

POSSIBLE SOURCES OF WRECK INFORMATION

Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540. During World War II, the Hydrographic Office published a series of wreck charts and a "Wreck Information List" for the coastal waters of the United States. These items have long been out of print and are no longer available. However, the Library of Congress can provide photographic reproduction of these items, and, upon request will furnish a price list of the items available.

- (a) An annotated list of treasure maps in the Library of Congress compiled by J. Douglas Hill and Richard S. Ladd, 1955.
- (b) "A Descriptive List of Treasure Maps and Charts" compiled by Richard S. Ladd of the Library of Congress, 1964, available for 30 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C. 20408, Attention: NCRD. For information on shipwrecks from 1875 to 1940, the National Archives maintains certain records for this period and will make limited searches for documents, provided the inquirer furnishes the name of the ship and the date and place of the disaster.

- (a) "Shipwrecks on the Florida Coast." Photostatic copies of this book may be obtained from the Treasury Section of the National Archives at \$1.00 per page. It is not known exactly how many pages the publication contains.

Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20224. TAX LAWS. Information concerning tax laws regarding wealth obtained from sunken or buried treasure should be referred to the Internal Revenue Service.

Maritime Administration, Division of Reserve Fleet, Fleet Disposal Branch, Department of Commerce Building, Washington, D. C. 20230. MARAD has jurisdiction over government owned sunken cargo ships which are offered for sale on a sealed-bid basis only when interest in particular ships warrants the effort. If you are interest in the salvage of a specific vessel to which the Maritime Administration claims title, consideration will be given to issuing an Invitation for Bids for the sale of the vessel. Such an issuance will only be made if title to the ship and/or cargo can be shown to be vested in the United States Government. Charts or catalogues of wrecks or missing ships are not available.

Great Lakes Charts, A catalog showing all Lake Survey Center Charts and a two page listing of wreck information sources are available free on request to Lake Survey Center, 630 Federal Bldg. and U. S. Courthouse, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Canadian Hydrographic Service, Information on wrecks in the Canadian waters of the Great Lakes and in the Canadian territorial waters off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is available from the above source. Address: The Canadian Hydrographic Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, No. 8 Temporary Building, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

COAST GUARD RECORDS POSSIBLY CONTAINING REFERENCES
TO SUNKEN VESSELS

Coast Guard Investigative Reports of Marine Casualties, Filed by vessel name and date of incident in the appropriate District Office or Commandant (G-MVI-3/83). Records date back to the early 1940's.

Search and Rescue Assistance Reports (Form CG-3272), Filed by Coast Guard Unit involved, date and time. Records date back to 1966 are available through Commandant (G-OSR-3/73).

Coast Guard National Response Center - Pollution Incident Reports, Filed by 1. NRC incident number. 2. Vessel name. 3. Body of water. 4. Geographical location. Records back through August 1974 are available through Commandant (G-WEP-6/74).

Notice to Mariners, Published as needed and also weekly by each Coast Guard District for its respective area and by the Defense Mapping Agency covering obstructions to navigation worldwide. References to sunken vessels may be found in these publications if the sunken vessel obstructed navigation. Publication first began around 1875 and copies can be obtained through Commandant (G-WAN-4/74).

Note: According to 49 CFR 7.85, there are fees charged for record search and record reproduction services for which specific written requests must be made.

References for Marine Salvage Laws, As the law relating to salvage is complicated, it is suggested that you may wish to consult with local counsel concerning your problem.

Although this office is not in a position to furnish you with information dealing specifically with your problem, you are referred to the following Federal statutes and treaties dealing with ship salvage; Title 46, United States Code, Sections 721-731, Title 19, United States Code, Section 1310; Title 18, United States Code, Section 1658; Title 10,

United States Code, Sections 7361-7365; 1910 International Assistance and Salvage Convention, ratified in 1913 by the United States (37 Stat. 1658-1670, U. S. Treaty Series 576); and 1908 Wrecking and Salvage Treaty, United States and Canada (35 Stat. 2035, U. S. Treaty Series 502). In addition, the following general references are recommended: "Law of Salvage" by Martin J. Norris, published by Baker, Voorhis & Co., Inc., 1958; "Marine Laws, Navigation and Safety" by Frederick K. Arzt, published by Equity Publishing Corporation, 1953 and 1963 editions, chapters 37 and 40, respectively dealing with marine casualties and salvage; and "The Laws of Admiralty" by Gilmore & Black, published by the Foundation Press, pages 443-480. The material may be available for reading in your local courthouse law library or possibly at the Public Library. Perhaps copies of the cited Treaty and Convention can be obtained from the Department of State.

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