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Golden Gate National Recreation Area transferred these materials to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.  
**Historical or Biographical Note**  
George M. Shaw was the father of J. Porter Shaw, namesake of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's Library. George M. Shaw was an attorney and served at commodore of the local California Yacht Club and was a member of the Oakland Yacht Club.  
**Collection Scope and Content**  
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The IDLER logbook begins with Season 1901, California Yacht Club on April 13, 1901 and chronicles her voyages in and around San Francisco Bay and up the Sacramento River, covering nearly a dozen years. The sailing vessel was berthed at the California Yacht Club in Oakland, California. The logbook describes sailings for hunting, fishing and pleasure cruises, as well as several races in which the IDLER participated. One such race, the Vincent Handicap Race was described on Sunday, September 30, 1906. Adhered to the pages of the logbook are a few newspaper articles describing sailing events and a program of the California Yacht Club Opening Night, April 18, 1903 where George M. Shaw is listed as Commodore of the club and owner of the IDLER. There is also a separate (non-adhered) photocopy of a newspaper article about the Robert Vincent Handicap Trophy Race that lists IDLER as a participant. Additionally there is a vinyl strip with the word IDLER printed on it.

The logbook mentions the names of guests aboard the vessel. For instance, the entry on December 26, 1906 reads, Geo. M. Shaw and Porter Shaw went on board at 8 A.M.

The last entry was made on February 1, 1913 that documents a trip to Sheep Island.

Collection Arrangement
This is a collection of two items in one file.

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