

S.S. Master Society fonds [textual records, electronic records, graphic materials] / SS Master Society

SUPPLIED TITLE NOTE

Title based on provenance of fonds.

FONDS NUMBER

VMM30

DATE(S)

1922-2007

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

38 cm of multiple media

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION NOTE

48 bound logbooks; 161 photographs; 2 compact discs

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In 1962 the Vancouver branch of the World Ship Society purchased the *SS Master*, the last surviving steam powered tugboat built in British Columbia in 1922. In April 1971, the World Ship Society, finding it increasingly difficult under its charter to maintain the *Master*, turned her over to a newly formed group called the Society for the Preservation of the Steam Towboat Master, a volunteer group dedicated for the sole purpose of preserving the vessel. In May, 1985, the name was changed to the S.S. Master Society. Since the 1980s, the S.S. Master Society has received funding from individuals, corporations, local municipal government, and several federal government programs to aid in her restoration, upkeep, and participation in maritime festivals. The *SS Master* serves as a tribute to the tugboat industry on Canada's West Coast and was at one time one of the distinct vessels anchored in the Vancouver Maritime Museum's Heritage Harbour.

The S.S. Master Society maintains a website with photographs, a calendar of *SS Master* events, historical facts, and membership information. As of 2017, the website can be found at www.ssmaster.org

SCOPE & CONTENT

The fonds consists of textual records relating to the history, administration and restoration of the *SS Master*. Records include agendas, minutes and annual reports; correspondence; registration and insurance documents; licenses; financial papers and grant proposals; a logbook recording crew hours; publications and media releases; newspaper clippings. The fonds also includes pilot house logbooks from the *SS Master* dating 1940-1959 that chronicle her activities while towing for Marpole Towing Company Limited.

ARRANGEMENT

The records were processed in May 2005 by Lisa Beitel, a professional Archivist, on request of the S.S. Master Society. A second accrual of records was processed in March 2006. The records have been arranged by subject into series. Within each series, records have been arranged chronologically in order to facilitate the removal of duplicate reports and printed materials.

LANGUAGES

English

RELATED MATERIALS

Photographs, negatives, and slides of the *SS Master* can be found in the Vancouver Maritime Museum photograph collection.

RELATED PEOPLE

SS Master Society

RELATED VESSELS

SS Master

LC SUBJECT HEADINGS

Tugboats

Collection Contents

S.S. Master Society fonds

Series 1 - Society minutes, constitutions and membership records

Series consists of minutes, constitutions, reports and membership records for the World Ship Society of Canada and the S.S. Master Society.

World Ship Society of Western Canada

Minutes and AGM Reports, vol. 1, 1972 – 1981

Minutes and AGM Reports, vol. 2, 1982 – 1999

Minutes and AGM Reports, vol. 3, 2000 – 2002

Minutes and AGM Reports, vol. 4, 2003 – 2005

Constitutions, 1972 – 2003

Membership, 1973 – 2005

Minutes and AGM Reports, vol. 5, 2006 –

Series 2 - Society financial records

Financial reports and grant applications, 1969 – 2004

Series 3 – Society correspondence

Correspondence, vol. 1, 1970 – 1979

Correspondence, vol. 2, 1980 – 1989

Correspondence, vol. 3, 1990 – 1999

Correspondence, vol. 4, 2000 – 2006

Series 4 – Society publications and events

Society publications, vol. 1, no date

Society publications, vol. 2, 1979 – 2007

Publications Telegraph, Shipworm, 1985 – 2002

Website, 2002

Classic Boat Show (Victoria, BC) CD, 2002

Series 5 – Newspaper clippings

Newspaper clippings, 1960 – 1969

Newspaper clippings, 1970 – 1979

Newspaper clippings, 1980 – 1989

Newspaper clippings, 1990 – 1999

Newspaper clippings, 2000 – 2005

Series 6 – SS *Master* historical records

Builder's Certificate, ownership declaration, registry documents (originals)

Survey and registry papers

SS *Master* crew time logbook

SS *Master* scrapbook (text), vol. 1

SS *Master* scrapbook (photos), vol. 2

Insurance, registration and licenses

Restoration and repairs

Series 7 – SS *Master* logbooks

SS *Master* logbook, April 2, 1940 - July 4, 1940

SS *Master* logbook, July 6, 1940 - November 1, 1940

SS *Master* logbook, November 2, 1940 - February 16, 1941

SS *Master* logbook, February 17, 1941 - May 15, 1941

SS *Master* logbook, May 17, 1941 - August 2, 1941

SS *Master* logbook, August 2, 1941 - November 5, 1941

SS *Master* logbook, November 6, 1941 - February 7, 1942

SS *Master* logbook, February 7, 1942 - May 6, 1942

SS *Master* logbook, May 6, 1942 - July 22, 1942

SS *Master* logbook, July 22, 1942 - October 30, 1942

SS *Master* logbook, October 30, 1942 – September 10, 1944

SS *Master* logbook, September 11, 1944 – December 9, 1944

SS *Master* logbook, February 2, 1946 – April 11, 1946

SS *Master* logbook, April 12, 1946 – July 9, 1946

SS *Master* logbook, July 10, 1946 – September 5, 1946

SS *Master* logbook, September 6, 1946 – November 28, 1946

SS *Master* logbook, November 28, 1946 – March 1, 1947

SS *Master* logbook, March 2, 1947 – May 13, 1947

SS *Master* logbook, May 14, 1947 – July 27, 1947

SS *Master* logbook, July 28, 1947 – October 19, 1947

SS *Master* logbook, October 19, 1947 – January 6, 1948

“Unknown ship” logbook, April 19, 1934 – August 1, 1934

SS *Master* logbook, January 7, 1948 – April 13, 1948

SS *Master* logbook, April 13, 1948 – June 25, 1948

SS *Master* logbook, June 27, 1948 – September 14, 1948

SS *Master* logbook, September 15, 1948 – December 4, 1948

SS *Master* logbook, December 6, 1948 – March 23, 1949

SS *Master* logbook, March 23, 1949 – June 17, 1949

SS *Master* logbook, June 17, 1949 – September 7, 1949

SS *Master* logbook, December 27, 1949 – April 12, 1950

SS *Master* logbook, April 12, 1950 – July 7, 1950

SS *Master* logbook, July 7, 1950 – September 30, 1950

SS *Master* logbook, October 1, 1950 – January 5, 1951

SS *Master* logbook, January 5, 1951 – April 14, 1951

SS *Master* logbook, July 13, 1951 – October 9, 1951

SS *Master* logbook, April 1, 1952 – June 24, 1952

SS *Master* logbook, November 29, 1954 – March 17, 1955

SS *Master* logbook, March 17, 1955 – June 29, 1955

SS *Master* logbook, June 29, 1955 – October 4, 1955

SS *Master* logbook, October 4, 1955 – January 11, 1956

SS *Master* logbook, January 12, 1956 – June 16, 1956

SS *Master* logbook, June 19, 1956 – November 17, 1956

SS *Master* logbook, November 19, 1956 – June 19, 1957

SS *Master* logbook, June 19, 1957 – March 14, 1958

SS *Master* logbook, April 8, 1958 – July 31, 1959

SS *Master* logbook, May 9, 1955 – June 18, 1959

***Moonlight* logbook, October 4, 1939 – January 22, 1940**