and folding boats		
14	Sailing Dinghies		
15	Keelboats		
16	<i>Boats Today: 175 Boat Designs</i> v. III (1960)		
2	1	Sails, Cressy & Curtis Inc.	
	2	Miscellaneous yacht equipment	
		<u>Other Printed Material</u>	
3	Ephemera, miscellaneous (see also: oversize)		
4	America's Cup (see also: oversize)		
O.S.	Maps (oversize)		

- O.S. Plans (oversize)
- 5 Periodicals, miscellaneous: *NCESA Reporter*, 13 no. 2 (Winter 1977); *USYRU News*, 3 no. 1 (1978); *The Dolphin Book Club News*, April & May, 1978; *International Marine Books*, May 1982; *Sea*, 70 no. 4 (April 1978); *Maine Boats Homes and Harbors*, 95 (July 2007)
- 6 *The Rudder*, xv no. vii (July 1904)
- 7 Newspaper clippings
- 8 Scrapbook pages
- 9 Holy Bible

- 3 Oversize
- 1 Maine Coastal Resource Inventory Maps, c. 1973
- 2 Northeast Harbor Fleet, race chart, one-design classes
- 3 Maps: Vinalhaven, Maine, U.S. Geological Survey, 1947; atlas pages, publisher unidentified, Winter Harbor, Maine, c. 1895
- 4 Plans: Body plans, Q.A. Seventeens, 1954; sail plan; unidentified; sail and body plan, "Brutal Beast" dinghy (rolled)
- 5 Ephemera

Bound Notebooks:

- Volume 1 Alden-designed yachts, listed by:
 - Name, with owners
 - Design numbers, with builders, year built, and owners
 - Racing classes
 - Builders
 - Owners
- 2 Bunker & Ellis/Ellis Boat Company, Manset, Maine
 - Specifications for Ellis Boat Company Cruisers
 - List of boats built by Bunker & Ellis
- 3 Herreshoff S Class
 - Lists of owners
 - 50th anniversary racing season, 1969; 60th anniversary, 1979
 - Clippings, articles, and sale notices
- 4 Photographs taken at the Castine Classic Yacht Race, 2011
 - Herreshoff
 - Luders
 - Other designers, miscellaneous
 - Rule Classes
 - Model boats
 - Schooners
 - Brooklin Boat Yard
- 5 Herreshoff-built vessels, Herreshoff Manufacturing Co.
 - Chronological listing
 - Alphabetical listing
 - Index of owners
 - Listing by class
 - Specifications, one-design classes
- 6 Lawley-built vessels, George Lawley & Son or F.D. Lawley, Inc.
 - Images and manuscript

- Lists of owners
- 7 Lawley-built vessels
 - Chronological list, boats built by George Lawley & Son or F.D. Lawley Inc.
 - Lawley designs by other builders
 - Designers
 - One Designs
 - Original owners
- 8 Luders-built vessels, Luders Marine Construction Company
 - One-design class listing
 - Owner and vessel lists, c. 2008
 - Boats for sale, c. 2008
 - Correspondence re: reviving Luders class racing around Mount Desert Island
- 9 Luders L-16 Class
 - International L-16 Class Association Rules, 1972
 - Program, 50th Reunion of the Luders Fleet
 - Correspondence and reports, producing L-16s in fiberglass, 1971-1973
 - Luders Marine Construction Co. manuscripts and ephemera
 - L-16 fleet lists, by hull number and location
 - Photographs and scrapbook, L-16 class
 - Southwest Harbor fleet paperwork, 2003-2006
- 10 "Major Builders and Designers" by Sturgis Haskins, 1982. Volume 1: B.B. Crowninshield
 - Vessels by design number
 - Design notes
 - List of published plans
 - One designs
 - Rule classes
 - Plans
- 11 Winter Harbor Knockabouts
 - Photographs, Winter Harbor Fleet, 2006
 - History, Winter Harbor knockabouts, by Vicki Goldstein
 - List of owners
- 12 Northeast Harbor A-Class
 - Pamphlet, Rice Brothers Corp, East Boothbay, Maine
 - List of owners
 - Photographs
- 13 *The Complete History of the Buck's Harbor Yacht Club. Volume 1: A Chronicle of Families.* Compiled by John Eysenbach et al.
- 14 Multi-topic binder:
 - Souvenir books for Mount Desert Island, Northeast Harbor, Felsted, and Bar Harbor, Maine, and Newport, Rhode Island
 - Boatbuilders of Mount Desert Island
 - Photographs, correspondence, and clippings related to Luders boats in the Mount Desert Island area, 2005
 - Mount Desert Yacht Yard, advertisements and lists of boats built
 - List of Amphibi Con Class, 1987
- 15 Photo Album
 - Photographs of homes and gardens on Mount Desert Island, 1986
 - One design racing classes active on Mount Desert Island

