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Admiralty Library

Naval Historical Branch or Admiralty Library
PP 20, Main Road
HM Naval Base
Portsmouth PO1 3LU
T +44 (0)2392 725297
E cns-nhbal@mod.uk

Information on all aspects of naval history, including merchant ships requisitioned/lost during both world wars. Enquiries about anything earlier than the Second World War, ships' badges, flags, etc., are usually dealt with by the Library, 1939 and later by the Historical Branch

Bartlett Library

National Maritime Museum Cornwall
Discovery Quay
Falmouth
Cornwall TR11 3QY
T +44 (0)1326 214579
E library@nmmc.co.uk
www.nmmc.co.uk

The collection includes merchant shipping and company histories; extensive run of *Lloyd's Register of Ships*; material on construction of small boats; Falmouth Harbourmaster's records 1880 to 1990 and other items relating to Cornwall's maritime history.

British Library

96 Euston Road
London NW1 2DB
T +44 (0)20 7412 7676
F +44 (0)20 7412 7609
www.bl.uk

A comprehensive collection of over 150 million separate items, which include books, journals, patents, manuscripts, maps, music and stamps.

The British Library also has an extensive picture library and is home to the British Library Sound Archive (formerly the National Sound Archive) and the India Office Library. Catalogues are available for view at the Euston Road site and on their website.

British Library Newspapers

Colindale Avenue
Colindale
London NW9 5HE
T +44 (0)20 7412 7353
F +44 (0)20 7412 7379
www.bl.uk

Collection of regional, national and foreign newspapers. Excludes London Press prior to 1801. Also hold a collection of magazines and journals.

British Museum

Great Russell Street
London WC1B 3DG
T +44 (0)20 7323 8299
E information@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk
www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

The British Museum holds a collection of art and antiquities from ancient and living cultures. Housed in one of Britain's architectural landmarks, the collection is one of the finest in existence, spanning two million years of human history.

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Chatham Dockyard Historical Society
The Museum
The Historic Dockyard
Chatham
Kent
T +44 (0)1634 823800
www.cdhs.org.uk

Artefacts, photographs, models and ships' badges collected by former Chatham Dockyard employees. Library holds records of naval dockyards, naval vessels and general naval history. Reference sources include *Navy Lists*, transactions of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects, *Lloyd's Register of Ships* and *Jane's Fighting Ships*.

Companies House
Companies Registration Office
Pembroke House
55 City Road
London EC1Y 1BB
T +44 (0)20 7253 9393
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

Company registration records dating from the mid-19th Century.

Corporation of Lloyd's
Lime Street
London EC3M 7HA
Attn: The Librarian
T +44 (0)20 7623 7100
E enquiries@lloyds.com
www.lloyds.com

For insurance records on ships insured on the London Market and records of Lloyd's history and development.

Family Records Centre (FRC)
The Family Records Centre (formerly in Farringdon) has now closed.

Births, deaths and marriages enquiries:
Services formerly offered by the General Register Office at the FRC.

Certificate Services Section
General Register Office
PO Box 2
Southport
PR8 2JD
T +44 (0) 845 603 7788
F +44 (0) 1704 550013
E certificate.services@ons.gsi.gov.uk
www.gro.gov.uk

The General Register Office holds details of birth, marriage and death certificates dating back to the start of civil registration in July 1837. This includes Births and deaths at sea.

Census & general enquiries:
For services formerly offered by the National Archives at the FRC. Census returns, wills and other sources, are now available at The National Archives in Kew.

Also covers the 1841-91 Census returns, which include crews of ships in harbour on Census night.

T +44 (0)20 8876 3444
E enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Also try:
www.familyrecords.gov.uk

