

Los Angeles Maritime Museum
Manuscript Collection # 73
Torrance R. Parker Collection on Commercial and Deep Sea Diving
Finding aid compiled by Sue Tyson

Title: Torrance R. Parker Collection on Commercial and Deep Sea Diving
Dates: 1805-2013 (bulk 1947-1995)
Extent: 5 cu. feet: 6 boxes assorted sizes; 322 books

Creator: Torrance R. Parker
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Abstract: The collection contains business and personal correspondence; records of ship salvage and underwater construction work; diving logs, reports and manuals; survey and other diagrams; clippings and articles; rare diving equipment catalogs; maps; decompression tables and calculators; samples of permits, invoices, receipts, bids and contracts; interviews and profiles; brochures and fliers; periodicals; approximately 500 photographic prints; and a book collection consisting of 322 volumes, many of them rare, that document the history and practice of deep diving and related topics. Torrance R. Parker collected these resources over the course of his sixty-eight years as a deep diver, including a fifty-six-year career working as a commercial diver and nearly forty years as owner of the Parker Diving Service, Inc. of San Pedro, California; as a diver, researcher and compiler of resources concerning the history and practice of commercial, fishery, and military diving; and as author of two books on these subjects.

Format: documents, photographic prints, news clippings, manuals, periodicals, brochures and flyers, manuscripts, and books

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Scope and Contents

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course of his sixty-eight years as a deep diver, including a fifty-six-year career working as a commercial diver and nearly forty years as owner of the Parker Diving Service, Inc. of San Pedro, California; as a diver, researcher and compiler of resources concerning the history and practice of commercial, fishery, and military diving; and as author of two books on these subjects.

The collection focuses primarily on commercial diving in Southern California and the work undertaken by Parker Diving Service, Inc. in underwater construction, offshore oil diving, and ship salvage; other focuses include fishery and military diving. The collection also provides resources documenting the history of important commercial diving companies and of diving equipment and supplies, as reflected in rare catalogs and other documents; information about decompression sickness (also known as the bends or as caisson disease), its measurement and treatment; the work of individual divers; and the history of the Los Angeles Harbor/Port of Los Angeles, as seen in clippings files and in other materials. The book collection contains material on topics including deep diving and its history; marine ecology; seafaring and navigation; ships, underwater ship husbandry, and shipbuilding; underwater archaeology; underwater and offshore engineering and construction; shipwrecks and salvage; treasure troves; submarine medicine and underwater physiology; fisheries; commerce, trades, and privateering; and maritime photography and arts; as well as books by and about individual divers and those with a regional focus, including Southern California; Tarpon Springs, Florida; and other locations.

Biographical History

Torrance R. Parker (b. July 4, 1928) owned a commercial diving business, Parker Diving Service, Inc., in San Pedro, California for nearly forty years, from 1947 to 1985, and worked as a diver for sixty-eight years. During this time, he participated in all aspects of deep diving work, including commercial diving, which refers to construction, salvage, maintenance, repair, and inspection of underwater engineered structures; military diving, including stints as an army diver and army diving trainer; and abalone fishery diving, including work as a sponge diver while still a teenager, when he learned this trade from Greek practitioners in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Parker was born in and grew up in Oklahoma, where he attended high school. He began his diving career while still in school; towards the end of the Great Depression, he created his own diving gear from pieces of farm equipment. In 1945, at the age of 16, sparked by a story by Louis Adamic about Greek sponge divers in Tarpon Springs, Florida, he wrote to that city's Chamber of Commerce asking for work as a diver. Because World War II had caused a severe labor shortage, divers were urgently needed, and upon receiving a response to that effect via telegram, Parker left Oklahoma for Tarpon Springs, where he learned the fishery diving trade from the Greek sponge divers who worked in the Gulf of Mexico.

At the end of the War, in order to work in the field of commercial diving, Parker moved to San Pedro, California, attending the Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding in nearby Wilmington to learn newly developed underwater construction techniques including welding and burning. In 1947, he went on to found Parker Diving Service, Inc. (initially, Parker Diving Service was incorporated). Like most commercial diving businesses at the time, Parker Diving Service began as a sole owner diving company; at 19, Parker owned the newest diving company on the harbor, and also became the youngest diver in the Pile Drivers and Divers Union Local 2375. In 1948, Parker married Tina Carreon, and they had six children, Kimberly, CynDy, Torrance (III), Timothy, Mellissa, and Dulce. From 1950-1952, during the Korean War, Parker was trained in Army diving methods to work as an instructor and diver at the Army's diving school in Fort Eustis, Virginia, as well as to provide diving services to their 3rd Port complex.

In its work as licensed general engineering contractor, Parker Diving Service was involved in the construction and maintenance of most of Southern California's post-World-War-II underwater infrastructures. These included marine outfall diving projects to build the Los Angeles Hyperion and Orange County ocean outfalls; steam and nuclear power plants; oil and gas transmission pipelines; expansion projects at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach; and, in the 1950s, pioneer diving work during the development of deep water rotary oil drilling operations from floating vessels. In 1961, Parker Diving Service introduced the first underwater television system to the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors; in 1964, the company repaired a pipeline in the Rio Orinoco in Venezuela for Phillips Petroleum Company; and in 1976, the company recovered the fuel oil from the 38,000-ton tanker SS *Sansinena*, which had exploded and sunk, spilling 30,000 barrels of Bunker "C" (a type of fuel oil) onto the Los Angeles Harbor floor. The diving operations to salvage the Bunker "C" became the largest and most-expensive environmental cleanup in the port's history. In the late 1970s, Parker Diving Service aided in constructing an offshore circulating water facility at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in San Onofre, California. During his long career, Parker saw several fellow divers suffer injuries or die; Parker himself became afflicted with the bends (also known as decompression sickness or caisson disease) several times, once so severely that he was temporarily semi-paralyzed from the waist down.

Parker Diving Service is now the oldest continuously operating commercial diving company in California. Parker sold the company in 1985, but continued working as a consultant and diver with Parker Diving Service until 1995. Upon retirement, he authored *20,000 Jobs under the Sea: A History of Diving and Underwater Engineering* (1997). He subsequently developed and built the "20,000 Jobs under the Sea" exhibit for the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in San Pedro; the exhibit depicts the history of both commercial and fishery diving and includes that of Southern California's earliest divers.

Beginning in 1997, Parker conducted a survey of the Gulf of Mexico's pre-World War II deep-water sponge grounds unworked since 1939 – a diving project that took three years to accomplish. He has recently written a deep and thorough account of sponge diving from ancient Greece to its current epicenter in Tarpon Springs, Florida, *20,000 Divers under the Sea: A History of the Mediterranean and Western Atlantic Sponge Trades with an Account of Early Deep Diving* (2013). Parker is widowed, and lives in the Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, to be near four of his six children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangement and Description: The collection is arranged into eight series. Series I (Biographical) contains material from Parker's early diving days; interviews and profiles of Parker; personal correspondence; and an excerpt, with Parker's commentary, from *20,000 Jobs under the Sea*.

Series II (Business) contains professional correspondence; business and financial documents; records of ship and salvage work, including on the *Dordrecht* and the SS *Sansinena*; material from work on the Rio Orinoco Pipeline, including survey diagrams and maps; and an overview of Parker's career history from 1944-2012.

Series III (Clippings) contains original and photocopied clippings from Southern California newspapers including the *San Pedro News-Pilot*, the *San Pedro Daily News*, the *Redondo Reflex*, and other publications. Articles focus on commercial diving and on topics including construction of the Ports of Los Angeles and of Long Beach, shipwrecks, ship salvage, and diver safety and illness, including decompression sickness. Clippings pertaining to the subject matter of particular folders can also be found in Series IV and Series VI.

Series IV (Deep Diving) has been arranged in six subseries:

Subseries IV-A (Commercial Diving) contains brochures, articles, clippings, notes, diagrams, periodicals, catalogs, and general information concerning offshore oil diving; underwater construction; shipwrecks and ship salvage; treasure troves; and key commercial diving companies. The subseries also includes a manuscript of *The Northwest Commercial Divers: Underwater Tales of Adventure* by Rebecca Harrison ([1998]).

Subseries IV-B (Decompression Sickness) contains articles, clippings, correspondence, and decompression calculators and tables.

Subseries IV-C (Equipment and Supplies) contains catalogs, some of them rare originals and some photocopied, from companies including Desco, Miller Diving Equipment, Andrew J. Morse and Son, A. Schrader, Siebe Gorman, and others, as well as clippings, correspondence, and articles about particular types of equipment. The subseries also

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includes illustrations of diving equipment and supplies by J. Jacobs, illustrator of Parker's books.

Subseries IV-D (Fishery Diving) includes publications, clippings, correspondence, articles, reports, permits, receipts, and general information pertaining to the abalone fishery, as well as original packaging from an abalone fishery product.

Subseries IV-E (History) contains booklets, an excerpt from an oral history, clippings, articles, advertisements, correspondence, and assorted newsletters regarding the history of deep diving; and brochures, catalogs, correspondence, and general information from and about museum maritime collections. This subseries also contains material concerning the Los Angeles Maritime Museum's exhibition centered on Parker's book, *20,000 Jobs under the Sea*.

Subseries IV-F (Military Diving) contains clippings, correspondence, newsletters, and job descriptions regarding Army and Navy diving, including materials pertaining to Parker's service as an Army diver.

Series V (Divers) contains material concerning professional deep divers Parker knew during his long career, most of whom worked in Southern California. Divers include Art Broman; Rigs Crawford, and Ellis R. Cross, all commercial divers; Cross ran the Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding, the first civilian school to teach diving in the United States, after having purchased it from founder Joe Sparling. Also featured are Kenneth K. Knott, a master diver and author; Percy Smale, who worked as a deep-sea diver for the firm of Merritt-Chapman and Scott before co-founding Hull, Smale & Robinson, headquartered in Wilmington, CA; William P. Thompson, who dove and helped construct the Detroit Windsor Tunnel in the 1930s; and many others.

Series VI (Subject Files) contains historical newspaper reprints; clippings; articles; and general information concerning the history of Los Angeles Harbor and the construction of the seaport; an oversized Los Angeles wharves map; information about the salvage of the *Princess Louise*; and a manuscript on the history of shipbuilding in San Pedro Bay's harbors, compiled by John E. Marriner of the Craig Shipyard in the Port of Long Beach.

Series VII (Photographs) contains black and white and color prints as well as some photocopied images. In addition to description provided for individual photographs in this finding aid, many photographs and folders in this series contain additional notes provided by Parker identifying people, places, and activities.

Series VIII (Torrance Parker Deep Sea and Commercial Diving Book Collection) contains 322 books; titles listed are of both historical and informational interest. Books have been grouped into subseries according to broad topic areas as described below. Books in each subseries are listed in alphabetical order by author, and each book listing provides title, author, publisher, publication date, and edition as available. Some descriptions contain additional information, including comments provided by Parker (these are preceded by the term “Note:”).

Series VIII has been arranged in eight subseries:

Subseries VIII-A. Deep Diving (General)/Underwater Archeology/Submarine Medicine contains 25 books, including overviews of underwater archaeology; manuals and handbooks concerning various aspects of deep diving; treatments of diving gear and its history; and explorations of issues in submarine medicine including barometric pressure and physiology; submarine medical practices; and decompression sickness (also known as “the bends” or caisson disease). Titles in this subseries include *Underwater Safety, Including Curriculum for Sport Diving Training Program* by Ellis R. Cross (1956); Gerhard F.K. Haux’s *History of Hyperbaric Chambers* (2000); and manuals on deep diving, submarine operations, and submarine appliances by R.H. Davis, managing director of Siebe, Gorman & Co. and an expert on diving equipment.

Subseries VIII-B. Deep Diving (History) contains 29 books, among them those that explore the history of deep diving from many angles, including personal accounts; illustrated histories; examinations of the invention and development of equipment and dress; and treatments of various subfields within deep diving. Titles in this subseries include *Hard Hat Divers Wear Dresses* by Bob Kirby, a diver and designer of submarine equipment who developed a popular face-mask helmet (2002); Leon G. Lyons’s *Helmets of the Deep*, featuring diving helmets from around the world (1988); *A Pictorial History of Diving* (1988); and histories of helmet diving and of the atmospheric diving suit.

Subseries VIII-C. Divers/Underwater Construction/Offshore Engineering contains 49 books, among them biographies and autobiographies of diving pioneers; overviews of commercial diving; and handbooks as well as historical treatments of various types of underwater engineering and construction including underwater cutting and welding, bridge building, commercial oil-field diving and engineering, and marine outfall systems. Along with Torrance Parker’s book, *20,000 Jobs under the Sea: A History of Diving and Underwater Engineering* (1997), titles in this subseries include *Underseas Log* (1947), about Eddie Bushnell, one of the first divers in the Monterey area to maintain underwater pipelines for sardine canneries in the 1930s and 1940s; books by divers including abalone and commercial divers Alfred H. Hanson and Norma J. Hanson (Norma Hanson was the first woman to join the Piledrivers Union Local 2375); early commercial divers such as J.B. Green and Walter McCray; fishery diver Jake Jacobs; and commercial diver Kenneth K. Knott, one of California’s pioneer oil divers. The subseries also contains historical treatments of commercial diving including *The Man in the Helmet* (Desmond Young,

1963), a history of the Siebe, Gorman Company; *Early California Oil: A Photographic History, 1865-1940* by Kenny A. Franks and Paul F. Lambert (1985); and *Commercial Oil-Field Diving* (1978), one of the earliest treatments of offshore oil diving, written by Nicholas B. Zinkowski, who worked with Parker on a pipeline repair project in South America.

Subseries VIII-D. Fishery Diving/Marine Ecology contains 38 books. Topics addressed include pearl diving; abalone diving and the abalone industry; the history of Greek sponge divers in Greece and in Florida; oceanographic research; marine ecosystems; and weather. This subseries includes Torrance Parker's book, *20,000 Divers under the Sea: A History of the Mediterranean and Western Atlantic Sponge Trades, with an Account of Early Deep Diving* (2013).

Subseries VIII-E. Regional and Cultural Interest/Photography and Arts contains 31 books, including volumes about the Florida Keys and about Greek Americans in Tarpon Springs, Florida; *Although Patriotic, We Were Drydocked* by C. Robert Ryono (1994), a history of Issei fishers who first settled on Terminal Island (near San Pedro, California) by an author who, along with his family, was among the approximately 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry incarcerated during World War II; *A Pacific Legacy: A Century of Maritime Photography, 1850-1950* by Wayne Bonnett (1991); and a treatment of underwater photography as used in the Hollywood film industry (*Twenty Years under the Sea*, by J.E. Williamson, 1936).

