



# **Sources on U.S. Coast Guard History in the United States**

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## Introduction

This guide is the first attempt by the U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office to produce a research aid akin to the Naval History and Heritage Command's *U.S. Naval History Sources in the United States*. Issuing this online eliminates the limitations of size and cost associated with a traditional printed volume. It also enables greater accessibility to all of those individuals who may be interested in conducting research related to the United States Coast Guard and its predecessor services. By doing so, we hope to be able to provide more extensive information that is far easier to update and revise, allowing us to provide those interested with the most current information available. We hope this will aid researchers in locating primary source documents and stimulate interest in researching the history of the United States Coast Guard.

Most of the materials listed in this publication are the primary documents of officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian officials of the U.S. Coast Guard and its predecessor services. Additionally, the listings include personal papers collections of Secretaries of the Treasury, of the Navy, Transportation, and Homeland Security. Whenever possible the entries for each repository contain a link to the repository's website, many of which include finding aids to their holdings. The scope of the listed material covers the Service's history from the early National Period to the present.

The staff of the U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office greatly appreciates the cooperation of all the repositories that answered our appeal for new information on their holdings and hopes that the archives and libraries listed in this publication will continue to provide updates to this site. We also welcome the descriptions of Coast Guard-related materials from other U.S. repositories not yet listed in this guide.

It is evident from this Guide that the sources related to the distinguished history of the Coast Guard are extremely rich and widely distributed throughout the United States. It is the hope of the entire staff that this online publication will encourage and facilitate research in the many aspects and time periods of U.S. Coast Guard history.

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## Editorial Note

In this edition of *Sources on U.S. Coast Guard History in the United States*, we have attempted to provide descriptions of the various documents and collections. Putting the Guide online also makes future revisions and additions far simpler than with a printed volume. Those repositories listed are encouraged to send changes and descriptions of their new holdings and those institutions wishing to be listed for the first time are also most welcome to send information about their holdings on Coast Guard history. This information can be forwarded by mail to the Commandant (CG-092), ATTN: Chris Havern, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW, Stop 7362, Washington, DC 20593-7362; by fax (202-372-4984); or e-mail: Christopher.B.Havern@uscg.mil

The new edition has been very much a team project. It could not have been completed without the efforts of the historians in the Washington, DC office, myself and Scott Price and the Area Historians, Bill Thiesen and Dave Rosen.

# New England

**Boston Public Library**  
**700 Boylston Street, Copley Square**  
**Boston, MA 02116**

**<http://www.bpl.org>**  
**Telephone: (617) 536-5400**

The library houses an extensive collection of USCG-related photography.

**Coast Guard Museum and Coast Guard Academy Library**  
**U.S. Coast Guard Academy**  
**15 Mohegan Dr.**  
**New London, CT 06320**

**<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg092/museum>**  
**Telephone: (860) 444-8511**  
**Fax: (860) 701-6700**

**Mystic Seaport**  
**The Museum of America and the Sea**  
**PO Box 6000**  
**75 Greenmanville Avenue**  
**Mystic, CT 06355**

**<http://www.mysticseaport.org>**  
**Visitor Information: (860) 572-5315**  
**(888) 973-2767**

Mystic Seaport is home to one of the most important collections in American maritime history, including some 75,000 objects, 500 watercraft, 1+ million photographs, 70,000 imprints, 2000 logbooks, over 350,000 boxes of manuscript material and 1.5 million feet of film. Note: Important holdings on the Coastal Picket Force in World War II

**Nantucket Shipwreck and Lifesaving Museum**  
**158 Polpis Road**  
**Nantucket, MA 02554**

**<http://www.nantucketlifesavingmuseum.com>**  
**Telephone: (508) 228-1885**

Houses an extensive collection of material related to the U.S. Life-Saving Service and U.S. Lighthouse Service. The archives contain almost a complete set of U.S. Lifesaving Service annual reports and many solo documents pertaining to the service. There is also an extensive collection of information and items pertaining to USCGC *Spencer*. The collection is open to researchers by appointment.

