A guide to the Equator (built 1888; tugboat) photographs, 1983

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park
Building E, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Phone: 415-561-7030
Fax: 415-556-3540
SAFR_Historic_Documents@nps.gov
URL: http://www.nps.gov/safr
2016
A Guide to the Equator (built 1888; tugboat) photographs

P16-009

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, National Park Service

2016, National Park Service

**Title:** Equator (built 1888; tugboat) photographs

**Date:** 1983

**Identifier/Call Number:** P16-009 (SAFR 24815)

**Creator:** Taylor, Robert

**Physical Description:** 32 items.

**Repository:** San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, Historic Documents Department

Building E, Fort Mason

San Francisco, CA 94123

**Abstract:** The Equator (built 1888; tugboat) photographs, 1983, (SAFR 24815, P16-009) are comprised of color slides showing the tugboat EQUATOR, a former two-masted schooner, hauled out at the Port of Everett in Everett, Washington. The collection has been processed to the Collection level and is open for use.

**Physical Location:** San Francisco Maritime NHP, Historic Documents Department

Language(s): In English.

**Access**

This collection is open for use unless otherwise noted.

**Publication and Use Rights**

Some material may be copyrighted or restricted. It is the researcher’s obligation to determine and satisfy copyright or other case restrictions when publishing or otherwise distributing materials found in the collections.

**Processing Note**

The descriptions in this collection guide were compiled using the best available sources of information. Such sources include the creator’s annotations or descriptions, collection accession files, primary and secondary source material and subject matter experts. While every effort was made to provide accurate information, in the event that you find any errors in this guide please contact the reference staff in order for us to evaluate and make corrections to this guide.

Please cite the title and collection number in any correspondence with our staff.

**Preferred Citation**

[Item description], [Location within collection organization identified by Collection Number/Series Number/File Unit Number/Item Number], P16-009 (SAFR 24815), Equator (built 1888; tugboat) photographs, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

**Acquisition Information**

SAFR-02508

Transfer from the Library. Found in the office of David Hull, former Park librarian. Originally consisted of two boxes of slides, 1 marked "keep" with 25 slides and the other marked "discard" with 23 slides. The Photo Archivist selected 7 slides to remove from the discard box to be kept in the collection. The slides were likely marked as discard due to quality issues.

**Historical or Biographical Note**

EQUATOR was built in 1888 as a two-masted schooner by Matthew Turner in Benicia, California. The vessels served as a Pacific copra trader until 1895. During this time, author Robert Louis Stevenson chartered the vessel in 1889 for a voyage in the South Pacific. In 1896, EQUATOR was sold to serve in the Alaska fishing trade. She was converted into a steam cannery tender the following year. In 1915, the Cary-Davis Tug and Barge Company of Seattle, Washington, purchased EQUATOR for use as a tugboat. EQUATOR was abandoned in 1956 in Everett, Washington. In the 1960s there was interest in restoring the vessel and she was hauled ashore in 1967. She was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. However, restoration efforts were abandoned and in 1980 EQUATOR was moved to the Port of Everett where she now resides under a protective shed. Source: Historic American Engineering Record. Schooner Equator written historical and descriptive data (HAER No. WA-206).
Robert Taylor was the former owner of the sternwheel paddle ferry DELTA KING.

**Collection Scope and Content**

The Equator (built 1888; tugboat) photographs, 1983, (SAFR 24815, P16-009) are comprised of color slides showing the tugboat EQUATOR, a former two-masted schooner, hauled out at the Port of Everett in Everett, Washington. The collection has been processed to the Collection level and is open for use.

Contains 32 color slides, 35mm, of EQUATOR (built 1888; tugboat) seen from various angles while hauled out for possible restoration at the Port of Everett in Everett, Washington, 1983. Photographed by Robert Taylor of Vancouver, B.C.

**Collection Arrangement**

No arrangement due to the small size of the collection.

**Related Materials**


This material is located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Ships--Preservation

Schooners

Tugboats

Everett (Wash.)

Color slides