Subseries VIII-F. Salvage/Treasure Troves contains 41 books, including overviews of ship salvage work throughout history and in many locations around the world; views of divers involved in salvage; and explorations of work involving the search for and salvage of sunken treasure. Titles in this subseries include several books by Edward Ellsberg, a former U.S. Navy Commander who worked in locations including the Red Sea and who developed the oxygen-hydrogen underwater cutting torch; *Black Horse of the Sea* by Robert D. MacMillen (1929), which describes the company Merritt-Chapman and Scott's Black Horse divers; and *The Atlas of Shipwrecks & Treasure: The History, Location, and Treasures of Ships Lost at Sea* by Nigel Pickford (1994).

Subseries VIII-G. Seafaring/Navigation/Ships/Shipbuilding/Commerce and Trade contains 54 books, among them volumes on topics including the history and nature of seafaring; explorations of many different kinds of ships and of shipbuilding and shipbuilders, such as Todd Shipyards Corporation; privateering, buccaneers, and piracy; exploration and discovery; facets of maritime trade and commerce; and maritime museums.

Subseries VIII-H. Shipwrecks contains 55 books. It contains books on ships and shipwrecks in the Americas, including along the Pacific Coast and in California as well as in other parts of the world; treatments of shipwrecks throughout history; and examinations of the work of divers grappling with disasters at sea.

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The book lists in these subseries are included in the container list under Series Eight below. The books are available for use at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum; for more information, please visit the LAMM’s Library Collections, Books and Archives page (<http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org/discover-1/library/library-collections/>).

Series I, II, and III are in Box 1; Series IV is in Boxes 2-3; Series V and VI are in Box 3; and Series VII is in Box 4. Oversized materials from Series II and IV are in Box 5, and oversized materials from Series V and VII are in Box 6. The materials in Series VIII are shelved in the Los Angeles Maritime Museum’s Library.

Series I, II, IV, V, VI, and VII are arranged alphabetically by folder title. Series III is arranged chronologically. If folders contain both dated and undated material, dates are followed by a semicolon and the term “undated.” Series VIII is arranged in subseries reflecting groupings of related subject matter. Several of the books feature notes of interest supplied by Parker.

Subject terms

Abalone fishery	Marine machinery	Shipping
Decompression sickness	Marine photography	Ships
Deep diving	Maritime history	Shipwrecks
Deep diving -- Equipment and supplies	Maritime museums	Sponge divers
Deep diving -- History	Navigation	Submarine medicine
Deep diving -- Physiological aspects	Navigation history	Submersibles
Divers	Ocean engineering	Treasure troves
Diving suits	Offshore oil well	Underwater archaeology
Historic ships	drilling -- History	Underwater construction
Marine accidents	Pearl divers	Underwater photography
Marine ecology	Salvage	Underwater physiology
Marine engineering	Shipbuilding	Underwater television
		Underwater welding and cutting

Geographical terms

Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Port of Long Beach
Port of Los Angeles
San Pedro Bay (Calif.)
San Pedro (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Names

Los Angeles Maritime Museum
Merritt Chapman & Scott Corporation
Parker Diving Service
Parker, Torrance R.
Todd Shipyards Corporation

Container/Folder List

Series I, Biographical, Box 1, Folders 1 to 7:

Folder 1: Early Diving Days, 1944-1947

Contains telegram noting urgent need for divers and requesting that Parker come to Tarpon Springs; letters of recommendation for Parker from E.R. Cross and

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from Parker's Army diving service; and a business card for Parker Diving Service from Oklahoma. See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 1.

- Folder 2 Interviews, 1991-[2012?]
Contains interview conducted in 1991 by Christopher Swann and interview conducted in [2012?] by Parker's grandson. Folder also contains interview fragment between Parker and a person identified only as "Bud."
- Folder 3 Personal Correspondence, 1964-1999; undated
- Folder 4 Personal Correspondence, 2000-2009
- Folder 5 Personal Correspondence--C. Robert Ryono 1995
Ryono authored the book, *Although Patriotic, We Were Drydocked*, included in Series VIII –E (Regional and Cultural Interest/Photography and Arts).
- Folder 6 Profiles, 1966-1999
- Folder 7 Writings – Excerpt and Commentary, *20,000 Jobs under the Sea*, undated

Series II, Business, Box 1, Folders 8 to 17 (See Box 5 for oversized/fragile material):

- Folder 8 Administrative and Correspondence, 1944-1996; undated
Contains correspondence, a telegram, purchase orders, articles, samples of permits, diving logs, a contractor's license, and clippings. See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folders 2-5 for photographs originally found with these items.
- Folder 9 Administrative and Correspondence, 1950-1995; undated
Contains correspondence, letterheads, Los Angeles Harbor Department bids, contracts, and related materials. Also contains envelopes, many with handwritten notes, that were found empty in original folder.
- Folder 10 Brochures, Fliers, Cards and Decals, approximately 1960-2012
- Folder 11 General Information re: Parker Career History, 1950-2012; undated
Contains letters of reference written by and about Parker; commendations; and an overview of Parker's career from 1944-2012.
- Folder 12 Invoices (Samples), 1979-1994
- Folder 13 Rio Orinoco Pipeline Work, 1964-1965; undated
Contains "Daily Log Relative to Underwater Examination of Rio Orinoco Pipeline Crossing 1965," by T. R. Parker Diving Service; oversize survey diagrams; maps; and a greeting card. Materials initially found together in folder labeled "Diving in the Rio Orinoco Pipeline / Diamonds - Gold."
- Folder 14 Safe Practices Manual, 1988; undated
Binder contains pre-dive safety sheets; definitions of terms; description of personnel qualifications; safety procedures; emergency information; and sections on ship work; dive supervisor information; and additional work practices.

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- Folder 15 Ship Work, 1971-1994
Along with general information, clippings, diagrams, correspondence, a telegram, and brochures, folder contains a listing of all ships serviced by Parker Diving Service from 1982-1985.
- Folder 16 Shipwrecks and Salvage – *Dordrecht* (Ship), 1972-1995
Contains correspondence, clippings, one 5 ¼ in. floppy disc labeled "Bud Swain," and a photograph of Swain.
- Folder 17 Shipwrecks and Salvage – SS *Sansinena* (Ship), 1976-2001; undated
Contains clippings, a sketch, and notes regarding the salvage undertaking

Series III, Clippings, Box 1, Folders 18 to 38

- Folder 18 Clippings, 1906-1912
- Folder 19 Clippings, 1913-1918
- Folder 20 Clippings, 1919-1923
- Folder 21 Clippings, 1924-1926
- Folder 22 Clippings, 1927-1930
- Folder 23 Clippings, 1931
- Folder 24 Clippings, 1932-1933
- Folder 25 Clippings, 1934-1935
- Folder 26 Clippings, 1936-1939
- Folder 27 Clippings, 1940-1944
- Folder 28 Clippings, 1945-1947
- Folder 29 Clippings, 1948-1950
- Folder 30 Clippings, 1950-1952
- Folder 31 Clippings, 1962-1964; undated 1960s
- Folder 32 Clippings, 1971-1974
- Folder 33 Clippings, 1980-1989
- Folder 34 Clippings, 1990-2013
- Folder 35 Clippings, 1935-1936; undated
Contains comic strips about deep diving published in the San Pedro News-Pilot.
- Folder 36 Clippings, 1923-1932
Contains photocopies from microfilm of all articles concerning deep diving and related topics found in the *San Pedro News-Pilot*
- Folder 37 Clippings, 1933-1947
Contains photocopies from microfilm of all articles concerning deep diving and related topics found in the *San Pedro News-Pilot*
- Folder 38 Clippings – Sea monsters, 1968-1978; undated

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-A, Commercial Diving, Box 2, Folders 1 to 18:

- Folder 1 Companies – Desco, 1945-1992; undated
Contains materials from folder originally labeled "Jack Brown Deep Dives – Desco." Also includes one original issue of Desco's *Divers News* (June, 1946), plus two photocopies of its cover pages.
- Folder 2 Companies – Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation, 1884; undated
Contains photocopies of the front and back covers of an 1884 almanac that shows an advertisement for T. A. Scott, Submarine Engineer and Diver, forerunner to Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation. For a history of this corporation, see *Black Horse of the Sea* (MacMillen, Robert D.), Series VIII-F (Salvage/Treasure Troves).
- Folder 3 Companies – Morse Diving Equipment, 1945-2005
Contains correspondence and general information; also includes photograph of helmet with caption, "Morse commercial with flush ports."
- Folder 4 Companies – A. Schrader Diving Equipment Co. – Historical Package, 2002
Contains information about and an early history of the A. Schrader companies, 40 diving prints, photographs of helmets, and information about dating helmets. The catalog packet is inscribed to Parker by Ray Mathieson, and contains a letter from Mathieson to Parker.
- Folder 5 Manuscripts – *The Northwest Commercial Divers: Underwater Tales of Adventure* by Rebecca Harrison, [1998]
- Folder 6 Marine Contractors and Marine Construction, circa 1967-1990; undated
Contains 13 brochures from companies in the United States and British Columbia.
- Folder 7 Offshore Oil Diving, 1955-2008
- Folder 8 Ships – Submarines – "Rebel Innovations" (article), undated
- Folder 9 Shipwrecks and Salvage – General, 1935-[2001?]; undated
Contains articles, general information, diagrams, clippings, periodicals, and correspondence, including telegrams Parker wrote to Congressional representatives regarding legislation on control of abandoned shipwrecks.
- Folder 10 Shipwrecks and Salvage – *Nuestra Senora de Atocha*, 1986-1988; undated
Contains clippings and auction brochures concerning treasure and salvage of the Spanish galleon.
- Folder 11 Society of Port Engineers – Membership and Services Directories – Los Angeles and Long Beach, 2002-2007
- Folder 12 Society of Port Engineers – Membership and Services Directories – Los Angeles and Long Beach, 2008-2013
- Folder 13 Treasure Troves (Folder 1 of 2), 1988-1998; undated
Contains clippings and articles about treasure hunting and ship salvage.

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- Folder 14 Treasure Troves (Folder 2 of 2), 2009-2014
Contains two articles about treasure hunting and ship salvage, including on the SS *Central America*.
- Folder 15 Treasure Troves – Catalogs, 1999, undated
Contains two catalogs, for treasure coins from the SS *Brother Jonathan* and from the SS *Central America*; each publication contains detailed information about the ships as well as the coins.
- Folder 16 Underwater Construction, 1910-1995; undated
Contains materials concerning the Colorado River Inverted Siphon Project, for which Albert Christie, one of the early deep diving pioneers, performed the diving. See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 24, for photographs of Christie.
- Folder 17 Underwater Pipelines – Construction, 1947-1977; undated
Contains diagrams, clippings, articles, notes, and patent information.
- Folder 18 Work Rules and Safety Standards, 1942; undated

**Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-B, Equipment and Supplies, Box 2, Folders 19 to 45
(See Box 5 for oversized/fragile material):**

- Folder 19 Catalogs, undated
Contains photocopies from a rare Japanese-language catalog.
- Folder 20 Catalogs – Amron International, undated
Contains one page (two sides) from a catalog with information about the Aquabeam, an underwater light.
- Folder 21 Catalogs – Craftsweld Equipment Corporation, undated
Contains instructions for using the Ellsberg underwater gas cutting torch as well as a parts list; materials are very rare. Also contains rare catalog and a photocopy of the catalog.
- Folder 22 Catalogs – John Date Limited, undated
Contains photocopy of rare catalog.
- Folder 23 Catalogs – Desco Diving Equipment and Supply, 1968; undated
Contains six rare catalogs, handwritten notes and drawing found together with them, and one photocopied catalog.
- Folder 24 Catalogs – Desco Diving Equipment and Supply, 1945-1991; undated
Contains original and photocopied pages from catalogs and price lists; fliers; and handwritten notes.
- Folder 25 Catalogs – Diver's Supply Company, approximately 1950-1955
Features World War II surplus diving equipment sold by E.R. Cross in the early 1950s. Store with equipment next door to the Sparling School on Wilmington Boulevard, Wilmington, California.
- Folder 26 Catalogs – Diving Systems International, 1985-1987

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- Folder 27 Catalogs – Dräger, 1956-1984; undated
- Folder 28 Catalogs – Roberto Galeazzi Ltd., 1962; undated
Contains six photocopied pages. See also Series IV-C, Box 2, Folder 40 for Galeazzi company catalog material featuring atmospheric diving suits.
- Folder 29 Catalogs – Alfred Hale and Company, undated
Contains price list from rare catalog.
- Folder 30 Catalogs – Miller Diving Equipment, 1978
Contains rare catalogs.
- Folder 31 Catalogs – Miller-Dunn Company, 1926; undated
Contains photocopy of rare catalog advertising the Divinhood.
- Folder 32 Catalogs – Andrew J. Morse and Son, 1904
Contains photocopy of rare catalog.
- Folder 33 Catalogs – Andrew J. Morse and Son, 1910
Contains photocopies of rare catalog. Also includes two photocopies showing a close-up of a helmet from the catalog, as well as other photocopied pages.
- Folder 34 Catalogs – Murex, undated
Rare catalog.
- Folder 35 Catalogs – A. Schrader's Son, 1935
Contains two rare Schrader's catalogs, plus several pages of a catalog and a photocopy of a catalog by this company.
- Folder 36 Catalogs – Siebe Gorman and Company, undated
Includes one original and one photocopied catalog, along with photocopied portions of these catalogs and one photograph of a diving dress that has been cut from one of them. These catalogs are rare.
- Folder 37 Catalogs – Toa Diving Apparatus, undated
Three pages from rare catalog; text is in Japanese and in English.
- Folder 38 Catalogs – U. S. Divers Co., 1977
- Folder 39 Catalogs – Yokohama Diving Apparatus Company, 1981-1999
Contains original pages and one photocopied page from rare catalogs. Also includes correspondence and invoices found together with these materials.
- Folder 40 Diving Suits – Atmospheric Diving Suits, 1914-1995; undated
Contains Roberto Galeazzi Ltd. catalog and catalog pages; general information, photographs, clippings, and a case study report (a term paper) from the Commercial Diving Center concerning atmospheric diving suit systems. See also Series IV-C, Box 2, Folder 28 for photocopied pages of a catalog from the Galeazzi company.
- Folder 41 Diving Suits – Military Special Operations, 1993
Contains correspondence from E.R. Cross to Parker concerning diving gear and a photograph of equipment worn by Japanese "suicide" divers during World War II.

