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Physical Location: San Francisco Maritime NHP, Historic Documents Department

Language(s): In English.

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This collection was transferred from Golden Gate National Recreation Area to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Historical or Biographical Note

The San Francisco Maritime Museum Association (SFMMMA) was incorporated in January 1950, opening to the public in the Casino Building at Aquatic Park on May 27, 1951. The SFMMMA purchased the ship BALCLUTHA in 1954; it was restored and open to the public in 1955. In 1957 the California State Park Commission created San Francisco Maritime State Historic Park, which eventually included the ships THAYER, ALMA, WAPAMA, HERCULES and EUREKA, as well as the Hyde Street Pier

and Haslett Warehouse. In 1977 the San Francisco Maritime State Historic Park became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), and in 1978 the holdings of the San Francisco Maritime Museum Association were transferred to the National Park Service, as part of the GGNRA. The Association then changed its name to the National Maritime Museum Association (NMMA). In 1988, a separate park was created as the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, with the National Maritime Museum Association as its cooperative association. In 2001, the Association changed its name to San Francisco Maritime National Park Association.

Collection Scope and Content

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The arrangement of the collection is as follows:

Series 1: Balclutha (ship, 3m) logbooks, 1955-1974

Series 2: Smooth logbooks, 1972-1977

Series 3. Miscellaneous documents, 1954(1972-1978)1993

Series 0001. Balclutha (ship, 3m) logbooks, 1955-1974

Extent: volume 77

Language(s): In English.

Scope and Content Note

Balclutha (ship, 3m) logbooks include "Watch" and "Ship's" logbooks.

The "Watch" logbooks (1971-1974) are narrative and informal, with entries written by the crew of the Balclutha, detailing weather conditions, maintenance performed, accidents, visitor behavior, and shift assignments. The "Ship's" logbooks (1955--1971) have entries made by the Ship Manager, Office Manager or Assistant Office Manager and describe shift assignments (graveyard, day, swing), maintenance performed, weather conditions, and visitor attendance.

Arrangement

Series 1: Balclutha (ship, 3m) logbooks ("Ship's Log"and "Watch"/"Watchmen's Log"), 1955--1974.

Box 1: Volume 1 -

Box 2: Volume 10 -19

Box 3: Volume 20 - 30

Box 4: Volume 31 - 42

Box 5: Volume 43 - 67

Box 6: Volume 54 - 66

Box 7: Volume 68 - 77

Arranged chronologically.

Series 0002. **Smooth logbooks, 1972-1977**

Extent: volume 20

Language(s): In English.

Scope and Content Note

"Smooth" logbook entries (1972--1977) are made by the Ship Manager or Assistant Manager describe weather and maintenance performed. Shift assignments are noted by crew members or the Assistant Manager. These logs chronologically overlap the "Watch" logbooks.

Arrangement

Series 2: ("Smooth Logbooks") 1972--1977.

Box 7: Volume 1 -7

Box 8: Volume 8 - 20

Arranged chronologically.

Series 0003. **Miscellaneous documents, 1954-1993 (bulk 1972-1978)**

Extent: Folder 44

Language(s): In English.

Scope and Content Note

Miscellaneous records (1954--1993) of the National Maritime Museum Association, Cooperating Association to the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Collection includes documents removed from a safe deposit box belonging to the San Francisco Maritime Museum, such as the Bill of Sale for Balclutha (ship, 3m), bank loan note receipts, legal correspondence, and various contracts and agreements (1954--1962). Also includes two Eppleton Hall (tugboat, sidewheel) logbooks (1970 and 1975), booklets, brochures programs, announcements, invitations, rigging information, fuel tank soundings (forms), and articles.

Arrangement

Arranged by accession number.

44 file units (including 2 logbooks/volumes).

4 drawings, SL-RR-LD Type Air-Cooled Engine

Correspondence of William Burgess, Jr. regarding historic ships Alma (scow schooner), Eppleton Hall (tugboat, sidewheel) and others in the Museum's collection.