**National Archives and Records Administration - Northeast Region (NRABA)**  
**Frederick C. Murphy Federal Center**  
**380 Trapelo Road**  
**Waltham, Massachusetts 02452-6399**

**Phone: (781) 663-0130**  
**Fax: (781) 663-0154**  
**E-mail: [waltham.archives@nara.gov](mailto:waltham.archives@nara.gov)**

1,646.768 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

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## Mid-Atlantic States

**Calvert Marine Museum**  
**P.O. Box 97,**  
**Solomons, MD 20688**

**<http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com>**  
**Telephone: (410) 326-2042**

The Calvert Marine Museum is a public, non-profit, educational, regionally oriented museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, research, and interpretation of the culture and natural history of Southern Maryland. The Calvert Marine Museum has grown to be one of the premier visitor attractions in Southern Maryland. Explore the history, culture, and lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River.

**Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum**  
**213 N. Talbot Street**  
**P.O. Box 636**  
**St. Michaels, MD 21663**

**<http://www.cbmm.org>**  
**Telephone: (410) 745-2916**  
**Fax: (410) 745-6088**

The Museum's Library is primarily for scholars and researchers of maritime history and related fields. It is open by appointment only. All visitors wishing assistance from the curator are advised to call ahead before planning to use the library.

### Books

The library's nearly 9,800 volumes relate to maritime and naval history, Maryland and Virginia state and local history, exploration and sea travel, regional maritime fiction, waterfowl hunting, marine engineering, navigation and seamanship, boat and ship design and construction, and yachting and recreational boating.

### Periodicals

The library maintains an estimated 117 regional and maritime periodicals including an almost complete set of *Rudder*. The Museum's scholarly journal, *The Weather Gauge*, is full of originally researched articles exploring various aspects of Chesapeake Bay history.

### Ships' Plans

The library's nearly 1,000 boat and ship plans detail the construction of modern pleasure craft, schooners, steamboats and other vessels on the Chesapeake.

### Manuscripts

The 89 manuscript collections of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum consist of business records, personal papers, drawings and photographs which document various facets of the history of the Chesapeake Bay region and in particular the Eastern Shore. These collections are useful for historical research, to aid in the interpretation of the museum's collections, and to provide background information on some individual objects in the collections. This guide provides access to the manuscript collections by subject matter, personal name, or collection number and provides short descriptions of the individual collections. More detailed descriptions and folder lists of the contents may be found in individual finding aids, which are by collection number in the manuscript collection notebook.

### Oral History Tapes

150 taped oral histories.

### Photographs

The library houses some 2,500 historic and contemporary photographs including works by such noted photographers as Hollerith, Larrabee, Walsh, and Chapelle himself.

### **Rutgers University**

#### **Rutgers Oral History Archive**

**18 Bishop Place**

**New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1108**

**<http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/military-history/34-military-branch-a-unit/185-us-coast-guard>**

**Telephone: (732) 932-8190**

The Rutgers Oral History Archive currently have seven oral histories of Coast Guard veterans of World War II.

### **National Archives and Records Administration - Northeast Region (NRAN)**

**201 Varick Street**

**12th Floor**

**New York, NY 10014**

**Telephone: 866-840-1752**

**212-401-1620**

**Fax: 212-401-1638**

**E-mail: [newyork.archives@nara.gov](mailto:newyork.archives@nara.gov)**

2,350.25 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

168 cu. ft.      11,419 Maps and Charts

**National Archives and Records Administration - Mid Atlantic Region (NRBPA)**  
**900 Market Street**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-4292**

**Telephone: 215-606-0100**  
**Fax: 215-606-0116**  
**E-mail: philadelphia.archives@nara.gov**

1,916.218 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records  
5,352 Maps and Charts

**New York Public Library**  
**Main Research Library**  
**42nd & Fifth Avenue**  
**New York, NY 10036**

**<http://www.nypl.org>**  
**General Information (Switchboard): 212-930-0800**

One of the five largest libraries in the world; extensive American history collection, offsite maritime material can be ordered from other locations.

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## National Capital Area

**Library of Congress**  
**Manuscript Division**  
**101 Independence Avenue, SE**  
**Madison Building, LM 101**  
**Washington, DC 20540-4680**

**Telephone Number: (202) 707-3399**  
**Fax: (202) 707-1957**

In the *Naval Historical Foundation Collection* are the papers of Eliot Snow and Leonard F. Cushing. Containers 23-28 contain papers related to Horatio D. Smith and the Revenue Cutter Service.

**Library of Congress**  
**Prints and Photographs Division**  
**101 Independence Ave, SE**  
**Madison Building, LM 337**  
**Washington, DC 20540-4730**

Among the holdings in this division are the New York World Telegram and Sun Newspaper Photograph Collection which contains thousands of Coast Guard-related images.