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- Folder 42 Helium Speech Diver Communications, 1977
Catalog published by Marconi Space and Defence Systems Limited (Great Britain)
- Folder 43 Oceanographic Submersibles, 1952-2005; undated
Folder contains articles, images, and general information concerning oceanographic submersibles, also known as deep diving vehicles.
- Folder 44 Underwater Cutting and Welding, 1944-1982; undated
Folder contains catalogs and brochures.
- Folder 45 Illustrations, undated
Drawings of divers and equipment by J. Jacobs. Folder also contains one photograph that was found with one of the illustrations.

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-C, Decompression Sickness, Box 2, Folders 46 to 48:

- Folder 46 Clippings, 1950
- Folder 47 Decompression Chambers; Working in High Altitudes, 1938-2012; undated
- Folder 48 Decompression Tables, 1952-1970; undated

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-D, Fishery Diving, Box 3, Folders 1 to 7:

- Folder 1 Abalone Fishery – Clippings, 1980-2006; undated
Contains original newspaper clippings and photocopied articles.
- Folder 2 Abalone Fishery – Correspondence, 1950-1999; undated
Contains correspondence with Torrance Parker; also contains diagrams of ships
- Folder 3 Abalone Fishery – General Information, Articles, Reports, 1893-2006; undated
Contains 18 reports, magazine articles, and other documents concerning the abalone fishery
- Folder 4 Abalone Fishery – Notes, undated
Contains various handwritten notes, as well as a business card.
- Folder 5 Abalone Fishery – Packaging – Brebes Fancy Abalone, Morro Bay, undated
Intact cover from package for 5 pounds of abalone.
- Folder 6 Abalone Fishery – Permits and Receipts, 1949-1956
- Folder 7 Publications and Clippings, 1895-1993

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-E, History, Box 3, Folders 8 to 13:

- Folder 8 Booklets, 2010; undated
Contains booklets, illustration, and information for finding aid on Elmer Bright Collection (Los Angeles Maritime Museum). Booklets contain photographs and illustrations.

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- Folder 9 Excerpt from Oral History, 2000; undated
Contains undated excerpt from "The Reminiscences of John C. Niedermeyer (Naval Architect, Bureau of Ships)," Oral History Department, U.S. Naval Institute. Also contains related correspondence dated 2000.
- Folder 10 Historical Clippings, 1903-2008
Contains clippings, articles, and advertisements.
- Folder 11 Museums – Brochures, Catalogs, Correspondence, 1961-1999; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Folders 18-19.
- Folder 12 Museums – Los Angeles Maritime Museum 2000-2005
Contains material concerning exhibition for Parker's *20,000 Jobs under the Sea*.
See also Series VII (Photographs), Folder 19.
- Folder 13 Publications, 1950-2003
Contains article on piracy by Philip Gosse, from *Mariner's Mirror*, 1950, reprinted at Maritime Miscellany Series, Nr. 2; *Institute of Diving Newsletter*, 1998; and *Journal of the Institute of Diving*, 2003.

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-F, Military Diving, Box 3, Folders 14 to 17 (See Box 5 for oversized/fragile material):

- Folder 14 Army – Clippings, 1948-1956; undated
- Folder 15 Army – Correspondence, 1955; 2000-2009; undated
- Folder 16 Army – Newsletters, 2001-2007
Contains 6 newsletters from the U.S. Army Divers Association, including *Diving News* and *Association News*.
- Folder 17 Army – Transportation Corps, Fort Eustis, Virginia, 1951

Series V, Divers, Box 3, Folders 18 to 37 (See Box 6 for oversized/fragile material):

- Folder 18 Anderson, Dick, 2006
Folder contains Anderson's obituary from the Los Angeles Times, June 11, 2006. See also Series VIII, Subseries C for Anderson's "*Fish out of Water*": *Anthology of the Short, and Short Short, Writings of Dick Anderson*.
- Folder 19 Boone, Dan, undated
- Folder 20 Broman, Art, 1996-1997; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 22.
- Folder 21 Broman, Art, and Torrance Parker, 1960-1962
Contains letter from E.R. Cross to Broman and Parker, plus application and other materials from the Commercial School of Deep Sea Diving.
- Folder 22 Crawford, Rigs, 1920-1941
For photographs of Crawford, see Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 25. For Crawford's Diving Log, see Series V (Divers), Box 6, Folder 1. For Crawford's scrapbook, see Series VII (Photographs), Box 6, Folder 2.

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- Folder 23 Cross, E.R., 1974-2000; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 26.
- Folder 24 Cross, E.R. – Sparling School of Deep Sea Diving; Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding, 1947-1994
- Folder 25 Cross, E.R. – Sparling School of Deep Sea Diving; Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding – Photographs and Related Materials, 1947-1994; undated
- Folder 26 DeFever, Art, 1993
Art DeFever was a naval architect and son of Edmond DeFever.
- Folder 27 DeFever, Edmond, 1912-1993; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 27.
- Folder 28 Hanson, Norma, 1910-2003
- Folder 29 Isbell, Charles, 1945-1996; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 28.
- Folder 30 Jones, Wilson, 1974-1994; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 29.
- Folder 31 Knott, Kenneth K., [1996]
Contains book written by Knott, *A Six Year Hitch: World War Two 1939 to 1945*.
See also Series VIII-C (Divers/Underwater Construction /Offshore Engineering)
for Knott's book *Just Lucky: The Ken Knott Story* (2009).
- Folder 32 Kranz, P.W., 1928-1933
Kranz was an early Southern California diver and contractor.
- Folder 33 Lindquist, Charles, 1949-1993; undated
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 30.
- Folder 34 Smale, Charles, 1929-1982
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 31.
- Folder 35 Smale, Percy, 1919-1968
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 32.
- Folder 36 Smith, Eldon, 1957
See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 33.
- Folder 37 Thompson, William P., undated
Contains clippings, information, and letterhead, along with one photograph of Thompson, taken while he was working on Detroit Windsor Tunnel in 1930. See also Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 34.

Series VI, Subject Files, Box 3, Folders 38 to 44:

- Folder 38 Columbus, Christopher, 1990
Article entitled, "Where in the World was Christopher Columbus?" by Don A Schanche, from *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, January 28, 1990, originally found inside the book, *Admiral of the Ocean Sea*, currently in Series VIII. Folder also contains a handwritten note found inside the book.

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- Folder 39 Historical Newspapers – *New York Journal*, 2/17/1898
Coverage of the destruction of the warship *Maine*.
- Folder 40 Historical Newspapers – *San Francisco Examiner*, 9/11/1918
Coverage of Germany's surrender in World War I.
- Folder 41 Los Angeles Harbor / Port of Los Angeles – History, 1908-1999; undated
- Folder 42 Los Angeles Harbor / Port of Los Angeles – History, undated
Contains fragile, oversized Los Angeles Wharves Map.
- Folder 43 Shipbuilding, undated
Contains a portion of a chapter from [Turner, Robert D., *Pacific Princesses: An Illustrated History of Canadian Pacific Railways Princess Fleet on the Northwest Coast, 1981?*]; text treats the construction of the *Princess Louise*. Found together with materials on treasure hunting (see Series IV, Subseries A, Box 2, Folder 13) inside the book, *California Shipwrecks: Footsteps in the Sea* (Marshall, Don B., 1978), available in Series VIII-H (Shipwrecks).
- Folder 44 Shipbuilding – *History of Shipbuilding in the Harbors of San Pedro Bay*, as compiled by John E. Marriner, 1959
Document is photocopy of 39-page typescript.

Series VII, Photographs, Box 4, Folders 1 to 46 (See Box 6 for oversized/fragile material):

- Folder 1 Biographical – Early Diving Days – Photographs, circa 1940-1950
Some photographs feature homemade diving gear or people in addition to Parker.
- Folder 2 Business – Parker Diving Service – Photographs, 1961; undated
Contains photograph of first underwater television used in Los Angeles Harbor, as well as photographs of the *Eagle*.
- Folder 3 Business – Parker Diving Service – Rio Orinoco Pipeline Work – Photographs, 1964-1965; undated
- Folder 4 Business – Parker Diving Service – Ship Work – Photographs, 1951-1979; undated
- Folder 5 Business – Parker Diving Service – Ship Work – Photographs, 1974-1981; undated
- Folder 6 Deep Diving – Commercial – Construction – Underwater Pipelines – Photographs, undated
Contains negative of an illustration.
- Folder 7 Deep Diving – Commercial – Offshore Oil Diving – Photographs, 1954-circa 1969; undated
- Folder 8 Deep Diving – Commercial – Training – Commercial School for Deep Sea Diving – Photographs, 1960; undated
- Folder 9 Deep Diving – Commercial – Training – Sparling School of Deep Sea Diving; Sparling School of Underwater Welding – Photographs, 1946-1947; undated

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- Folder 10 Deep Diving – Commercial – Construction – Underwater Pipelines – Photographs, 1942-1950s; undated
- Folder 11 Deep Diving – Decompression Sickness – Decompression Chambers; Working in High Altitudes; Animal Test Chambers – Photographs, 1959; undated
Includes a photograph of a chamber used in an over 200-foot dive in Lake Tahoe, California, by E.R. Cross. Also contains one piece of correspondence, dated 1995.
- Folder 12 Deep Diving – Equipment and Supplies – Atmospheric Diving Suits – Photographs, circa 1961; undated
- Folder 13 Deep Diving – Equipment and Supplies – Helmets – Photographs, 1998-1999
Also contains related correspondence.
- Folder 14 Deep Diving – Equipment and Supplies – Oceanographic Submersibles – Photographs, undated
Contains contact sheets and photographs of deep diving vehicles. One photograph features Otis Barton, author of *The World beneath the Sea* (see Subseries VIII-D, Fishery Diving/Marine Ecology) preparing a benthoscope for descent.
- Folder 15 Deep Diving – Equipment and Supplies – Underwater Cameras – Photographs, 1951-1968; undated
Contains photographs of cameras manufactured by Subsea Camera Systems, plus clippings (1951).
- Folder 16 Deep Diving – Fishery Diving – Abalone Fishery – Photographs, circa 1900-1959; undated
Contains photographs of abalone divers and boats. Individuals appearing in the photographs include Torrance Parker and numerous divers and tenders including Jake Jacobs, the first diver to work for Marineland of the Pacific in their fish display tanks, and E.R. Cross (of the Sparling School of Commercial Diving, Wilmington, CA). Also included are photographs of Japanese abalone fishermen working in California in the early 1900s in locations including White Point and San Clemente Island, CA; images of Parker's first diving boat, the *Cyndy R.*; the *Viking* (former Navy ship that Parker converted for use in abalone diving); abalone and agar boats; and a typical abalone catch from the 1940s. Locations captured include White Point, Newport Beach, Monterey Bay, Point Loma, and other unnamed locations. Some of the photographs have captions, and most are described in some detail in notes within the folder.
- Folder 17 Deep Diving – History – Photographs, 1904; undated
One of the photographs is on a historical postcard; the other is dated 1904. Folder also contains reprints of page from 1884 New England Almanac and an undated drawing, possibly from the same Almanac, of a submarine engineer and diver.
- Folder 18 Deep Diving – History – Exhibitions – Photographs, 2001; undated
- Folder 19 Deep Diving – History – Exhibitions – Photographs, 2002; undated
Constructing Los Angeles Maritime Museum exhibits.

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- Folder 20 Deep Diving – History – Hollywood Films – Photographs, [1930]-1940s; undated
- Folder 21 Deep Diving – Military Diving – Army – Photographs, 1950-circa 1955; undated
Contains photographs of individuals including Torrance Parker; numerous images of diving gear, including of gear loaned to the Army by Parker Diving Service; and several showing diver training. While most of the photos have no captions, several have description handwritten on them.
- Folder 22 Divers – Broman, Art – Photographs approximately 1960; undated
- Folder 23 Divers – Brown, Jack – Photographs, 1944
Contains photographs of Jack Brown World Record dives.
- Folder 24 Divers – Christie, Albert – Photographs, 1908-2002; undated
- Folder 25 Divers – Crawford, Rigs – Photographs, 1926-circa 1940; undated
- Folder 26 Divers – Cross, E.R. – Photographs, 1947-1954; undated
Includes photographs from before as well as after Cross bought the Sparling School from Joe Sparling. See also Box 6, Folders 3-4 for oversized materials.
- Folder 27 Divers – DeFever, Edmond – Photographs, 1900-1930; undated
Edmond DeFever was the first commercial diver to dive in Los Angeles Harbor.
- Folder 28 Divers – Isbell, Charles – Photographs, 1943-2003; undated
- Folder 29 Divers – Jones, Wilson – Photographs, 1936-1945; undated
- Folder 30 Divers – Lindquist, Charles – Photographs, 1916-1954; undated
- Folder 31 Divers – Smale, Charles – Photographs, 1930s-2000; undated
See also Box 6, Folder 5, for a photograph album containing approximately 80 photographs of Charles Smale; the album is in very fragile condition.
- Folder 32 Divers – Smale, Percy – Photographs, 1927; undated
- Folder 33 Divers – Smith, Eldon – Photographs, [1957?]
Folder contains one photograph.
- Folder 34 Divers – Thompson, William P. – Photographs, undated
- Folder 35 Divers – Wesslan, Albert – Photographs, 1952; undated
- Folder 36 Divers – Individual Divers and Diving Jobs – Photographs, 1924-1970s, undated
- Folder 37 Subject Files – Catalina Island, Calif. – Photographs, undated
- Folder 38 Subject Files – Los Angeles Harbor – Construction – Photographs, 1905; undated
- Folder 39 Subject Files – Los Angeles Harbor / Port of Los Angeles – History – Photographs, 1921-1935; undated
Also contains one postcard and one illustration.
- Folder 40 Subject Files – Redondo Beach, Calif. – Photographs, circa 1910
- Folder 41 Subject Files – Ships – Historic – Los Angeles Harbor – Photographs, undated
- Folder 42 Subject Files – Shipwrecks and Salvage – Photographs, 1911-1975; undated
- Folder 43 Shipwrecks and Salvage – Ship Salvage – SS *Sansinena* – Photographs 1960s-1976; undated
- Folder 44 Shipwrecks and Salvage – Ship Salvage – SS *Sansinena* – Photographs 1977-2003; undated

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Folder 45 Shipwrecks and Salvage – Ship Salvage – SS *World Centurion* – Photographs, 1962; undated

Folder 46 Shipwrecks and Salvage – Treasure of the *Concepcion* (Book) – Peter Earle (Author) – Photographs, 1979-1980

Box 5, Folders 1 to 8 (oversized/fragile):

Series II, Business

Folder 1 Diving Reports (Samples), 1972-1982
Also known as “diver’s reports” or “inspection reports.”

