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The materials were donated by the widow of William H. Short to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in 1994, 1999 and 2000.

Historical or Biographical Note
Tugboat captain William Short designed the San Francisco Pelican, a twelve foot design registered in the One Design class in 1959. This type of vessel is small, safe, and easily tailored so that it can be built at home inexpensively.
The Pelican combines the lines of Banks fishing dory with the forward end of an oriental sampan with two transoms and a standing lug rig. Short was also inspired by naval architect Gerald T. White. Captain Mower designer of the Snowbird Dinghy and the Seabird Yawl inspired the Pelican mainsail.

Collection Scope and Content
The William H. Short photographs (P94-039, SAFR 24437) consists of black-and-white and color photographs of Pelican sailboats, the first Pelican Chloe Maru, Bill Short and his family from 1958-1993.
The photographs cover William "Bill" Short's work as a tugboat captain, his design of the Pelican class sailboat, launching and testing of the first Pelican CHLOE MARU along with his wife and children and Pelican Trans-Bay Race. All photographed
by various photographers including Muriel Short, Art Rogers and Tom Moore. The collection is processed to the item level.

Collection Arrangement
The collection is arranged in 3 series as accrued to the collection.

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