Office for National Statistics
www.ons.gov.uk

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<p>Greenwich Maritime Institute London SE10 9LS T +44 (0) 20 8331 7688 E: runningtheriverthames@greenwich.ac.uk www.gre.ac.uk/riverthamesguide</p>	<p>Online resource: Environmental History Guide: Researching the River Thames'. A guide to the environmental history and governance of the River Thames and its river basin.</p>
<p>Hull Maritime Museum Queen Victoria Square Hull HU1 3DX T +44 (0)1482 613902 F +44 (0)1482 613710 www.hullcc.gov.uk/museumcollections</p>	<p>Three main sections: i) 19th Century whaling to the Arctic; ii) Development of Hull and East Coast fishing in the North Sea; iii) Merchant Shipping. Hull shipping companies, notably the Wilson Line. Ship models and figureheads, including the <i>Sirius</i>.</p>
<p>The Institution of Engineering and Technology The IET Library/Archives Savoy Place London WC2R 0BL T +44 (0)20 7344 5461 F +44 (0)20 7344 8467 E libdesk@theiet.org www.theiet.org/about/</p>	<p>The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Archives holds the Institution's records as well as deposited collections from the 14th century. The IET Library, founded in 1880, holds over 65,000 publications in engineering, science and technology. Available to IET members and some services to non-members for a fee.</p>
<p>The IMarEST collection at Lloyd's Register Information Centre Lloyd's Register Group Services Ltd 71 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 4BS http://www.lr.org/about_us/shipping_information/IMarEST_Collection_at_LR.aspx T +44 (0)207 423 2531</p>	<p>In June 2011 the IMarEST historical library was relocated to Lloyd's Register's Information Centre in London. Subjects covered in the conference proceedings, journal series, technical reports and reference titles include: offshore engineering, energy, turbines, hydrogeology, pollution, fishing, ship management, vibration, naval architecture and marine navigation.</p>
<p>IMarEST Headquarters Library www.imarest.org/mic mic@imarest.org T +44 (0)20 7382 2648</p>	<p>The IMarEST headquarters at 33 Aldgate Street, keep a selection of recent titles published by IMarEST and available to visiting members.</p>
<p>Imperial War Museum Lambeth Road London SE1 6HZ T +44 (0)20 7416 5320 E mail@iwm.org.uk F +44 (0)20 7416 5374 www.iwm.org.uk</p>	<p>Naval history covering both world wars.</p>

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Lancaster Maritime Museum
Custom House
St George's Quay
Lancaster
LA1 1RB
T +44 (0)1524 64637
F +44 (0)1524 841692
www.lancaster.gov.uk

Holdings relating to the Lancaster district; local shipping and inshore fishing. Also information on shipbuilding and the 18th Century African slave trade.

Lloyd's Marine Collection
Guildhall Library
Aldermanbury
London EC2P 2EJ
T +44 (0)20 7606 3030
F +44 (0)20 7600 3384
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Collection of Corporation of Lloyd's marine records including:
i) Information on marine casualties and shipping movements dating from circa 1740. Sources include *Lloyd's Shipping Index*, war loss records and *British mercantile Navy List*,
ii) *Lloyd's Captains' Register* (British Masters and Mates), from 1868 to 1947.

London Metropolitan Archives
40 Northampton Road
London EC1R 0HB
T +44 (0)20 7332 3820
Minicom 020 7272 8703
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/family-research/index.htm

Largest local authority archive in the UK with records covering most aspects of the history of London and Londoners, including parish records. See website for the free London Generations and London Signatures (for wills) databases.

Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Spring Place
105 Commercial Road
Southampton
SO1 0ZD
T +44 (0)23 80329100
F +44 (0)23 80329292
www.mcga.gov.uk

Historical collection includes material relating to the administration of the British Merchant Shipping Acts from 1856 to date, e.g. wreck returns (mid-19th Century onwards) and reports of official enquiries from 1876.

Merseyside Maritime Museum
Albert Dock
Liverpool
L3 4AQ
T +44 (0)1514 784499
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

Marine history of Liverpool. Specialist collection relating to the slave trade and emigration. Good collection of ship plans, including White Star ships; Cunard archive and Customs Registers.

Motor Boat Museum
Wat Tyler Country Park
Pitsea Hall Lane
Basildon
Essex
SS16 4UH
T +44 (0)1268 550077
F +44 (0)1268 584207
www.basildon.gov.uk

Over 35 motor boats on display dating from 1873. Collections include the Carstairs collection, Ailsa Craig archive and incomplete collection of the *Lloyd's Register of Ships* dating from 1911. Reference library is open to the public on an appointment only basis.

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Museum in Docklands

No 1 Warehouse
West India Quay
Hertsmere Road
London E14 4AL
T +44 (0)20 7001 9825
www.museumindocklands.org.uk

History of London Docklands.

The National Archives

Ruskin Avenue
Kew, TW9 4DU
T +44 (0)20 8876 3444
E enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Formed in 2003, the National Archives brings together the Public Record Office and the Historic Manuscripts Commission. Collections include early records of the Registry of Shipping & Seamen, plus Board of Trade, Ministry of Defense documents and other government papers. The National Register of Archives, which contains information on the nature and location of manuscripts and historical records that relate to British history, will also now operate from Kew.

National Maritime Museum

Park Row
Greenwich
London SE10 9NF
T +44 (0)20 8858 4422
F +44 (0)20 8312 6632
www.nmm.ac.uk

Caird Library

www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library

See also www.port.nmm.ac.uk for free services provided by the National Maritime Museum for access to quality maritime information and resources via the Internet.