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-B, Equipment and Supplies

Folder 2 Catalogs – Andrew J. Morse and Son, 1934
Diving Apparatus: Supplement Diving Catalog, 1925. Rare catalog. [1934 reprint of 1925 ed.?] Includes Morse Company list of endorsements from diver and submarine contractors pre-World War II.

Folder 3 Catalogs – Andrew J. Morse and Son, 1937
Contains three copies of the catalog: one signed by Torrance Parker; one containing revised price list; and one containing Torrance Parker's stamp.

Folder 4 Catalogs – Morse Diving Equipment, undated
Dates handwritten with Torrance Parker's signature on cover: 1949; 1954

Folder 5 Catalogs – Morse Diving Equipment, 1948; undated
Folder contains rare catalog, brochure, and flier.

Folder 6 Catalogs – Morse Diving Equipment, [1971]
Rare catalog.

Folder 7 Catalogs – Siebe Gorman and Company, 1955; undated
Rare undated catalog; price sheet found inserted inside catalog is dated 1955.

Series IV, Deep Diving, Subseries IV-F, Military Diving

Folder 8 *Diving Manual* – United States Navy (1943); *Other Diving and Marine Equipment Specifications* (1935-1971; undated); undated
United States Navy diving manual from 1943 is rare. Materials were originally found together in one folder.

Box 6, Folders 1 to 5 (oversized/fragile):

Series V, Divers

Folder 1 Crawford, Rigs – Diving Log, circa 1926-1935
Log book contains clippings and photographs.

Series VII, Photographs

Folder 2 Crawford, Rigs – Scrapbook, circa 1914-1918
Contains photographs taken by Rigs during his Naval service in France during World War I; also contains photographs (some on postcards) of other assorted locations including the Orkney Islands; Mare Island; and Lewes, Delaware.

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- Folder 3 Divers – Cross, E.R. – Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding – Photo Album, undated
Contains 23 photographs on pages from a photo album; pages are in very fragile condition. They are pictures of the Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding, operated by Joe Sparling in 1946 and 1947; Sparling can be seen in the photograph on the lower right-hand corner of the first sheet, under the number "6." Materials originally found in folder labeled "Tape 1."
- Folder 4 Divers – Cross, E.R. – Sparling School of Diving and Underwater Welding – Photo Album, undated
Contains 14 photographs from approximately February-March, 1947, shortly after Cross became manager of the Sparling School, and a letter by Cross to Torrance Parker describing the photos and explaining that they were taken by Don English, who subsequently became the photographer for the city of Las Vegas.
- Folder 5 Divers – Smale, Charles – Photo Album, 1930-1933; undated
Contains approximately 80 photographs; very fragile condition.

Series VIII, Torrance Parker Deep Sea and Commercial Diving Book Collection

[Subseries VIII-A. Deep Diving \(General\)/Underwater Archeology/Submarine Medicine](#)

[Subseries VIII-B. Deep Diving \(History\)](#)

[Subseries VIII-C. Divers/Underwater Construction/Offshore Engineering](#)

[Subseries VIII-D. Fishery Diving/Marine Ecology](#)

[Subseries VIII-E. Regional and Cultural Interest/Photography and Arts](#)

[Subseries VIII-F. Salvage/Treasure Troves](#)

[Subseries VIII-G. Seafaring/Navigation/Ships/Shipbuilding/Commerce and Trade](#)

[Subseries VIII-H. Shipwrecks](#)

Subseries VIII-A. Deep Diving (General)/Underwater Archeology/Submarine Medicine contains 25 books, including overviews of underwater archaeology; manuals and handbooks concerning various aspects of deep diving; treatments of diving gear and its history; and explorations of issues in submarine medicine including barometric pressure and physiology, submarine medical practices, and decompression sickness (also known as “the bends” or caisson disease). Titles in this subseries include *Underwater Safety, Including Curriculum for Sport Diving Training Program* by Ellis R. Cross, owner and head of the Sparling School of Deep Sea Diving, the first civilian school to teach diving in the United States (1956); Gerhard F.K. Haux’s *History of Hyperbaric Chambers* (2000); and manuals on deep diving, submarine operations, and submarine appliances by R.H. Davis, managing director of Siebe, Gorman & Co. and an expert on diving equipment.

Deep Diving and Underwater Archaeology (General)

Underwater Archaeology: Exploring the World Beneath the Sea / Jean-Yves Blot; [translated from the French by Alexandra Campbell]. Published by Abrams, 1996. Discoveries Series. Includes bibliography and index.

Captain Cousteau's Underwater Treasury / edited by Jacques-Yves Cousteau and James Dugan. Published by Harper & Brothers, 1959.

Deep Diving and Submarine Operations; A Manual for Deep Sea Divers and Compressed Air Workers. Parts I & II / Robert H. Davis. Published by Saint Catherine Press, [1951]. 5th ed.

Diving Manual and Handbook of Submarine Appliances / compiled by R. H. Davis (Managing Director of Siebe, Gorman & Col, Ltd) ... Published by Siebe, Gorman & Co., [date unknown].

The Warship Vasa: Deep Diving and Marine Archaeology in Stockholm / Anders Franzen. Published by Norstedts/Bonniers, c 1961, 1962.

Sea Diver. A Quest for History under the Sea / Marion Clayton Link. Published by Rinehart, c1958, 1959. Contains bibliography.

The Essentials of Deeper Sport Diving: An Overview of the Theory and Requirements of Deeper Diving / by John Lippmann. Published by Aqua Quest Publications, 1992. Includes bibliography and index.

Manual for Divers / prepared at the Naval Torpedo Station. Reproduction of the first U.S. Navy diving manual printed for U.S. Navy divers in 1905, originally published by the Government Printing Office, Washington, DC; publisher and date of reproduction unknown. "Grateful acknowledgement to the Museum of the Man in the Sea for the loan of William Bladder's original manual for this reproduction." -- back of title page.

Report on Deep Diving Tests / Gunner G.D. Stillson, U.S. Navy, Under the Direction of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department, Washington, D.C. Published by Kessinger Publishing, [2010].

Diver's Handbook of Underwater Calculations / Wayne C. Tucker. Published by Cornell Maritime Press, 1980. Includes bibliography and index.

Divers and Diving / Reg Vallantine. Published by Poole, Dorset, 1981. Inscribed to Torrance Parker. Includes bibliography and index.

Encyclopedia of Underwater and Maritime Archaeology. Published by Yale University Press. 1998, ©1997. Includes numerous photographs. Translation of *L'antiquaire de marine*.

Submarine Medicine and Safety

Barometric Pressure. Researches in Experimental Physiology / Paul Bert. Published by College Book Company, 1943. Includes index. Translated from the French by Mary Alice Hitchcock and Fred A. Hitchcock. Note: Contains historical information about early divers working under high pressures.

Bove and Davis' Diving Medicine / [edited by] Alfred A. Bove. Published by W. B. Saunders Co., 1997. 3rd ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Submarine Medicine Practice (Title III of Military-Medical Operation Courses) / Bureau of Naval Personnel. Prepared by Bureau of Naval Personnel, 1949.

Underwater Safety, Including Curriculum for Sport Diving Training Program / Ellis Cross. Published by [Healthways], 1956. Rev. ed.

Diving and Subaquatic Medicine / Carl Edmonds, Christopher Lowry, and John Pennefather. Published by Butterworth-Heinemann, 1992. 3rd ed. Includes bibliography and index.

History of Hyperbaric Chambers / Gerhard F.K. Haux. Published by Best Publishing, 2000. Text originally in German. English translation by Petra Lohmeyer, with contributions and final technical supervision by W.T. Workman.

Bibliographical Sourcebook of Compressed Air, Diving, and Submarine Medicine / Ebbe Curtis Hoff. Published by Research Division, Project X-427, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Dept., 1948.

Proceedings of the Symposium on Decompression Sickness and its Therapy / organized by the Association of Diving Contractors and the Institute for Environmental Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; edited by C. J Lambertsen. Published by Air Products and Chemicals, Meeting name: Symposium on Decompression Sickness and its Therapy (1978: New Orleans, La.). Cover title: *Decompression sickness and its therapy*. Includes bibliographies.

Torrance R. Parker Collection – Series VIII, Book Collection, Subseries VIII-A – VIII-B

The Bends: Compressed Air in the History of Science, Diving, and Engineering / John L. Phillips. Published by Yale University Press, 1998. Includes bibliography and index.

Decompression Sickness. Caisson Sickness, Diver's and Flier's Bends and Related Syndromes / National Research Council (U.S.). Committee on Aviation Medicine. Subcommittee on Decompression Sickness. Published by W. B. Saunders Co., 1951.

Compressed Air Data: Handbook of Pneumatic Engineering Practice / edited by William Lawrence Saunders. Published by *Compressed Air Magazine*, 1924. 2nd ed.

Key Documents of the Biomedical Aspects of Deep-Sea Diving. Selected from the World's Literature 1608-1982 / Volume III. Published by Undersea Medical Society, 1983. Includes bibliographies and indexes.

Submarine Medicine Practice / United States. Navy Department. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Published by United States Government Printing Office, 1956.

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Subseries VIII-B. Deep Diving (History) contains 29 books, among them those that explore the history of deep diving from many angles, including personal accounts; illustrated histories; examinations of the invention and development of equipment and dress; and treatments of various subfields within deep diving. Titles in this subseries include *Hard Hat Divers Wear Dresses* by Bob Kirby, a diver and designer of submarine equipment who developed a popular face-mask helmet (2002); Leon G. Lyons's *Helmets of the Deep*, featuring diving helmets from around the world (1988); *A Pictorial History of Diving* (1988); and histories of helmet diving and of the atmospheric diving suit.

A Pictorial History of Diving / edited by Arthur J. Bachrach, Barbara Mowery Desiderati, Mary Margaret Matzen. Presented by the Undersea Hyperbaric Medical Society. Published by Best, 1988. Note: This book, signed by Parker Diving Service divers and crew members including Torrance Parker, was given to Herb McMann, foreman on many construction jobs; Parker subsequently inherited it from McMann. Contains historical photographs and drawings, many in color; chapters are written by various authors. On title page: "The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society, Inc."

The White Divers of Broome: The True Story of a Fatal Experiment / John Bailey. Published by Pan MacMillan, Australia, 2001.

Another Whitstable Trade. An Illustrated History of Helmet Diving / John Bevan. Published by Submex, 2009.

The Infernal Diver: The Lives of John and Charles Deane, their Invention of the Diving Helmet, and its First Application to Salvage, Treasure Hunting, Civil Engineering and Military Uses / John Bevan. Published by Submex, 1996.

In at the Deep End: A Personal Account of Diving in the 1930s / Bernard Breakell. Published by United Writers, 1992.

Dive the Big Blue: A Historical Affair / Featuring Ernest H. Brooks II, with foreword by Jean-Michel Cousteau. Vol. I. Published by AsianDiver, [2013]. Signed by the author. "Historical Diving Society Asian in association with Asian Geographic Society" -- back flap.

Man and the Underwater World / Pierre de Latil & Jean Rivoire. Translated from the French by Edward Fitzgerald. Published by Putnam, 1956.

Dive! The Story of David Bushnell and His Remarkable 1776 Submarine (and Torpedo) / by Lincoln Diamant. Published by Purple Mountain Press, 2003. 1st ed.

The Darkness Beckons: The History and Development of Cave Diving / Martyn Farr; foreword by Bill Stone. Published by Cave Books, 1991.

Down to the Ships in the Sea / Harry Grossett. Published by Lippincott, 1954, c1953.

Ironsuit: The History of the Atmospheric Diving Suit / Gary L. Harris. Published by Best Pub., 1994. Diversification Series. Includes bibliography.

Hard Hat Divers Wear Dresses / by Bob Kirby. Published by Olive Press Publications, 2002.

Dive the Big Blue: A Historical Affair. Volume 2 / by Leslie Leaney, Bob Ramsay, and David Strike, with foreword by Wyland. Published by AsianDiver, [2014]. "Historical Diving Society Asian in association with Asian Geographic Society" -- back flap.

Helmets of the Deep / Leon G. Lyons. Published by Leon G. Lyons, 1988.

The Deep-Sea Diver: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow / Robert C. Martin. Published by Cornell Maritime Press, 1978. Includes index.

Deep, Deeper, Deepest: Man's Exploration of the Sea / Robert F. Marx. Published by Best Publishing, 1998. Diversification Series. Includes bibliography.

Descent: The Heroic Discovery of the Abyss / Brad Matsen. Published by Pantheon, 2005. 1st ed. Contains bibliography and index.

The Tin Openers: The Secret Underwater War against the U-Boats 1914-1918 / by Kendall McDonald. Published by Historic Military Press, 2003. [Wrecks & Relics] Folded booklet.

History under the Sea / Alexander McKee. Published by London, 1968. Handwritten note on first page of front matter: "Currently the best (only) book accurately recording helmet development." Includes bibliography.

Up for Air; Diving for a Living / by Frank Meier, master diver. Published by E. P. Dutton, 1940. 1st ed. Note: Good history of early commercial diving, mostly in the New York Harbor area.

Trois Inventeurs Méconnus: Benoît Rouquayrol, Auguste et Louis Denayrouze: De Prestigieuses Découvertes et L'histoire Du Premier Scaphandre Autonome, Une Invention Bien Française, 1865 / Jacques Michel. Published by Musée Joseph Vaylet, 1980.

The Wide World Magazine; An Illustrated Monthly of True Narrative, Adventure, Travel, Customs, and Sport. Vol. I, April to September, 1898. Published by G. Newnes, 1898. Note: The May, 1898 issue of this periodical contains the article, "In the Ocean Depths. Some Reminiscences of a Diver. Told by John Pearce, of Whitstable." (Vol. I, Nr. 2, pp. 211-217). Includes index. On cover: "Astounding photographs"; "Thrilling adventures."