**National Archives and Records Administration**

**Record Group 26: Records of the United States Coast Guard**

**Total: 48,757.957 cu. ft. 1,413,094 items**

**Textual Archives Services Division--Archives I (NWCT1)**

**700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20408-0001**

**Telephone: 202-357-5000**

**Customer Service Center Telephone: 1-866-325-7208**

23,715.291 cu. ft.

8 cu. ft. 7,752 Still Pictures

2 cu. ft. 308 16 mm Negative Microfilm

**Cartographic and Architectural Records (NWCS-C)**

**National Archives at College Park (Archives II)**

**8601 Adelphi Road**

**College Park, MD 20740-6001**

**Telephone: 301-837-2000**

**Customer Service Center Telephone Number: 1-866-272-6272**

10 cu. ft. 401 Maps and Charts

0.87 cu. ft. 58 35 mm Negative Microfilm

0.18 cu. ft. 12 35 mm Positive Microfilm

1,746.8 cu. ft. 85,511 Architectural and Engineering Drawings

**Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Records (NWCS-M)**

**National Archives at College Park (Archives II)**

**8601 Adelphi Road**

**College Park, MD 20740-6001**

**Telephone: 301-837-2000**

**Customer Service Center Telephone Number: 1-866-272-6272**

2.154 cu. ft.

373.75 cu. ft. 1,731 Motion Pictures

1 cu. ft. 17 Sound Recordings

8 cu. ft. 97 Video Recordings

**Still Picture Records (NWCS-S)**

**National Archives at College Park (Archives II)**

**8601 Adelphi Road**

**College Park, MD 20740-6001**

139 cu. ft. 55,385 Still Pictures

7 cu. ft.

7.482 cu. ft. 199 Posters

**Telephone: 301-837-2000**  
**Customer Service Center Telephone Number: 1-866-272-6272**

**Textual Archives Services Division--Archives II (NWCT2)**  
**National Archives at College Park (Archives II)**  
**8601 Adelphi Road**  
**College Park, MD 20740-6001**

550.959 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

**Telephone: 301-837-2000**  
**Customer Service Center Telephone Number: 1-866-272-6272**

**Electronic and Special Media Records Services (NWME)**  
**National Archives at College Park (Archives II)**  
**8601 Adelphi Road**  
**College Park, MD 20740-6001**

**Telephone: 301-837-2000**  
**Customer Service Center Telephone Number: 1-866-272-6272**

0 cu. ft.            1,244,852 Logical Data Records

**Naval History and Heritage Command**  
**805 Kidder Breese Street SE**  
**Washington Navy Yard**  
**Washington, DC 20374-5060**

**<http://www.history.navy.mil>**

The NHHC is the home of the Navy Department Library which contains over 150,000 volumes related to the Navy and naval history. The Command's Operational Archive includes war diaries and operational reports from the USCG vessels deployed to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The Photographic Branch has extensive pictorial reference files on all aspects of naval history including the Revenue Cutter Service and U.S. Coast Guard. Also included in the NHHC Collections is the ZC File which includes a small collection of holdings related to Revenue and USCG cutters. Those vessels are:

*USRC Alexander Hamilton* (1831)  
*USCGC Alexander Hamilton* (1937) (also contains photography)  
*USRC Eagle* (1798)  
*USRC Galveston* (1898)  
*USRC General Greene* (1799-1814)  
*USRC James Campbell* (Civil War)  
*USRC Jefferson* (1802-1817)  
*USRC Miami* (service during Civil War)  
*USRC Shubrick* (Civil War)  
*USRC Spencer* (1844-1848)  
*USCGC Spencer* (1937)



USCGC *Tampa* (world War I)  
USRC *Varina* (Civil War)

**Smithsonian Institute**  
**National Museum of American History**  
**Kenneth E. Behring Center**  
**Maritime History Collection**  
**14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>**  
**Email: [info@si.edu](mailto:info@si.edu)**  
**Phone: (202) 633-1000**

In the maritime collections, more than 7,000 design plans and scores of ship models show the evolution of sailing ships and other vessels. Other items range from scrimshaw, photographs, and marine paintings to life jackets from RMS *Titanic*.

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## Southeast

**Cape Fear Museum of History and Science**  
**814 Market Street**  
**Wilmington, NC 28401**

**<http://www.capefearmuseum.com>**  
**Telephone: 910-798-4350**  
**Fax: 910-798-4382**

The primary holdings related to the USCG and its predecessors include:  
*U.S. Life-Saving Service Instructions to Mariners in Case of Shipwreck*, circa 1890; *Register of the Officers, Vessels, and Stations of the US Coast Guard*, January 1918;  
*Instructions for Use of Gun & Rocket Apparatus for Lifesaving from Shipwreck*, March 18, 1912;  
and several items related to USCGC *Modoc* from the 1920s.