National repository for books, models, plans, photographs, paintings, etc, covering maritime history from the earliest times. Collections include *Lloyd's Register of Ships* 1764 to date, Lloyd's Register Survey Reports 1840-1968 (incomplete collection), atlases, shipping company records, historical journals covering merchant marine and naval history. For ship plans, which are held offsite, please mark your envelope "Ship Plans" and send to the Greenwich address on the left.

National Museum & Gallery Cardiff

Cathays Park
Cardiff CF10 3NP
T +44 (0)29 2039 7951
www.nmgw.ac.uk

Registry of Shipping and Seamen

MCA Cardiff
Anchor Court
Ocean Way
Cardiff CF24 5JW
T +44 (0)29 20 448800
F +44 (0)29 20 448820
www.mcga.gov.uk

Records of ships registered in the UK and Commonwealth and the careers of British seafarers. Records of births, marriages and deaths at sea. Early records, dating back to 1800s, are held at the National Archives (above). RSS and ship registration in the UK is included on the MCA's website (left).

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Royal Engineers Museum of Military Engineering

Prince Arthur Road
Gillingham
Kent
ME4 4UG
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T +44 (0)1634 822416 (library)
www.re-museum.co.uk

The museum is complemented by the Corps library, an extensive archive begun in 1813. The collection includes books, manuals, manuscripts, maps, plans and photographs. The library is open by appointment from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Scottish Business Archive at the University of Glasgow

13 Thurso Street
Glasgow G11 6PE
T + 44 (0)141 330 5515
F +44 (0)141 330 2640
E enquiries@archives.gla.ac.uk
www.glasgow.ac.uk/archives

www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/collections/scottishbusinessarchive/

Records of many of the major shipbuilders, shipowners, ship repairers and engineers based primarily in the west of Scotland: William Denny & Brothers; A Stephen & Sons; William Simons & Co; Barclay Curle; Lithgows Ltd; Yarrow & Co Ltd; Upper Clyde Shipbuilders; Scott Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd; Ferguson Brothers; Scott & Sons; Ailsa Shipbuilding Co Ltd; Napiers; Anchor Line Ltd; Clyde Shipping Co Ltd; and Ellerman Lines.

Photographic and plan collections are well represented, as are various ship publications. Hold *Lloyd's Register of Ships* 1834 to date.

National Records of Scotland (NRS)

H M General Register House
2 Princes Street
Edinburgh EH1 3YY
T +44(0)131 535 1314
E enquiries@nas.gov.uk

Scottish equivalent to The National Archives. *From 1 April 2011, the General Register Office for Scotland merged with the NAS to become the National Records of Scotland (NRS).*
www.nas.gov.uk/default.asp

Society of Genealogists

14 Charterhouse Buildings
Goswell Road
London EC1 7BA
T +44 (0)20 7251 8799
www.sog.org.uk

The Society of Genealogists' library is open to non-members on payment of a fee. Collection includes parish register copies and card indexes of family names, marriages and wills.

The Marine Technology Special Collection

School of Marine Science and Technology,
Newcastle University
Room 3.32 Armstrong Building
Queen Victoria Road
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 7RU
www.ncl.ac.uk/marine/research/specialcollection

Historical maritime technical documents from the British shipbuilding and related industries. Spans the mid-19th century to 2000 with an emphasis on the north east of England and includes the less well documented industries of marine engine building, ship repairing, and shipbreaking.

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Tyne & Wear Archives Service
Blandford House
Blandford Square
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4JA
www.thenortheast.com/archives

Lloyd's Register of Ships and other publications concerning maritime history. Very good collection of plans and reports from yards in the Newcastle region.

The Waterways Trust
Gloucester Docks
Gloucester GL1 2EJ
T +44 (0)1452 318 220
F +44 (0)1452 318 202
www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk

The waterways archive holds the largest collection of inland waterways-related material anywhere in the UK, consisting of approx. 78,000 records.

Wrecks Office
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
Admiralty Way
Taunton TA1 2DN
T +44 (0)1823 337900
F +44 (0)1823 284077
E wrecks@ukho.gov.uk

Information on wrecks in UK and overseas coastal waters, mainly post 1913.

Suggested reading:

Maritime Information Association *Maritime Information: A guide to libraries and sources* (4th ed., 2004)

Byron, R V & Byron, T N *Maritime Information: A guide to libraries and sources of information in the United Kingdom* (3rd ed., 1983)

Please also take a look at the other [information sheets](#) we publish.

Researchers should check availability, accessibility and opening times with the repositories listed before making a personal visit.

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