The Wide World Magazine; An Illustrated Monthly of True Narrative, Adventure, Travel, Customs, and Sport. Vol. III, Vol. I, April to September, 1899. Published by G. Newnes, 1899. Note: The May, 1899 issue of this periodical contains the article, "The Peril of Seaman Diver Young. By Major Charlton Anne" (Vol. III, Nr. 14, pp. 137-144). Includes index. On cover: "Astounding photographs"; "Thrilling adventures."

Into the Lion's Mouth: The Story of the Wildrake Diving Accident / Michael Smart. Published by Lion's Mouth Publishing, 2011. 1st ed. Includes list of North Sea fatalities, Feb. 1971-Feb. 1984. Contains bibliography and index.

Aquarius / Philippe Tailliez. Published by Éditions France-Empire, 1961. In French. Signed by the author.

Aquarius / Philippe Tailliez. Published by George G. Harrap, 1964. English translation copyright George G. Harrap & Co.

Diving Manual, 1943 / United States. Navy Department. Bureau of Ships. Published by U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1943. At head of title: Navy Dept. Bureau of Ships. Supersedes the 1924 edition issued by the Bureau of Construction and Repair.

Military Diving / United States. War Department. Published by War Dept.: U.S. G.P.O. [distributor], 1944. War Department technical manual, TM 5-475.

Palombari Della Marina Militare Italiana. 160 Anni Di Storia Dei Subacquei Della Marina Militare Italiana Dalla Nascita Della Scuola Palombari, 1849-2009 / Fabio Vitale and Gianfranco Betro. Published by La mandragora, 2009. Subacquea, 25.

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Subseries VIII-C. Divers/Underwater Construction /Offshore Engineering contains 49 books, among them biographies and autobiographies of diving pioneers; overviews of commercial diving; and handbooks as well as historical treatments of various types of underwater engineering and construction including underwater cutting and welding, bridge building, commercial oil-field diving and engineering, and marine outfall systems. Along with Torrance Parker's book, *20,000 Jobs under the Sea: A History of Diving and Underwater Engineering* (1997), titles in this subseries include *Underseas Log* (1947), about Eddie Bushnell, one of the first divers in the Monterey area to maintain underwater pipelines for sardine canneries in the 1930s and 1940s; books by divers including abalone and commercial divers Alfred H. Hanson and Norma J. Hanson (Norma Hanson was the first woman to join the Piledrivers Union Local 2375); early commercial divers such as J.B. Green and Walter McCray; fishery diver Jake Jacobs; and commercial diver Kenneth K. Knott, one of California's pioneer oil divers. The subseries also contains historical treatments of commercial diving including *The Man in the Helmet* (Desmond Young, 1963), a history of the Siebe, Gorman Company; *Early California Oil: A Photographic History, 1865-1940* by Kenny A. Franks and Paul F. Lambert (1985); and *Commercial Oil-Field Diving* (1978), one of the earliest treatments of offshore oil diving, written by Nicholas B. Zinkowski, who worked with Parker on a pipeline repair project in South America.

Divers

"Fish Out of Water": An Anthology of the Short, and Short Short, Writings of Dick Anderson -- Mainly from his "Fish Out of Water" Humor Column Published in "Lifestyle" Magazine / Dick Anderson. Published by [Dick Anderson?, after 1990]. Contains writings from 1987-1991 and undated. Inscribed to T. Parker by the author. Spiral bound. See Series V (Divers),

Box 3, Folder 18, for Anderson's 2006 obituary from the Los Angeles Times, originally found inside this book.

Between the Devil and the Deep: My Life as a Diver, Blaster, Big Game Hunter and Cop / Murray D. Black. Published by MDB, 2002. Note: M.D. Black inscribed some words to Torrance Parker on the book's front endpaper a few days before his death

Twenty Years under the Ocean / Henry J. Bruce. Published by Stanley Paul & Co., 1939. Includes index. "With twelve half-tone illustrations." -- title page.

Underseas Log / from the records of Eddie Bushnell, deep-sea diver, as told to M. O'Moran [pseud.] Illustrated. Photography by Wm. L. Morgan, underseas photography by Eddie Bushnell. Published by Caxton Printers, 1947. Note: Eddie Bushnell was one of the first divers in the Monterey area to maintain the underwater pipelines that the canneries operated for the sardine fleet during the 1930s and 1940s. Book describes the waterfront and diving from his perspective, as well as the Monterey sardine fishery. Bushnell also dove for abalone on the side.

William Walker: The Diver Who Saved Winchester Cathedral / Frederick Bussby. Published by Friends of Winchester Cathedral, 1987. 3rd ed.

Danger is my Business / by John D. Craig. Published by Simon and Schuster, 1938. Includes index.

Men under Water / edited by James Dugan and Richard Vahan for the Underwater Society of America. Published by Chilton Books, 1965. 1st ed. Includes "a diver's prejudiced bibliography, by George Rappole."

I Like Diving: A Professional's Story / by Tom Eadie, with an introduction by Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, U.S.N. Published by Houghton Mifflin, 1931, c1929.

Neutral Buoyancy: Adventures in a Liquid World / Tim Ecott. Published by Grove Press, 2001. Includes bibliography.

Caverns Measureless to Man / Sheck Exley. Published by Cave Books, 1994. Includes index.

Passage through Deep Waters / by David Finnern. Published by Pearl Pub. Co., 1997. 1st ed. Inscribed to T. Parker by the author.

Diving Pioneers and Innovators: A Series of In-Depth Interviews / Bret Gilliam. Published by New World Publications, [2007].

Diving With & Without Armor: Containing the Submarine Exploits of J.B. Green, the Celebrated Submarine Diver / J.B. Green. Published by Atlantic Diving Equipment Corp, 1990. Originally published by Faxon's Steam Power Press, Buffalo, NY, 1859. "Copyright 1990 by Ray Mathieson, Atlantic Diving Equipment ..." -- back of title page. Inscribed to T. Parker by Earl Pickering. Note: J.B. Green, one of America's first commercial divers, describes some of his exploits and operations in this book.

More than Nine Lives: An Autobiography of a Life Well Lived / by Alfred H. Hanson and Norma J. Hanson. Published by Footprint Publishing, 2003.

Winchester Diver: The Saving of a Great Cathedral / by Ian T. Henderson and John Crook. Published by Henderson & Stirk, 1984.

Water Work: Sixty Years of Boatbuilding, Commercial Hard Hat Diving, Marine Design and Contracting, Marine Surveying and Related Endeavors / W. Leiter Hockett. Published by Trafford, 2005.

Marineland Diver / by Jake Jacobs, chief diver, Marineland of the Pacific, as told to Sylvia Jacobs. Illustrated with photographs. Published by Dodd, Mead, 1960. Signed by Jake and Sylvia Jacobs. Note: Jake Jacobs was an abalone and agar fishery diver during and after World War II, working in Southern California waters. After World War II, he became the first diver to work for Marineland of the Pacific, which started off the coast of San Pedro, joining them to dive in the large ocean fish display tanks.

Johnno, the Deep-Sea Diver; The Life-Story of Diver John Johnstone as Told to Peter Dawlish / John Edward Johnstone. Published by G. G. Harrap, 1960.

Just Lucky: The Ken Knott Story / Kenneth K. Knott. [Self-published?], [2009].

The Scrapbook of Walter McCray, Diver / Walter McCray. Published by [Ryan McCray], 1998. Signed on front cover by Walter McCray. Spiral bound. Note: Walter McCray was a well-known diver in the Pacific Northwest. The book provides primary sources concerning the history of diving in that region in the first half of the 20th century; it was digitally scanned and reproduced by his great-grandson in 1998.

Heroes and Hazards; Talks with the Daredevils of To-Day; True Stories of the Careers of the Men Who Make our Modern World Safe by their Courage / by Margaret Norris; illustrated with many photographs. Published by MacMillan, 1932.

Stars beneath the Sea: The Pioneers of Diving / Trevor Norton. Published by Carroll & Graf. 1st Carroll & Graf ed. Includes bibliography.

Requiem for a Diver / by Jackie Warner [S.A. Warner?] and Fred Park. Published by Brown, Son & Ferguson, 1990. 1st ed.

Descent into Darkness: Pearl Harbor, 1941: A Navy Diver's Memoir / Edward C. Raymer. Published by Presidio, 1996. Inscribed to T. Parker by Rigs Crawford.

The Silent Front: Tales of our Navy Salvage Divers / Paul Schenk. [Self-published], 2013.

One Man's War: Diving as a Guest of the Emperor, 1942 / by Robert C. Sheats. Published by Best Publishing, 1998. Includes bibliography.

Last of the Hard Hat Divers 2 / by Bob Sinclair. Published by Bob Sinclair, 2011.

The Professional Diver's Handbook / editor, David Sisman. Published by Submex, 1992. Signed by John Bevan on bookplate with text, "Presented to Torrance C. Parker by John Bevan, Chairman of the Historical Diving Society, London, 23rd October 1993." Includes index.

Solid Brass / written and illustrated by Bob Wick. Published by Best Pub. Co., 2001.

The Man in the Helmet / Desmond Young. Published by Cassell, 1963. Includes index. Note: History of early Siebe, Gorman Company, Augustus Siebe, and Robert H. Davis. Contains many drawings, including by Robert Davis, as well as historical photographs.

Underwater Engineering and Construction -- General

Submarine Engineering of To-Day; A Popular Account of the Methods by which Sunken Ships are Raised, Docks Built, Rocks Blasted Away, Tunnels Excavated, and Many Other Feats of Engineering beneath the Surface of the Water, Together with a Description of the Latest Types of Submarine Boats / Charles W. Domville-Fife. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, 1914.

Construction of Marine and Offshore Structures / Ben C. Gerwick. Published by CRC Press, 2007. 3rd ed. Includes bibliography and index.

American Civil Engineers' Handbook / Mansfield Merriman. Published by J. Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1930. 5th ed.

Handbook of Ocean and Underwater Engineering / Prepared under the auspices of North American Rockwell Corporation. Editor-in-chief: John J. Myers; associate editor: Carl H. Holm; contributing editor: Raymond F. McAllister. Published by McGraw-Hill, 1969.

20,000 Jobs under the Sea: A History of Diving and Underwater Engineering / by Torrance R. Parker; edited by Don Walsh; foreword by William B. Lee. Published by Sub-Sea Archives, 1997. Note: covers major underwater construction projects including ship-work and salvage; first offshore oil divers; building the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach; divers and tenders union; fishery diving; diving medicine; first diving schools; and biographies. Illustrated with nearly 400 photographs and specially created drawings. Biographical references, appendixes. This copy is number 4, first edition. Inscribed by T. Parker to his wife, Tina.

Man beneath the Sea; A Review of Underwater Ocean Engineering / Walter Penzias and M. W. Goodman. Published by Wiley-Interscience, 1973. Note: Includes bibliographies, numerous photographs, diagrams, and tables.

Diving and Equipment / University of Texas. Published by Petroleum Extension Service, the University of Texas at Austin, in cooperation with International Association of Drilling Contractors, 1977. Lessons in Rotary drilling, Unit 5, Offshore technology ; Lesson 5.

Underwater Cutting and Welding Manual / United States. Navy Department. Bureau of Ships. Published by Bureau of Ships, Navy Dept., [1954]. NAVSHIPS 250-692-9.

Bridges and Bridge Building

Spanning the Gate: The Golden Gate Bridge / Stephen Cassady. Published by Squarebooks, 1986. Rev. ed.

Building the Golden Gate Bridge: Photographs from the Bev Washburn Collection. Published by Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy & Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, 2102. 1st ed. Note: Contains over one hundred photographs.

The Great Bridge / David McCullough. Published by Simon and Schuster, 1972. Includes bibliography and index.

Bridging the Straits: The Story of Mighty Mac / Lawrence A. Rubin. Published by Wayne State University Press, 1985. Includes index. Note: Concerns the building of the bridge across the Straits of Mackinac, and the underwater work to build the bridge piers. Also describes the death of Frank Pepper, one of Southern California's prominent construction divers of the 1940s and 1950s.

Commercial Oil-Field Diving and Engineering

Underwater Welding of Offshore Platforms and Pipelines: Proceedings of a Conference November 5-6, 1980, New Orleans, Louisiana / sponsored by American Welding Society Education Department. Published by American Welding Society, 1981. Welding Technology Series.

Early California Oil: A Photographic History, 1865-1940 / by Kenny A. Franks and Paul F. Lambert. Published by Texas A&M University Press, 1985. 1st ed. Montague history of oil series. no. 4. Note: Contains scores of photographs.

Drilling through Time: 75 Years with California's Division of Oil and Gas / by William Rintoul; edited by Susan F. Hodgson ; illustrated by Jim Spriggs ; foreword by George Deukmejian. Published by Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas, 1990. Publication (California. Division of Oil and Gas) TR40. Includes bibliography and index.

The History of Oilfield Diving: An Industrial Adventure / Christopher Swann. Published by Oceanaut Press, 2007.

Commercial Oil-Field Diving / by Nicholas B. Zinkowski. Published by Cornell Maritime Press. 1978. 2d ed., completely rev. and enl. Note: One of the first books describing the work of offshore oil diving, primarily in the Gulf of Mexico, this book is a how-to for other divers and contains many historical photographs and illustrations. Zinkowski was a personal friend of T. Parker, who is among those listed in the Acknowledgments and with whom he dove in South America on a pipeline repair project. He earned a diving depth record when he dove out of a pressurized bell for Westinghouse, and in 1967 broke the open-sea diving record breathing an oxygen-helium mixture with a working dive in the Gulf of Mexico to 600 ft.

Marine Outfall Systems

Marine Outfall Systems: Planning, Design, and Construction / Robert A. Grace. Published by Prentice-Hall, 1978. Includes bibliographies and index.

Narrative--C.S.D.: An Account of Certain Facts and Incidents Occurring During the Formative and Growth Years of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County--1923 to 1961 / by AM Rawn. Published by County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, 1965. Maps on lining papers. Note: Excellent description of White Point and Los Angeles construction and of the history of marine outfalls by Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

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Subseries VIII-D. Fishery Diving/Marine Ecology contains 38 books. Topics addressed include pearl diving; abalone diving and the abalone industry; the history of Greek sponge divers in Greece and in Florida; oceanographic research; marine ecosystems; and weather. This subseries includes Torrance Parker's book, *20,000 Divers under the Sea: A History of the Mediterranean and Western Atlantic Sponge Trades, with an Account of Early Deep Diving* (2013).

Fishery Diving

Pearl Seekers / Norman Bartlett. Published by Melrose, 1954.