**J.Y. Joyner Library**  
**East Carolina University**  
**East Fifth Street**  
**Greenville, NC 27858-4353**

**<http://media.lib.ecu.edu/spclcoll/coastguard/>**  
**Telephone: (252) 328-6677**  
**(866) 291-5581**

**O. W. "Sonny" Martin Jr. Coast Guard Auxiliary Records Collection**

The J. Y. Joyner Library's Special Collections Department is the official repository of the records of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA). The auxiliary is made up of civilians who volunteer thousands of hours in support of the United States Coast Guard missions and recreational boating safety. Although a part of Homeland Security, the auxiliary operates separately from the U.S. Coast Guard financially and structurally. The O. W. "Sonny" Martin Jr. Coast Guard Auxiliary Records Collection was established in 1988 through the efforts of Mr. Martin, who was the head of administration of the Wisconsin Historical Society. For many years he diligently collected documents of auxiliary members from across the country. Through the work of both dedicated members and district historians of the auxiliary, the collection continues to grow. Dating from the inception of the USCGA in 1939 to the present, the collection documents the work of the auxiliary throughout its history, including its role in patrolling the coast and providing port security during World War II and its present participation in search and rescue missions, administration of certified marine examinations, and promotion of boating safety. Like the USCGA, the collection is organized by district, region, division and flotilla, and each of these individual groups within the auxiliary has its own unique challenges and highlights. Each section of records features a range of documents. A list of these types of documents can be viewed at:

<http://media.lib.ecu.edu/sandbox/coastguard/docList.cfm>

Because of the size and rapid growth rate of the collection, a searchable database was created in 2007 to provide better access. The finding aid for the collection provides greater detail concerning the contents and how they are organized.

**Mariner's Museum Library**  
**100 Museum Drive**  
**Newport News, VA 23606**

<http://www.mariner.org>  
**Telephone: (757) 596-2222**  
**Fax: (757) 591-7320**

The Mariner's Museum has merged with the NYC South Street Seaport Museum and has been designated the national maritime library. It is also the holder of the Chris Craft archives. The library also houses an extensive collection of merchant vessel photography taken by the USCG as part of the service's documentation of merchant vessels during World War II.

**National Archives and Records Administration - Southeast Region (NRCAA)**  
**4712 Southpark Blvd.**  
**Ellenwood, GA 30294**

**Telephone: 404-736-2820**

1,035,545 cu. ft. of USCG-related textual records

**Outer Banks History Center**  
**1 Festival Park Boulevard**  
**Manteo, NC 27954**

<http://www.obhistorycenter.ncdcr.gov>

**Telephone: (252) 473-2655;**  
**Fax: (252) 473-1483;**  
**Email: obhc@ncdcr.gov**

The holdings of the History Center include manuscripts, books, photographs, slides, and negatives, periodicals and serials, maps, newspapers and public records on microfilm, oral histories, audio and video recordings, ephemera, and original works of art. The History Center holds nearly 300,000 items.

Subject areas address historical, cultural, economic, governmental, and scientific topics pertaining to North Carolina and to neighboring states. These include:

- Civil War and other coastal military operations
- Coastal commerce, industry, and trade
- Coastal ecology and natural history
- Coastal transportation and civil engineering
- Elizabethan history and culture
- Family history and genealogy
- History and development of regional organizations
- Local history including Native American and African-American history
- Maritime history and early European exploration
- Shipwrecks (extensive collection of USLSS/USCG wreck reports)
- Lighthouses
- Piracy

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## Great Lakes Region

**Door County Maritime Museum**  
**120 N. Madison Avenue**  
**Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

**<http://www.dcm.org>**  
**Telephone: (920) 743-5958**  
**Fax: (920) 743-9483**

**Great Lakes Historical Society**  
**Clarence S. Metcalf Great Lakes Maritime Research Library**  
**480 Main Street**  
**Vermilion, Ohio 44089**

**<http://www.inlandseas.org>**  
**Telephone: (440) 967-3467**  
**(800) 893-1485**  
**Fax: (440) 967-1519**

The Clarence S. Metcalf Great Lakes Maritime Research Library contains the largest collection of books, periodicals, drawings, records, technical materials, and photographs devoted to Great Lakes history! Our reference materials include:

