Descriptive Summary
Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum
Call No.
Title: Marine Vessels of New England & the Islands
Creator: various
Quantity: .5 cubic feet
Abstract: Marine Vessels of New England & the Islands collection is a compilation of published pamphlets, newspaper and magazine articles, administrative records, narratives, correspondence, and research notes.

Administrative Information
Acquisition Information: The Marine Vessels of New England & the Islands Collection was acquired by the Martha's Vineyard Museum by many donors throughout the twentieth century.
Processing Information: Barbara Murphy
Access Restrictions: none
Use Restrictions: none
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Index Terms
- Martha's Vineyard boats
- Noman's Land boats
- Small craft
- Captain Claude Wagner
- Dobbins Life Boat

Series Arrangement:
Series I: Martha's Vineyard Marine Vessels
Series II: Marine Vessels of New England
Series III: Boatbuilding
Series IV: Marine Reference
**Historical Note:**
The collection of records in Record Unit 5 has been “artificially” created. There is no original order to these documents. Rather, it is assumed that the organization’s librarians, interns and volunteers have brought these records together at some point. The institution’s own records do not shed any light on when and why the collection was originally formed. What is known is that the MVM was founded in 1922. And, the organization began to collect documents in 1923. Thus, the formation of this record unit can only be dated to sometime between 1923 and the present day. The processing of this collection in 2006 has largely kept this artificial collation together.

**Scope and Content Note:**
This record unit consists of information and records pertaining to marine vessels. The majority of the records consist of newspaper clippings. However, the collection does contain blueprints of a Noman’s Land boat.

**Series Description:**
**Series I: Martha’s Vineyard Marine Vessels**
Box 1 of 1
Folder 1: Martha’s Vineyard Boats: Pamphlet written by Joseph Chase Allen

**Series II: Marine Vessels of New England**
Box 1 of 1
Folder 2: Clippings: Noman’s Land Boat, 1952-1976
Folder 3: Clippings, Small Craft: 1959-1982
Folder 4: Clippings, Catboats, Vanity, 1992
Folder 5: Merchant Voyages and Abstract, 1849, 1850

**Series III: Boatbuilding**
Box 1 of 1
Folder 6: Blueprints, Noman’s Land Boat
Folder 7: Boatbuilding and Apprenticeships
Folder 8: Clippings, Boatbuilding, 1979
Folder 9: Dobbins Life Boat, 1886-1889

**Series IV: Reference**
Box 1 of 1
Folder 10: Maritime History, Revolutionary War
Folder 11: Captain Claude Wagner