Pearl Diver; Adventuring over and under Southern Seas / by Victor Berge and Henry Wysham Lanier. Illustrations by Stephen Haweis. Published by Doubleday, Doran & Co., 1930. 1st ed. Illustrated lining-papers. Narrative rewritten by Lanier from exact transcript of Berge's own words.

Deep Treasure, a Story of the Greek Sponge Fishers of Florida / Charles M. Blackford; illustrated by Alexander Key. Published by Winston, 1954. 1st ed. Land of the Free Series.

Pearls of Broome and Northern Australia / Hugh Edwards. Published by H. Edwards, 1994.

Strangers at Ithaca: The Story of the Spongers of Tarpon Springs / by George Th. Frantzis; [translated from the Greek by Helen Ross]. Published by [Fanitsa Inc.], 2001. 2nd millenium limited ed. Includes bibliography.

The Pearl-Shellers of Torres Strait: Resource Use, Development and Decline, 1860s-1960s / Regina Ganter. Published by Melbourne University Press, 1994. Includes bibliography and index.

Forty Fathoms Deep / by Ion L. Idriess. Published by Angus & Robertson, 1937. 3rd ed.

Tuna and Billfish: Fish without a Country / James Joseph, Witold Klawe, Pat Murphy; paintings by George Mattson. Published by Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, 1988. 4th ed. Includes bibliography.

The Bellstone: The Greek Sponge Divers of the Aegean: One American's Journey Home / Michael N. Kalafatas. Published by Brandeis University Press/University Press of New England, 2003. Inscribed to T. Parker by the author. Note: Book also discusses Greek migration to Tarpon Springs, FL, to dive for sponges.

Bluewater Gold Rush: The Odyssey of a California Sea Urchin Diver / Tom Kendrick; [Tom Rissacher, illustrator]. Published by Azalea Creek Pub., 2006. Signed by the author.

The California Abalone Industry: A Pictorial History / A. L. Lundy. Published by Best Publishing, 1997. 1st ed. Note: Covers the Chinese period (1853-1900); the Japanese period (1898-1941); and the Open period (1928-present). Illustrated with hundreds of historical photographs, many in color; also includes tables, maps, bibliography, and index. Inscribed to T. Parker by the author.

20,000 Divers under the Sea: A History of the Mediterranean and Western Atlantic Sponge Trades with an Account of Early Deep Diving / Torrance R. Parker; with a foreword by Captain Don Walsh US Navy (retired). Published by Sub-Sea Archives, 2013. 1st ed. Includes appendices, bibliography, and index. From the Introduction: “[This book] tells the story of a mass migration of Greeks who brought a trade [and a] culture to America during the first decade of the 20th century. [It is also] a history of sponge diving's beginnings in the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas, and [of] how the harvesting, processing, and marketing of sponges became a significant trade worldwide during the Industrial Revolution ... Part II is a collection of interviews with Greek American spongers still living in Tarpon Springs during the late 1990s. All of those interviewed actually worked in the trade as producers, processors, and buyers.” Note: Illustrated with over 300 historical photographs and specially-created drawings.

Tales of the Golden Years of California Ocean Fishing, 1900-1950 / by Ed Ries. Published by Friends of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, 1997. Includes bibliography.

Sponge Docks, Tarpon Springs, Florida; America's Sponge Diving Birthplace / by the Rozees (Eileen & Lou). Publisher unknown, [1973].

Pearling in the Arabian Gulf: A Kuwaiti Memoir / by Saif Marzooq al-Shamlan (Shamlān, Sayf Marzūq); translated from the Arabic by Peter Clark. Published by LCAS, London Centre of Arab Studies, 2000. Includes index.

Pearls and Pearling Life / Edwin W. Streeter. Published by George Bell & Sons, 1886.

Bitter Sea: The Real Story of Greek Sponge Diving / Faith Warn. Published by Guardian Angel, 2000. Includes bibliography and index.

The Romance of the World's Fisheries, Interesting Descriptions of the Many & Curious Methods of Fishing in All Parts of the World / by Sidney Wright. With twenty-four

illustrations. Published by Seeley Service, 2012, c1922. Historical reproduction of 1922 edition; published by Bibliolife, [Charleston, SC, 2012].

Marine Ecology, Weather, Wetlands

Man and the Sea: Human Factors in Marine Environments / edited by Raoul Andersen and Geoffrey Stiles. Published by Simon and Schuster, 1971. "Selected academic readings." -- front cover.

Marine Fishes of Southern California / by Percy Spencer Barnhart. Published by University of California Press, 1936. Includes bibliography.

World beneath the Sea / Otis Barton. Published by Crowell, 1953. See Series VII (Photographs), Box 4, Folder 14 for a photograph of Otis Barton preparing a bathyscope for descent.

Beneath Tropic Seas; A Record of Diving among the Coral Reefs of Haiti / by William Beebe. Published by Blue Ribbon, 1928.

Half Mile Down / by William Beebe ... with 123 illustrations and 8 colored plates. Published under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society by Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1934. Map on front lining-paper and diagram on back lining-paper. "This is the third volume to be published dealing with oceanographic researches on the life of the waters about Nonsuch, Bermuda ... These studies have been carried on by Dr. William Beebe and his staff, Mr. John Tee-Van, Miss Gloria Hollister and Miss Jocelyn Crane, of the Department of Tropical Research of the Zoölogical Society ... The present volume describes the various descents made by Dr. Beebe and Mr. Barton in the steel ball known as the bathysphere."-- Pref. Includes "History of diving bibliography, by Jocelyn Crane."

Nonsuch: Land of Water / by William Beebe; published under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society by Brewer, Warren & Putnam, 1932. Includes index.

Ocean Planet: Writings and Images of the Sea / original text by Peter Benchley; edited by Judith Gradwohl. Published by H.N. Abrams, Inc. and the Times Mirror Magazines, Inc. in association with the Smithsonian Institution, 1995. Companion volume to a traveling exhibition.

A Field Guide to Pacific Coast Fishes of North America: From the Gulf of Alaska to Baja, California / William N. Eschmeyer, Earl S. Herald ; illustrations by Howard Hammann, Katherine P. Smith, associate illustrator. Published by Houghton Mifflin, 1983. The Peterson field guide series.

Peter Freuchen's Book of the Seven Seas / by Peter Freuchen with David Loth. Published by Julian Messner, 1957.

We Come from the Sea / Hans Hass. Translated from the German by Alan Houghton Brodrick. Published by Doubleday, 1959. Includes bibliography and index.

In the Wake of the Sea-Serpents / Bernard Heuvelmans. Translated from the French by Richard Garnett. With drawings by Alika Watteau. Published by Hill and Wang, [1968]. [1st American ed.] Translation of *Le grand serpent-de-mer*, abridged and augmented, with a condensed translation of the author's *Le kraken et le poulpe colossal*. Includes bibliography.

Diversity of Marine Plants / compiled and edited by Bobby N. Irby ... [et al.]. Published for the Mississippi Alabama Sea Grant Consortium by the University Press of Mississippi, 1984.

Killer Storms: Hurricanes, Typhoons, and Tornadoes / Gary Jennings. Published by Lippincott, 1970. 1st ed. Includes index.

Facts about the Oceans / by Donald L. Keach and Don Walsh. Published by International Maritime, 1984. Includes bibliography. Note: The authors purchased the Parker Diving Service and helped the University of Southern California raise funds to finance the construction of their facilities for undersea research.

Wetlands / by William A. Niering. Published by Knopf, 1985. A Chanticleer Press ed. Audubon Society nature guides. Includes bibliography and index.

Between Pacific Tides: An Account of the Habits and Habitats of Some Five Hundred of the Common, Conspicuous Seashore Invertebrates of the Pacific Coast Between Sitka, Alaska, and Northern Mexico / [by] Edward F. Ricketts and Jack Calvin. Foreword by John Steinbeck; line drawings by Ritchie Lovejoy. Published by Stanford University Press, 1952. 3rd ed., rev. Contains "Annotated systematic index and bibliography" and "Selected list of non-specific books and accounts."

Oceans Past: Management Insights from the History of Marine Animal Populations / edited by David J. Starkey, Poul Holm and Michaela Barnard. Published by Earthscan, 2008. Includes bibliography and index.

Mysteries of the Deep / edited by Joseph J. Thorndike, Jr. Published by American Heritage Pub. Co.; book trade distribution by C. Scribner, 1980. Includes bibliographies and index.

Ocean's End: Travels through Endangered Seas / Colin Woodard. Foreword by Paul Ehrlich. Published by Basic Books, 2000. Includes bibliography and index.

Tides and the Pull of the Moon / by Francis E. Wylie. Published by S. Greene Press, 1979. Includes bibliography and index

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Subseries VIII-E. Regional and Cultural Interest/Photography and Arts contains 31 books, including volumes about the Florida Keys and about Greek Americans in Tarpon Springs, Florida; *Although Patriotic, We Were Drydocked* by C. Robert Ryono (1994), a history of Issei fishers who first settled on Terminal Island (near San Pedro, California) by an author who, along with his family, was among the approximately 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry incarcerated during World War II; *A Pacific Legacy: A Century of Maritime Photography, 1850-1950* by Wayne Bonnett (1991); and a treatment of underwater photography as used in the Hollywood film industry (*Twenty Years under the Sea*, by J.E. Williamson, 1936).

California

The Guardian at Angels Gate: Fort MacArthur, Defender of Los Angeles / by Mark A. Berhow and David Gustafson. Published by Fort MacArthur Military Press/Fort MacArthur Museum Association, 2001. Includes bibliography.

Catalina Saga: An Historical Cruise around Santa Catalina Island / Richard Buffum. Published by Abracadabra Press, 2003. 1st ed. Signed by Richard Buffum. Contains bibliography and index.

Santa Barbara Island / edited by Marla Daily. Published by Santa Cruz Island Foundation, 1993. 1st ed. Occasional paper (Santa Cruz Island Foundation), no. 6.

Rolling Hills: The Early Years. February 1930 through December 7, 1941 / by A. E. Hanson. Photos by "Dick" Whittington, Fred Dapprich, and the author. Published by City of Rolling Hills, 1978. "500 copies published by the City of Rolling Hills."--title page.

San Francisco Bay: A Pictorial Maritime History / John Haskell Kemble. Published by Cornell Maritime Press, 1957. Includes index.

The Port of Los Angeles: From Wilderness to World Port / historical text by Charles F. Queenan. Published by Los Angeles Harbor Dept., 1983. Includes index and bibliography.

Although Patriotic, We Were Drydocked / C. Robert Ryono. Published by [Terminal Islanders?], [1994]. "Dedicated to the Terminal Islanders." Spiral bound. Note: History of the Japanese Terminal Islanders. Author Ryono, along with other families, was incarcerated by the U.S. government near Lone Pine, CA, during World War II. See Series I (Biographical), Box 1, Folder 5, for correspondence from Ryono recounting historical information about Terminal Island and about the Harbor Boat shop, owned by John Rados from 1928-1940.

San Pedro: A Pictorial History Updated through 1990 / Henry P. Silka ; picture captions, Irene M. Almeida ... [et al.]. Published by San Pedro Bay Historical Society, 1993. "Twentieth Anniversary Limited Edition No. 326." Includes index and bibliography.

Florida

The Florida Folklife Reader / edited by Tina Bucuvalas. Published by University Press of Mississippi, 2012. Includes index.

Florida's Past. People and Events that Shaped the State / Gene M. Burnett. Published by Pineapple Press, 1986. "Volume 1"--front cover. Includes bibliography and index.

Greek-American Group of Tarpon Springs, Florida: A Study of Ethnic Identification and Acculturation / Edwin Clarence Buxbaum. A dissertation in anthropology. Published by University Microfilms, 1967.

The New History of Florida / edited by Michael Gannon. Published by University Press of Florida, 1996. "A Florida sesquicentennial book"--T.p. verso. Includes bibliography and index.

Grits & Grunts. Folkloric Key West / Stetson Kennedy. Published by Pineapple Press, 2008. Includes bibliography and index.

Tarpon Springs, Florida / Dolores Kilgo. Published by Arcadia, 2002. 1st ed. Images of America Series.

Key West and the Spanish-American War / Wright Langley, Joan Langley. Published by Langley Press, 1998. 1st ed. Includes bibliography.

The Greeks in the United States / Theodore Saloutos. Published by Harvard University Press, 1964. Includes bibliography.

It Happened in the Florida Keys / Victoria Shearer. Published by Morris Book Publishing, 2008. It Happened In [Series]. Includes bibliography and index.

The Florida Keys / John Viele. Published by Pineapple Press, c1996-c2001. 1st ed. Florida History through its Places. Vol I: *A history of the pioneers*. Vol II: *True stories of the perilous straits*. Vol. III: *The wreckers*. Includes bibliography and index.

Photography

A Pacific Legacy: A Century of Maritime Photography, 1850-1950 / Wayne Bonnett. Published by Chronicle Books, 1991. Foreword by Robert A. Weinstein. Includes bibliography and index.

Take Me under the Sea: The Dream Merchants of the Deep / by Thomas N. Burgess. Published by Ocean Archives, 1994. 1st Ocean Archives ed. Inscribed to Torrance Parker by the author. Historical Diving Society USA, Santa Barbara, Society Special Limited Edition, Nr. 51 of 150. Includes bibliography.

Under Sea with Helmet and Camera: Experiences of an Amateur / by A. Felix Du Pont. With illustrations from photographs taken by the author. Published by Dodd, Mead, 1940. Note: Du Pont was an early practitioner of underwater photography with shallow-water helmets. A recreational rather than commercial diver, he contributed a great deal to underwater photography.

Manta; under the Red Sea with Spear and Camera / Hans Hass. Translated from the German by James Cleugh. Published by Rand, McNally, 1953, c1952.

Great Disaster at Arena Cove / Nicholas King. Published by GRV Enterprises, 1983, 1986.

Twenty Years under the Sea / J. E. Williamson. Published by Hale, Cushman & Flint, 1936. Note: Contains an account of some of the first underwater ocean pictures filmed for Hollywood.

Literature

Sea Stories: Harrowing Tales of Mystery, Death, Hardship, and Humor from the North Pacific / John Paul Barrett. Published by Gaff Press, 1st ed. Contains woodcuts by Sarah Chamberlain and illustrations by Michael deWaide. Cloth cover of unspecified fabric.

Sailor's Treasury / Frank Shay. Published by Norton, 1951.

Tales of Land and Sea / Joseph Conrad; illustrated by Richard M. Powers; introduction by William McFee. Published by Hanover House, [1953].