- Thousands of files on vessels of the Great Lakes, including photographs, technical information, newspaper articles, personal histories, ticket stubs, postcards, and many other related documents.
- Files on maritime personalities, lighthouses, and many other Great Lakes topics.
- Thousands of scale line drawings of Great Lakes vessels.
- *Inland Seas*®, the Society's quarterly journal, from 1945-present.
- *Marine Review* from 1884-1931, containing information on important events, launchings, ship plans, people, and wrecks.
- *Merchant Vessels* from 1884-1965, providing information on shipyards, vessel dimensions, and more.
- *Red Books*, tracing captains when the vessel name or company is known.
- *Beeson's Maritime Directory*, listing information on storms, wrecks, and more.
- Thousands of books focusing on Great Lakes topics.
- The Dana T. Bowen Collection, containing hundreds of books, thousands of photographs, and files on various Great Lakes topics.

**Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society**  
**400 W. Portage Avenue**  
**Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783**

**<http://www.shipwreckmuseum.com>**  
**Telephone: (800) 635-1742**

Over 5,000 historic papers, paper images, and video of Great Lakes shipwrecks and the history of eastern Lake Superior; some concentration on *Edmund Fitzgerald*.

**Historical Collections of the Great Lakes**  
**Bowling Green State University**  
**Bowling Green, OH 43403-0001**

**<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/cac/page39984.html>**  
**Telephone: 419-372-9613**  
**Fax: 419-372-0155**

The Historical Collections of the Great Lakes (HCGL) is part of the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University. Its purpose is to collect, preserve, and make available to scholars, students, and the public, historical materials documenting the Great Lakes region and connecting waterways. The HCGL's collections include materials related to commercial shipping, shipbuilding, navigation, maritime law, commercial fishing, shipwrecks, yachting, labor history, popular literature, freshwater ecology, recreation, and the history of Great Lakes ports. Among the collections holdings are a large collection of plans for 180-foot buoy tenders (WLB).

**Keweenaw County Historical Society  
670 Lighthouse Road  
Eagle Harbor MI 49950**

**[www.keweenawhistory.org](http://www.keweenawhistory.org)**

The historical society has records related to those who served in the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse.

**Michigan Maritime Museum  
260 Dyckman Avenue  
Marialyce Canonie Great Lakes Research Library  
91 Michigan Avenue  
South Haven, MI 49090**

**[www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org)**

**Museum: (269) 637-8078  
Toll Free: (800) 747-3810  
Fax: (269) 637-1594  
Library: (269) 637-9156**

The Marialyce Canonie Great Lakes Research Library and the collections of the Michigan Maritime Museum contain the following U.S.Coast Guard, U.S. Life Saving Service and U.S. Lighthouse Service/Establishment items:

- Books
- Postcards
- Photographs
- Correspondence
- Oral histories
- Lighthouse and vessel plans
- Annual reports

**National Archives and Records Administration - Great Lakes Region (NRDA)  
7358 South Pulaski Road  
Chicago, IL 60629-5898**

**Telephone: 773-948-9000**

608 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

**Pointe Aux Barques Life Saving Station  
Port Hope, MI 48468-9759**

**<http://www.pointeauxbarqueslighthouse.org/light/lss.cfm>**

Museum holds items related to the station and the Pointe Aux Barques disaster, in which Station Keeper. Joseph Kiah's crew perished on April 23, 1880 while attempting to conduct a rescue.

**Wisconsin Maritime Museum  
75 Maritime Drive  
Manitowoc, WI 54220**

**<http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org>**

**Toll Free: 866-724-2356**

**Local: 920-684-0218**

**Fax: 920-684-0219**

Among the museum's extensive manuscript holdings is Ms 36 related to the US Coast Guard

**SCOPE & CONTENT:** Ms 36 United States Coast Guard  
U.S. Coast Guard and its beginnings.

Ms 36.1 USCG – General

Ms 36.1-1 USCG Vessels

Ms 36.1-1.1 Bristol Bay

Ms 36.1-1.2 Dalewis, Ida

Ms 36.1-1.3 Walker, Katherine

Ms 36.1-1.4 Mackinaw

Ms 36.1-2 Navigation

Ms 36.1-3 USCG in World War II

Ms 36.1-4 Certificates and licenses

Ms 36.2 Lifesaving Service – general

Ms 36.2-1 Certificates and licenses

Ms 36.2-1 Exam papers

Ms 36.3 Lighthouse Keepers Service

Ms 36.3-1 Hopson, James Sr.

