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Collection Summary
Title: Oscar Johnson Photographs of Sea Scout Ship Navigator (120), 1938-1950
Date: 1938-1950
Collection No: P06-028
Creator: Johnson, Oscar
Extent: 35 copy negatives.
Repository: San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (Calif.)
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Abstract: The collection consists of 35 copy negatives selected from three albums of photographic prints related to the Sea Scouts and their activities in Aquatic Park, San Francisco including activities aboard Sea Scout Ship Navigator and landscape features of Aquatic Park between 1938 and 1950.
Language: English

Indexing Terms
The following are indexing terms related to the description of this collection.

Subjects
Boy Scouts of America. Exploring Division.
Sea Scouts.
Training ships.

Geographical Names
Aquatic Park (San Francisco, Calif.)--History.
Aquatic Cove (San Francisco county, California, United States, North and Central America) bay.

Genres and Forms of Materials
Internegatives.
Reproductions.

**Occupations**
Seamen.

**Access**
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**Custodial History**
The original photographs were created and/or compiled by Oscar Johnson. The albums were borrowed and accession under SAFR-1956 in 2006. The photographic reproductions were selected by Stephen Canright for accessioning as a field collection into San Francisco Maritime's museum collection under SAFR-1957.

**Acquisition**
Accession number SAFR-1957, field collection from copy of loan.

**Processing and Cataloging**
Processed by Sara Diamond and completed 12 Jan 2007. ANCS+ Catalog No. SAFR 20700. This number links the collection to the ANCS+ catalog record and documentation. A portion of the ANCS+ catalog record can be viewed on the NPS Museum Collections Web Catalog by searching for the above number at http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm.

**Historical Note**
The Sea Scouts is an Exploring Division of Boy Scouts of America, and the units are known as "Ships." They have been a presence in San Francisco since the early 1920s where the program began operating out of the Marina Yacht Harbor. They moved to Aquatic Park in 1942, initially to a small pier north of the current Base, and finally to it's current location in late 1945 or early 1946. The structure that is now the Base was built and occupied by the U.S Army during the Second World War. The original San Francisco Sea Scout Ship # 120 depicted in many of the photographs was named Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.). The later photographs depict the replacement whaleboat acquired in 1949.

Oscar Johnson joined the Sea Scout Ship #120 Navigator in 1938. From 1946 to 1990 he was an officer of the Ship, and in 1948 was the skipper of Navigator. The Aquatic Park Sea Scout Base is still occupied by the Sea Scouts, and sits within the boundaries of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of 35 copy negatives selected from three albums of photographic prints related to the Sea Scouts and their activities in Aquatic Park, San Francisco. Between 1938 and 1950, Oscar Johnson compiled and took photographs of the San Francisco Sea Scouts and of their vessel Navigator in particular. Images include shipboard activities, as well as, landscape features of Aquatic Park.

**Arrangement**
The collection of 35 copy negatives are arranged and organized in numeric order as they were copied from the original loaned photographic albums.

**Inventory**
- P06-028.1. Sea Scout boats and high school cutters at yacht harbor.
- P06-028.2. Youth working on Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.).
- P06-028.3. Sea Scout boats at Gas House Cove.
- P06-028.4. Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) with spinnaker.
- P06-028.5. Sea Scout boats at old pier, Aquatic Park, ca. 1946-1949.
- P06-028.6. Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) at old pier, Aquatic Park.
- P06-028.7. Floats and pilings at Aquatic Park.
P06-028.8. Sea Scout topsail schooner SEQUOIA.
P06-028.9. Working on Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) with Aquatic Park in the background.
P06-028.10. Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) with shack at the base of Muni Pier.
P06-028.11. Public at Sea Scout Base.
P06-028.13. Sea Scout base with sunken boat, Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building, a National Historic Landmark, in can be seen in the background.
P06-028.15. Aquatic Park lagoon with pilings.
P06-028.16. Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) with Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building in background.
P06-028.17. Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) with pilings in Aquatic Park.
P06-028.18. Navigator (lifeboat: 30 ft.) under sail.
P06-028.28. Locker at north end of the Sea Scout base.
P06-028.29. Old pier at Aquatic Park, ca. 1950.
P06-028.31. Navigator (whaleboat: 30 ft.) with the north end of the Sea Scout base.
P06-028.32. Door at north end or the Sea Scout base, 1950.
P06-028.34. Lockers at north end, and Navigator (whaleboat: 30 ft.) almost finished.