The Finding Aid of the John Abel Collection on the Malibu Yacht Club and the Malibu Surfing Outrigger 0138

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Title: John Abel Collection on the Malibu Yacht Club and the Malibu Surfing Outrigger

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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet (1 box and 8 blueprints)

Date (inclusive): 1957-2012

Abstract: This collection consists of materials relating to the Malibu Yacht Club and the Malibu Surfing Outrigger, a sailboat designed by club member Warren Seaman. It includes blueprints, plans, articles, manuals, photographs, and record books about the Malibu Outrigger, as well as ephemera and directories for the Malibu Yacht Club.

Arrangement
The collection is organized alphabetically by folder title.

Biographical / Historical
Founded in the late 1940s, the Malibu Yacht Club promoted sailing off the coast of Malibu for over 60 years. Three-time club commodore Warren Seaman designed the Malibu Outrigger, inspired by Polynesian crafts he'd seen while serving in the Pacific in WWII. When Seaman first became commodore in 1954, he donated the rights to the Outrigger plans to the Club. John Abel, former commodore and Club treasurer, collected materials related to the Outrigger and the Malibu Yacht Club and donated his collection to Pepperdine University in 2015.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated to Pepperdine University by John Abel in 2015.

Scope and Content
This collection contains materials related to the Malibu Yacht Club and the Malibu Surfing Outrigger, a type of sailboat designed by club member Warren Seaman. Included are an original blueprint for the Malibu Surfing Outrigger, plus seven copies. Also included are additional plans for modifications to the boat, flyers advertising plans for the Malibu Outrigger, and photographs of the boat. There is also a photocopy of a guidebook of techniques for sailing the Outrigger, as well as photocopies of several articles about the boat. This collection also contains photocopied ephemera relating to the Malibu Yacht Club, a copy of the Malibu Surfside News containing an article about the Club, and several original membership directories for the Club. A few of the items in this collection are accompanied by handwritten notes from John Abel.

Related Archival Materials
Malibu Times Photographs, Collection no. 0112, Malibu Historical Collection, Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, Pepperdine University.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Malibu (Calif.) -- History
Sailing -- California -- Malibu
Sailing clubs

map-case 1, drawer 2  Malibu Surfing Outrigger Blueprints 1957-1968
Physical Description: (1 original and 7 copies)

box 1, folder 1  12-foot Malibu Outrigger Plans 1957 March 10
Malibu Outrigger Article in Popular Mechanics Magazine 1958 June
Physical Description: Article is a print-out of the digitized original.
box 1, folder 3  Malibu Outrigger Article in *Sailing Illustrated*
   Physical Description: Item is a partial photocopy of the original article.

box 1, folder 4  Malibu Outrigger Record Book 1967-2014
box 1, folder 5  Malibu Surfing Outrigger Plans Promotional Flyer
   Physical Description: (1 original and 1 copy)

box 1, folder 6  Malibu Surfing Outrigger Plans Alternative Rudder
   Physical Description: (2 copies)

box 1, folder 7  Malibu Surfing Outrigger Plans Spray Rail
   Physical Description: (2 copies)

box 1, folder 8  *Malibu Surfside News, Vol. 39, No. 19 2012 March 29*
   Physical Description: (1 copy)

   Physical Description: (4 copies)

box 1, folder 10  Malibu Yacht Club, Beachcomber Invitational Regatta Ephemera 1966 September 17 - 1966 September 18

box 1, folder 11  Photographs of Malibu Outrigger 1983

box 1, folder 12  *Techniques of Sailing and Racing the Malibu Outrigger, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics 1970 April 18*
   Physical Description: Item is a photocopy of the original text.