Ms 36.4 USCG Revenue Cutter Service

Ms 36.5 Steamboat Inspection Service

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## Midwest/Great Plains

**National Archives and Records Administration - Central Plains Region (NREKA)**

**17501 W. 98th, Suite 47-48**

**Lenexa, KS 66219**

**Telephone: 913-563-7600**

**Fax: 913-563-7691**

36 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

**National Personnel Records Center (NRPCC)**

**Military Personnel Records**

**9700 Page Avenue**

**St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

9,832 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

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## Southwest

**National Archives and Records Administration - Southwest Region (NRFFA)**  
**501 West Felix Street, Building 1**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76115-3405**

**Phone: 817-831-5620**  
**Fax: 817-334-5621**  
**E-mail: ftworth.archives@nara.gov**

1,448 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

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## California

**National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Region (NRHLA)**  
**24000 Avila Road**  
**1st Floor, East Entrance**  
**Laguna Niguel, California 92677-3497**

**Telephone: (949) 448-4931**  
**Email: laguna.archives@nara.gov**

275 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

**National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Region (NRHSA)**  
**1000 Commodore Drive**  
**San Bruno, California 94066-2350**

**Telephone: (650) 238-3501**  
**(650) 238-3501**  
**Fax: (650) 238-3510**  
**E-mail: sanbruno.archives@nara.gov**

981 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

**Nautical Research Centre Library**  
**335 Vallejo Street**  
**Petaluma, CA 94952**

**Telephone : (707) 763-8453**  
**Email: librarian@nrclib.org**

The library houses books, pamphlets, journals/magazines, newspaper clippings, drawings, blueprints, plans, photographs, slides, postcards, audio, video, and more. Library-quality reproductions of rare books/pamphlets on lighthouses and life-saving including *The Annual Report of the U.S. Life-Saving Service* (1876 to 1914) and *The Annual Report of the Light-House Board* (1868 to 1939). Individual volumes as well as entire sets of reproductions are available.

**Oakland Public Library**  
125 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

<http://www.oaklandlibrary.org>

The library has 15 linear feet of documentation related to USCGC *Bear* from 1895-1932.

**San Francisco Maritime  
National Historical Park Library  
Building E  
Fort Mason Center  
San Francisco, CA 94123**

**Telephone: (415) 447-5000**

The library houses an extensive collection of merchant vessel photography taken by the USCG as part of the service's documentation of merchant vessels during World War II. The collection also contains a nearly complete set of *The Annual Report of the Light-House Board* (1853 to 1913).

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## Pacific Northwest

**Coast Guard Museum of the Northwest**  
1519 Alaskan Way South  
Seattle, WA 98134

<http://www.rexmwess.com/cgpatches/cogardmuseum.html>  
**Telephone: (206) 217-6993**

Research resources include over three thousand books and periodicals covering Coast Guard and Northwest maritime history, over twenty five hundred historical documents, clippings and vessel plans, and over fifteen thousand photographs dating back into the 19th century.

**National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Alaska Region (NRISA)**  
6125 Sand Point Way NE  
Seattle, Washington 98115-7999

**Telephone: 206-336-5115**  
**Email: [seattle.archives@nara.gov](mailto:seattle.archives@nara.gov)**



1,363.22 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records

**Point Orford Lifeboat Station  
Point Orford Heritage Society  
P.O. Box 1132  
Port Orford, OR 97465**

**<http://www.portorfordlifeboatstation.org>  
Telephone: (541) 332-0521**

The primary holdings of the lifeboat station include Coast Guard letters associated with the procurement and construction of the Port Orford Coast Guard Lifeboat Station. It also has several manuals and government publications, photographs, journals, and other information from Coast Guard personnel who served at this location.

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## Alaska

**National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Alaska Region (NRIA)  
654 West Third Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2145**

**Telephone: 907-261-7820  
Fax: 907-261-7813  
Email: [alaska.archives@nara.gov](mailto:alaska.archives@nara.gov)**

525.47 cu. ft. of Coast Guard-related textual records.

**Museum of the Aleutians  
314 Salmon Way  
Unalaska, AK 99685**

**<http://www.aleutians.org>  
Telephone: (907) 581-5150**

The primary holdings include historic photography of Revenue Cutter Service operations in Alaska in general, and especially of the Bering Sea Patrol and Attu.