Other Social and Cultural History

Technology and Social Change / edited by H. Russell Bernard, Pertti J. Peltó. Published by Waveland Press, 2nd ed. Includes bibliography.

Islanders in the Stream. A History of the Bahamian People. Volume Two: From the Ending of Slavery to the Twenty-First Century / Michael Craton and Gail Saunders. Published by University of Georgia Press, 2000, c1998. University of Georgia paperback ed. Includes index.

Greek-American Pioneer Women of Illinois. The Stories of Georgia Bitzis Pooley, Presbyteria Stella Christoulakis Petrakis, Theano Papazoglou Margaris, Venette Askounes Ashford, and Senator Adeline J. Geo-Karis / The Greek Women's University Club, editor: Dr. Elaine Cotsirilos Thomopoulos Published by Arcadia Publishing, 2000, Images of America Series. Book consists mostly of photographs.

The Jewish Confederates / Robert N. Rosen. Published by University of South Carolina, 2000. Includes bibliography and index.

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Subseries VIII-F. Salvage/Treasure Troves contains 41 books, including overviews of ship salvage work throughout history and in many locations around the world; perspectives of divers involved in salvage; and explorations of work involving the search for and salvage of sunken treasure. Titles in this subseries include several books by Edward Ellsberg, a former U.S. Navy Commander who worked in locations including the Red Sea and who developed the oxygen-hydrogen underwater cutting torch; *Black Horse of the Sea* by Robert D. MacMillen (1929), which describes the company Merritt-Chapman and Scott's Black Horse divers; and *The Atlas of Shipwrecks & Treasure: The History, Location, and Treasures of Ships Lost at Sea* by Nigel Pickford (1994).

Ship Salvage

Salvage Man: Edward Ellsberg and the U.S. Navy / John D. Alden. Published by Naval Institute Press, 1998. Includes bibliography and index.

Mud, Muscle, and Miracles: Marine Salvage in the United States Navy / C.A. Bartholomew. Joint publication of the Naval Historical Center and Naval Sea Systems Command, Dept. of the Navy: For sale by the Supt. of Docs., U.S. G.P.O., 1990. Inscribed to T. Parker by James Bladh, correspondence from whom is also attached to front cover. Includes bibliography and index.

Log of Diving during Rescue and Salvage Operations of the USS Squalus: Diving Log of USS Falcon, 24 May 1939-12 September 1939 / Albert R. Behnke. Reprinted by Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society, date unknown.

Salvage Operations: The Floating of H.M. Battleship "Howe" / by Rear-Admiral George T. H. Boyes. Published by J. D. Potter, 1900. "Illustrated by twenty-three photographs, plans, and sketches." -- title page.

Marine Salvage Operations / Edward M. Brady. Published by Cornell Maritime Press,

Breaking Ships: How Supertankers and Cargo Ships are Dismantled on the Beaches of Bangladesh / by Roland Buerk, with photographs by the author and foreword by Michael Sanders. Published by Chamberlain Bros, 2006. Note: Contains "506 illustrations, 150 in colour"; illustrations include maps, drawings, and photographs.

Don't Forget the Diver / C. A. Chard. Published by W. & R. Chambers, [1958].

The Salvager; the Life of Captain Tom Reid on the Great Lakes / Mary Frances Doner. Published by Ross and Haines, 1958. 1st ed.

Deep Dark and Dangerous: On the Bottom with the Northwest Salvage Divers / Rebecca Harrison. Published by BookSurge, 2006. 1st ed.

Ordeal by Water / Peter Keeble; with drawings by the author. Published by Doubleday, 1958. 1st ed.

Men under the Sea / by Commander Edward Ellsberg. Published by Dodd, Mead & Company, 1945.

On the Bottom / by Edward Ellsberg. Published by Blue Ribbon, c1928, 1929. Rainbow ed.

Under the Red Sea Sun / by Commander Edward Ellsberg. Published by Dodd, Mead & Company, 1946. Note: Another excellent book by Commander Edward Ellsberg, with references to Edison Brown, noted California salvage master, and William H. Reed, American deep sea diver famous in the 1920s and 1930s.

Black Horse of the Sea / Robert D. MacMillen. Published by Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation, 1929. Note: Describes Merritt-Chapman & Scott's Black Horse divers.

Wonders of Salvage / by David Masters. Published by Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1944. Contains the greater part of two of the author's works: *The wonders of salvage*, first published 1924 and *S.O.S.*, first published in 1933.

Fathoms Below; Under-Sea Salvage from Sailing Ships to the Normandie / by Frank Meier. Published by E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc., 1943.

Modern Marine Salvage / William I. Milwee, Jr. Published by Cornell Maritime Press, 1996. 1st ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Without Prejudice; A History of the United States Salvage Association, Inc., 1921-1971 / by C. Bradford Mitchell. Published by United States Salvage Association, 1971. Contains appendices and index.

Grey Seas Under / Farley Mowat. Published by Little, Brown, 1958. 1st ed.

The Egypt's Gold / David Scott. Published by Faber & Faber. Note: This book, the sequel to the author's "Seventy fathoms deep with the divers of the salvage ship *Artiglio*," is the story of the second *Artiglio*.

Diving, Cutting, and Welding in Underwater Salvage Operations / by Frank E. Thompson, Jr. Published by Cornell Maritime Press, 1944. Contains glossary, data, and index. Inscribed to Parker.

Report of the Salvage of the U.S.S. Lafayette (Ex-SS Normandie). Submitted by Supervisor of Salvage, U.S.N., New York / United States. Navy Department. Bureau of Ships. Published by Navy Dept., Bureau of Ships, [1947]. At head of title: Navships 250-880-21. Some handwritten notes on cover. Fragile, with loose and torn pages.

Ship Salvage / G. J. Wheeler. Published by George Philip and Son, 1958.

Deep-Sea Salvage / Adam Gowans Whyte. Published by Sampson Low, Marston & Co. Ltd., [1933?]. Includes index.

Ship Ashore; Adventures in Salvage / by Desmond Young, with an introduction by Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Jellicoe. Published by Jonathan Cape, 1932.

Treasure Troves

Sunken Treasure / by Pierre de Latil and Jean Rivoire. Published by Hill and Wang, 1962. 1st American ed. Includes index.

Treasure Hunt. Shipwreck, Diving, and the Quest for Treasure in an Age of Heroes / Peter Earle. Published by Thomas Dunne, 2008. 1st U.S. ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Treasure of the Concepción = The Wreck of the Almiranta / Peter Earle. Published by Viking, 1980. Includes bibliography and index.

The Sport Diver's Guide to Sunken Treasure / by David Finnern. Published by Pearl Pub., 1996. 1st ed.

The Treasure Galleons; Clues to Millions in Sunken Gold and Silver / Dave Horner. Published by Dodd, Mead, 1971. Includes bibliography and index.

Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea / Gary Kinder. Published by Atlantic Monthly Press, 1998. 1st ed.

Treasure of the Atocha / by R. Duncan Mathewson III; foreword by Mel Fisher; with photographs by Don Kincaid and Pat Clyne. Published by Pisces Books, 1986.

Diving to a Flash of Gold / [by] Martin Meylach in collaboration with Charles Whited. Published by Doubleday, 1st ed. Includes index.

The Atlas of Shipwrecks & Treasure: The History, Location, and Treasures of Ships Lost at Sea / by Nigel Pickford. Published by Distributed by Houghton Mifflin, 1994. 1st American ed.

Lost Treasure Ships of the Twentieth Century / Nigel Pickford. Published by National Geographic, 1999. Includes bibliography and index.

The Treasure Diver's Guide / John Stauffer Potter. Published by Doubleday, 1960. 1st ed. "Illustrated with maps and photographs." -- title page.

The Treasure Divers of Vigo Bay / John Stauffer Potter. With the collaboration in writing some parts of this book of John Payne Nathan. Published by Doubleday, 1958. 1st ed.

Gold from the Sea: Epic Story of the Recovery of "Niagara's" Bullion / J.R.W. Taylor. Published by Australasian Pub. Co., 1943. 6th ed.

America's Lost Treasure / Tommy Thompson. Published by Atlantic Monthly Press, 1998. 1st ed. "A Roundtree Press book." Includes index. Inscribed to T. Parker by the author.

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Tracking Treasure: Romance & Fortune beneath the Sea and How to Find It! / by Philip Z. Trupp. Published by Acropolis Books, 1986. Includes bibliography and index.

Treasures in the Depths / Robert Uhl. Published by Oldbourne, 1957. World Adventure Library.

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Seafaring and Seafaring History

This was Seafaring; A Sea Chest of Salty Memories / by Ralph W. Andrews and Harry A. Kirwin. Published by Superior Pub. Co., 1955. 1st ed.

A History of Seafaring: Based on Underwater Archaeology / by George Fletcher Bass. Published by Walker, 1972. Includes bibliography and index.

The Ancient Mariners / by Lionel Casson. Published by Princeton University Press, 1991. 2nd ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Star to Steer By: The Seafaring Adventures of Captain Jim Common: A Memoir as Told to His Son / edited by Christopher J. Common. Published by Stories from the Sea Publishing, 2005.

Anchors: An Illustrated History / Betty Nelson Curryer. Published by Naval Institute Press, 1999. Includes bibliography and index.

America and the Sea: A Maritime History / Benjamin Woods Labaree et al. Published by Mystic Seaport, 1998. 1st ed. American Maritime Library, XV. Includes bibliography and index. Note: Contains hundreds of photographs, many in color.

American Sail, a Pictorial History / by Alexander Laing. Published by E. P. Dutton, 1961. 1st ed. Note: Contains hundreds of historical photographs and drawings.

Chapman Piloting & Seamanship / Elbert S. Maloney, ed., and Charles F. Chapman. Published by Hearst, 2003. 64th ed.

Nautical Antiques for the Collector / by Jean Randier [translated from the French by Inge Moore]. Published by Doubleday, 1977, c1976.

The Illustrated Longitude / by Dava Sobel. Published by Walker, 1998. *Book of the Sea: Being a Collection of Writings about the Sea in All its Aspects; with 64 Pages of Illus. In Halftone and Gravure, and Many Line Drawings* / A. C. Spectorosky, ed. Published by Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1954.

Sea History's Guide to American and Canadian Maritime Museums / compiled and edited by Joseph M. Stanford. Published by Sea History Press, 1990. Includes bibliography and indexes.

Men, Ships, and the Sea / by Alan Villiers and other adventurers on the sea. Foreword by Melville Bell Grosvenor. Published by National Geographic Society, 1962.

Ships and Shipbuilding

Ships of Steam / by Lamont Buchanan. Published by McGraw-Hill, 1956. Contains numerous photographs. Includes index.

The Troller Yacht Book. A Powerboater's Guide to Crossing Oceans without Getting Wet or Going Broke / George Buehler. Published by W. W. Norton, 1999. 1st ed. Includes index.

The Manila-Acapulco Galleons: The Treasure Ships of the Pacific: With an Annotated List of the Transpacific Galleons, 1565-1815 / Shirley Fish. Published by AuthorHouse, 2011. Includes bibliography.

Sentinels of the North Pacific; the Story of Pacific Coast Lighthouses and Lightships / Jim Gibbs. Published by Binfords & Mort, 1955.

Archaeology of the Boat: A New Introductory Study / [by] Basil Greenhill; with chapters by J. S. Morrison and Sean McGrail; ... drawings by Eric McKee; introduced by W. F. Grimes. Published by Wesleyan University Press, 1976. Includes bibliography and index.

Boating for Less: A Comprehensive Guide to Buying, Owning, and Selling Your Power or Sail Boat / Steve Henkel. Published by International Marine Pub./McGraw Hill, 1992. 2nd ed. Includes index.

San Salvador: Cabrillo's Galleon of Discovery / Bruce Linder. Published by Maritime Museum of San Diego, 2011. 1st ed. Issued as v. 48, 1 & 2 (winter/spring 2012) of Mains'l haul.

The Arctic Whalers / by Basil Lubbock. Published by Brown, Son & Ferguson, 1955, c1937. 1955 reprint of 1937 ed. (1st ed.) Maps on lining-papers. Includes bibliography.

The Last of the Windjammers / by Basil Lubbock, with illustrations and plans. Published by Brown, Son & Ferguson, 1927-1929; reprint 1953 (Vol. II) and 1954 (Vol. I). Includes indexes. Maps on lining papers.

Ships of the Redwood Coast / by Jack McNairn and Jerry MacMullen. Published by Stanford University Press, 1945. Map on lining papers. Frontspiece and the drawings for the chapter heads by Jerry MacMullen. Includes bibliography.

Pacific Coastal Liners / by Gordon Newell and Joe Williamson. Published by Superior Pub. Co., 1959. Autographed ed.

The Manila Galleon / William Lytle Schurz. Published by E. P. Dutton, 1959, c1939. Includes bibliography and index.

Wooden Ship: The Art, History, and Revival of Wooden Boatbuilding / Peter H. Spectre and David Larkin; principal photography by Paul Rocheleau, chief contributing photographers Fred Hoogervorst, Benjamin Mendlowitz, Allan Weitz. Published by Houghton Mifflin, 1991. "A David Larkin book"--title page. Includes index.

Todd Shipyards Corporation at War / Todd Shipyards Corporation. Published by [Todd Shipyards Corporation], [1943]. Cover title. "June 1943"-p. [1].

Todd Shipyards Corporation Review of Operations, 1943-1944 / Todd Shipyards Corporation. Published by Todd Shipyards Corporation, [1944].

Gold Rush Steamers of the Pacific / Ernest A. Wiltsee. Published by Quarterman Publications, 1976. Reprint of the 1938 ed. published by Grabhorn Press, San Francisco, with new introduction and additional illustrations. Includes index.

Privateering, buccaneers, piracy

English Privateering Voyages to the West Indies, 1588-1595; Documents Relating to English Voyages to the West Indies from the Defeat of the Armada to the Last Voyage of Sir Francis Drake, Including Spanish Documents Contributed by Irene A. Wright / Kenneth R. Andrews, ed. Published by the Hakluyt Society at the University Press. Includes bibliography.

History of the Buccaneers of America / James Burney. Reprinted from the edition of 1816, with a new introduction by Malcolm Barnes. Published by W. W. Norton, 1950.

Under the Black Flag: The Romance and the Reality of Life Among the Pirates / David Cordingly. Published by Random House, 1996. [1st ed.?] Includes bibliography and index.