- 16 Scrapbook:
List of boats moored in Sorrento, ME, 1984
Wee Scott-class boats, advertisements
Sorrento, Maine, ephemera
Mount Desert Island, Maine, ephemera
Libretto, *Le Preziose Ridicole*, 1930
- 17 Photographs, vessels in Sorrento Harbor, c. 1890 – c. 1990
Power boats: lobsterboats, mussel boats, fishing boats, boats under 20',
boats 20'-30', and steamboats
Sailboats: daysailers under 20', 20' – 30', daysailers over 30', cruisers,
and miscellaneous
Mooring and rowboat applications for Sorrento Harbor, 1987-1989 (loose)
- 18 "Boats of the Sorrento Area, Including Frenchman's Bay Racing Classes," 1984
Alphabetical Listing
Sailboats
Racing Classes
Power Boats
Owners
- 19 Sorrento Harbor Commission, 1987-1989
Mooring and rowboat permits
Finances
Harbor ordinances
- 20 Sorrento boats and Yacht Club
"Sorrento Boats: The 1950s Remembered," draft manuscript
Sorrento Yacht Club
- 21 Winter Harbor Yacht Club
History of the Winter Harbor Yacht Club, by Sturgis Haskins
Rules, race results, and fleet information
Photographs of boats and club members, assembled 1982-1992
- 22 Scrapbook:
Sailboat races, Mount Desert Island, 2007
Waterline, a newsletter about Boothbay Harbor One Design sloops, v. 1
no. 2 to v. 2 no. 3 (Summer 2005 – Fall 2006)
Sturgis Haskins, correspondence about racing sailboats, 1983 (indexed)
- 23 Manuscripts by Sturgis Haskins:
"From Pups to Pumps: 70+ Years of a Crowninshield Design," 1982
"The Wee Scots of Sorrento," 1981
"The Elusive Gypsy: Oldest Crowninshield Boat Still Afloat?" 1976
"The Winter Harbor 21 Foot Knockabout Class"
Alphabetical list of one design classes
Northeast Harbor B-class, photographs and information
- 24 Yacht racing newsletters:
Maine Yacht Racing Association, newsletters and directory, 1974-9
United States Yacht Racing Union, newsletter, 1978-1980
National Cape Cod Mercury Association, Bulletin, 1970-1979
Laser 8 News, 1979-1980
Correspondence and research notes, "Early Racing Classes of Maine," 1971-
1983 (see also: volume 26)
- 25 "Sorrento Racing Boats," photographs
Wee Scots
S-boats

- Mercury class
- Turnabouts
- Flying Fifteens
- 26 "Early Racing Classes of Maine" by Sturgis Haskins
Manuscript and illustrations (see also: volume 24)
- 27 Scrapbook and photo album:
 - Photographs, buildings, seining, and yachts, 1992
 - Photographs, WoodenBoat School, Camden, miscellaneous boats, undated
 - Newspaper clippings, most related to boatyards, c. 2010
 - Puckerbrush Review* xxvii no. 1 (summer/fall 2010). Feature story: "The Disparate Worlds of Sturgis Haskins."
- 28 Scrapbook, personal material, 2011
- 29 Architecture and gardens, Southwest Harbor and North Haven
 - Lists of negatives owned by W.H. Ballard, for a display at the Southwest Harbor Public Library, 1991
 - Photographs of a tour of North Haven by Maine Citizens for Historic Preservation, 1993
 - Brochures for home and garden tours, 2011
- 30 Photographs, Penobscot Bay islands, c. 1987-1989
Turtle Island, Vinalhaven, Eagle Island, and Monhegan