Some Famous Privateers of New England / by Ralph M. Eastman. Published by Priv. print., State Street Trust Company, 1928.

The History of Piracy / by Philip Gosse. Published by Cassell and Company, 1954. Includes bibliography and index.

Brethren of the Coast; Buccaneers of the South Seas / by P.K. Kemp and Christopher Lloyd. Published by St. Martin's Press, 1961, c1960.

Exploration and Discovery

Early California Voyages / by George Emmanuels. Published by Diablo Books, 2001. 1st ed.

The Great Ocean. Pacific Worlds from Captain Cook to the Gold Rush / David Igler. Published by Oxford University Press. Includes bibliography and index.

Admiral of the Ocean Sea, a Life of Christopher Columbus / by Samuel Eliot Morison. Maps by Erwin Raisz. Drawings by Bertram Greene. Published by Little, Brown, 1942.

The Sea and Man / Jorma Pohjanpalo. Translated by Diana Tullberg. Published by Stein and Day, [1970]. Translation of *Meri ja ihmisen*. Includes bibliography and index.

Cape Horn. The Story of the Cape Horn Region from the Days of the First Discoverers through the Glorious Age of Sail Including the Author's Own Experiences; Wherein an Important Geographical Discovery is Made / Felix Riesenberg. [Publisher and date unknown].

A Cruising Voyage Round the World / Captain Woodes Rogers, with introduction and notes by G.E. Manwaring ... with 8 half-tone plates. Published by Cassell & Co., 1928. Seafarers' Library.

Gypsy Waters Cruises South / by Don Waters. Published by Sheridan House, 1938. Map on lining papers.

The Gateway to the Sahara: Adventures and Observations in Tripoli / Charles Wellington Furlong. Published by Ross & Perry, Inc., 2001. Includes index.

Commerce and trade

Shipping and Maritime Trade. Medieval Period. Selected Bibliography / compiled and edited by Sarah Arenson. Published by University of Haifa, Department of Maritime Civilizations, Center for Maritime Studies, 1978. In English, with front matter in English and in Hebrew and back cover in Hebrew.

The California Gold Rush / by John Walton Caughey, with vignettes by W. R. Cameron. Published by University of California Press, 1975, c1948.

The Yankee Mariner & Sea Power: America's Challenge of Ocean Space: Papers from a Conference / sponsored by Center for Study of the American Experience, the Annenberg School of Communications, University of Southern California, March 1981; foreword by Don Walsh; introduction by Athelstan Spilhaus; edited by Joyce J. Bartell. Published by University of Southern California Press, 1982. Inscribed to Parker. Includes bibliography.

The Ship. The Revolution in Merchant Shipping, 1950-1980 [10 volumes] / Ewan Corlett ; National Maritime Museum (Great Britain). Published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1981. Ship [Series]. 10-volume set.

The First Merchant Venturers: The Ancient Levant in History and Commerce / William Culican. Published by McGraw-Hill, [1966]. Includes bibliography and index.

Queens of the Western Ocean; the Story of America's Mail and Passenger Sailing Lines / by Carl C. Cutler. With a foreword by Chester W. Nimitz. Published by U.S. Naval Institute, 1961. Includes bibliography and index.

To California by Sea: A Maritime History of the California Gold Rush / James P. Delgado. Published by University of South Carolina Press, 1990. Studies in maritime history [Series].

Caroni Gold, with Thirty Illustrations from Photographs by the Author / A. Felix Du Pont. Published by Hastings House, 1943. "Exclusive distributors: Santiago Distribution Agency Jesuitas a Tienda Honda No. 36 Caracas, Venezuela" -- back cover. Note: A history of the first diving operations to recover diamonds from Venezuela's jungle rivers.

The Path between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914 / David McCullough. Published by Simon and Schuster. Includes bibliography and index.

The Funnel of Gold / Mendel Peterson. Published by Little, Brown, 1975. 1st ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Lewis & Dryden's Marine History of the Pacific Northwest; An Illustrated Review of the Growth and Development of the Maritime Industry, from the Advent of the Earliest Navigators to the Present Time, with Sketches and Portraits of a Number of Well Known Marine Men / edited by E.W. Wright. Published by Antiquarian Press, 1961.

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Subseries VIII-H. Shipwrecks contains 55 books, among them those on ships and shipwrecks in the Americas, including along the Pacific Coast and in California as well as in other parts of the world; treatments of shipwrecks throughout history; and examinations of the work of divers grappling with disasters at sea.

Shipwrecks

Story of the Wreck of the Australian Steamship the "London." Published by American Sunday-School Union, [1867?].

Staying Alive! 117 Days Adrift--The Incredible Saga of a Courageous Couple Who Outwitted Death at Sea for a Longer Period than Any Humans Before / [by] Maurice and Maralyn Bailey. Foreword by Sir Peter Scott. Drawings by Peter A. G. Milne. Maps by Alan Irving. Published by D. McKay Co., 1974.

Shipwrecks of the Sunshine State: Florida's Submerged History / Michael C. Barnette. Published by Association of Underwater Explorers, 2003.

Remarkable Voyages & Shipwrecks: Being a Popular Collection of Extraordinary and Authentic Sea Narratives Relating to all Parts of the Globe / by George Winslow Barrington. Illustrated. Published by Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., 1903. 2nd ed.

Ships and Shipwrecks of the Americas: A History Based on Underwater Archaeology / edited by George F. Bass. Published by Thames and Hudson, 1988. Includes bibliography and index.

Stalin's Silver: The Sinking of the USS John Barry / John Beasant. Published by St. Martin's Press, 1999. 1st U.S. ed. Originally published London: Bloomsbury, 1995. Includes index.

Great Shipwrecks of the Pacific Coast / Robert C. Belyk. Published by Wiley, 2001. Includes bibliography and index.

Lost Ships: The Discovery and Exploration of the Ocean's Sunken Treasures / Mensun Bound. Published by Simon & Schuster Editions, 1998.

The Tragic History of the Sea, 1589-1622; Narratives of the Shipwrecks of the Portuguese East Indiamen São Thomé (1589), Santo Alberto (1593), São João Baptista (1622), and the Journeys of the Survivors in South East Africa / Bernardo Gomes de Brito. Edited from the original Portuguese, by C.R. Boxer. Published by the Hakluyt Society at the University Press. Includes bibliography.

Shipwrecks of Southern California / by Bonnie J. Cardone and Patrick Smith. Published by Menasha Ridge Press, 1989. 1st ed. Includes bibliography.

Naufragia or Historical Memoirs of Shipwrecks and of the Providential Deliverance of Vessels / James Stanier Clarke. Published by Printed by I. Gold ... for J. Mawman, 1805.

Naufragia or Historical Memoirs of Shipwrecks and of the Providential Deliverance of Vessels, Vol. II / James Stanier Clarke. Published by Printed by I. Gold ... for J. Mawman, 1806.

The Java Wreckmen / Frank Crisp. Published by Hodder and Stoughton, [1955]. A Dirk Rogers Adventure.

Fourteen Minutes: The Last Voyage of the Empress of Ireland / James Croall. Published by Stein and Day, 1979, c9178.

Submarine Researches on the Wrecks of His Majesty's Late Ships, Royal George, Boyne, and Others / by C.A. Deane ; with an introduction by John Bevan; edited by Michael Fardell and Nigel Phillips. Published by Historical Diving Society, 2001. "No. 2 in a series of monographs published by the Historical Diving Society" -- front flap. Number 66 of limited edition of 750 copies.

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate: A History of Vessel Losses from Duxbury Reef to Mussel Rock / by James P. Delgado and Stephen A. Haller. Published by Lexikos, 1989. 1st ed.

The Mariner's Chronicle: Containing Narratives of the Most Remarkable Disasters at Sea, such as Shipwrecks, Storms, Fires, and Famines: Also, Naval Engagements ... Published by Durrie and Pack, 1834. "Stereotyped by A. Chandler." -- title page. "Largely reprinted from Archibald Duncan's *The mariner's chronicle: with later additions.*" -- WorldCat record.

Shipwrecks / Karen Farrington. Published by Thunder Bay Press, 1999. Includes index.

Wrecks around Nantucket since the Settlement of the Island, and the Incidents Connected Therewith, Embracing over Seven Hundred Vessels / compiled by Arthur H. Gardner. Published by [Reynolds Printing], 1954, c1943. Originally published in 1877 under title: *A List of the Wrecks around Nantucket*. " ... with additional records to 1954"--Cover. "Copyright 1943 by Grace Brown Gardner" -- front matter. Includes index.

Pacific Graveyard; a Narrative of Shipwrecks where the Columbia River Meets the Pacific Ocean / by James A. Gibbs. Published by Binfords & Mort, 1964. 3rd ed.

Peril at Sea: A Photographic Study of Shipwrecks in the Pacific / "Shipwreck Jim" Gibbs. Published by Schiffer Pub., 1986.

Shipwrecks of the Pacific Coast / Jim Gibbs. Published by Binfords & Mort, 1957. 1st ed. Includes index.

Shipwrecks of the Revolutionary & Napoleonic Eras / Terence Grocott. Published by Stackpole Books, 1st ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Notable Shipwrecks: Being Tales of Disaster and Heroism at Sea / retold by Uncle Hardy. Published by Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, [19--?]. 3rd ed. Gilt edges.

Jaws of Honda / by Maury Hoag. Published by Maury Hoag, 2001. Rev. ed. Inscribed by the author.

Dangerous Waters: Wrecks and Rescues off the BC Coast / Keith Keller. Published by Harbour Publishing, 1997.

The History of Shipwrecks / Angus Konstam. Published by Lyons Press, 1999. Includes index. "In association with the Mariner's Museum, Virginia." "Introduction by Claudia Pennington"-- front cover.

Memorable Shipwrecks and Seafaring Adventures of the Nineteenth Century / by J.F. Layson. Published by Tyne Publishing, ca. 1890.

Tales of Shipwrecks and Adventures at Sea: Being a Collection of Faithful Narratives of Shipwrecks, Mutinies, Fires, Famines, and Disasters Incidental to a Sea Life: Together with Celebrated Voyages, Amusing Tales, Tough Yarns, and Interesting Anecdotes / edited by James Lindridge. Published by William Mark Clark, 1846.

Treacherous Waters: Stories of Sailors in the Clutch of the Sea / Tom Lochhaas, editor. Published by International Marine/McGraw-Hill, Includes bibliography.

Tragedy at Honda / Charles A. Lockwood, Hans Christian Adamson. With a foreword by C.W. Nimitz. Published by Valley Publishers, 1974, c1960.

The Rescuer / by Peter Maas. Published by Harper & Row, 1967. 1st ed. Includes bibliography and index.

The Search for the Breadalbane / by Joe MacInnis. Published by David & Charles, 1985. Rev. ed.

California Shipwrecks: Footsteps in the Sea / by Don B. Marshall. Published by Superior Pub. Co., 1978. 1st ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Shipwrecks in the Americas / by Robert F. Marx. Published by Dover Publications, 1987. "Revised republication"--T.p. verso. Includes bibliography and index.

Shipwrecks of the Western Hemisphere, 1492-1825 / by Robert F. Marx. Published by D. McKay Co., 1975. Includes bibliography and index.

Hurricane Warning; Notable Storms Involving Sailing Ships on our Sea Coasts and Great Lakes / by Frank Meier. Published by E. P. Dutton, 1947. 1st ed.

Shipwrecks from the Egyptian Red Sea / by Ned Middleton, illustrations by Rico Oldfield, foreword by David Shepherd. Published by Immel Publishing, 2006. 1st ed.

SOS North Pacific; Tales of Shipwrecks off the Washington, British Columbia and Alaska Coasts / Gordon R. Newell. Published by Binfords & Mort, 1955. Includes bibliography and index.

Lost at Sea: Great Shipwrecks of History / Ronald Pearsall. Published by Smithmark, 1996. Includes index.

Death of the Thresher / Norman Polmar. Published by Chilton, 1964. 1st ed. Inscribed to T. Parker by diver Don Keach.

A History of Shipwrecks, and Disasters at Sea: From the Most Authentic Sources, in Two Volumes / Cyrus Redding. Published by Whittaker, Treacher, & Co., 1833.

Shipwrecks: An Encyclopedia of the World's Worst Disasters at Sea / by David Ritchie. Published by Facts on File, 1996.

Shipwrecks of Florida / Steven D. Singer. Published by Pineapple Press, 1998. 2nd ed. Includes bibliography and index.

Unhappy and Unfortunate Chance of His Majesty's Ship Mary Rose, Overset and Sunk at Spithead, in July, 1545 / edited by Henry Slight, Esq. Reprint; publisher and date unknown. "One hundred & seventy-fifth anniversary, Siebe Gorman" -- front cover. Originally published by W. Harrison, Portsmouth (England), 1841.

A Narrative of the Loss of the Royal George, at Spithead, August, 1782: Tracey's Attempt To Raise Her in 1783: Her Demolition and Removal by Major-General Pasley's Operations in 1839-40-41-42 & 43 / [Julian Slight]; including a statement of her sinking written by her then flag-lieutenant, Sir C.P.H. Durham. Published by S. Horsey, 1848. 8th ed. Preface signed J.S.; on title page: "Bound in the wood of the wreck."

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Wrecks and Reefs!: Shipwrecks and Artificial Reefs in Southern California for Sport Fishermen and Divers: Complete with GPS Coordinates! / by Jeff Spira. Published by Spira International, 2004. 1st ed. Includes bibliography.

The Wreck of the Steamer San Francisco: The Loss of the Steamship during the Great Atlantic Hurricane of December 1853; Being an Account of the Wreck in Mid-Ocean of the New Steamship / compiled from contemporary sources by Edouard A. Stackpole; and, *The Narrative of Miss Lucia Eaton, a Survivor, as Taken from the Original Manuscript now in the Vault of the Library at Mystic Seaport*. Published by Marine Historical Association, 1954.

Oceans Odyssey: Deep-Sea Shipwrecks in the English Channel, Straits of Gibraltar & Atlantic Ocean / edited by Greg Stemm & Sean Kingsley. Published by Oxbow Books, 2010. Odyssey marine exploration reports, v. 1 Includes bibliography.

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Famous Shipwrecks of the Florida Keys / Robert "Frogfoot" Weller. Published by EBSCO Media, 1990. Includes bibliography and index.

Shipwrecks, Smugglers and Maritime Mysteries / Eugene D. Wheeler and Robert E. Kallman. Published by Pathfinder Publishing, 1986, c1984. 2nd edition 1986 completely revised.

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