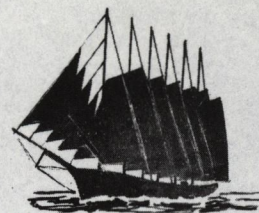


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BATH MARINE MUSEUM



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Dear Travel Editor:

The Bath Marine Museum, under the auspices of the Marine Research Society of Bath, begins its second season - first as a permanently endowed foundation - on June 15, 1965.

As Americans become increasingly aware of the urgent need to preserve their nation's past for the future, this Museum undertakes its part by building a memorial to the maritime spirit and endeavour that are a vital part of the American way.

We solicit assistance in bringing our Museum to the attention of people within your sphere of influence. If you should be interested in furthering our cause, our opening day news-release package and our periodic news-releases will be forwarded upon request. Should you be interested in a full feature story, I would be happy to forward copies of all major news-releases to-date with samples of available photographs for your complete information and editorial selection. Please use the enclosed post-card to indicate your interest.

During these formative years, our Museum must depend heavily on the good-will and assistance of organizations such as yours to inform Maine visitors of its existence and its offerings.

Our earnest thanks for your attention and support.

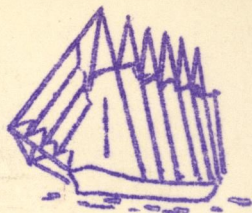
Sincerely,

*Mrs. John P. Montgomery*  
Mrs. John P. Montgomery  
Publicity Director  
Bath Marine Museum

Enc.: 1965 Bath Marine Museum Brochures  
Information post-card



Yakima Herald  
114 North 4th Street  
Yakima, Washington



The BATH MARINE MUSEUM appreciates your  
interest in the past and welcomes your  
interest in the future

- ☐ Send opening-day news-release package
- ☐ Send periodic news-releases
- ☐ Send complete feature-story material
- ☐ Contact us to arrange a Museum tour

[Enclosure. 1965, Feb. 15]

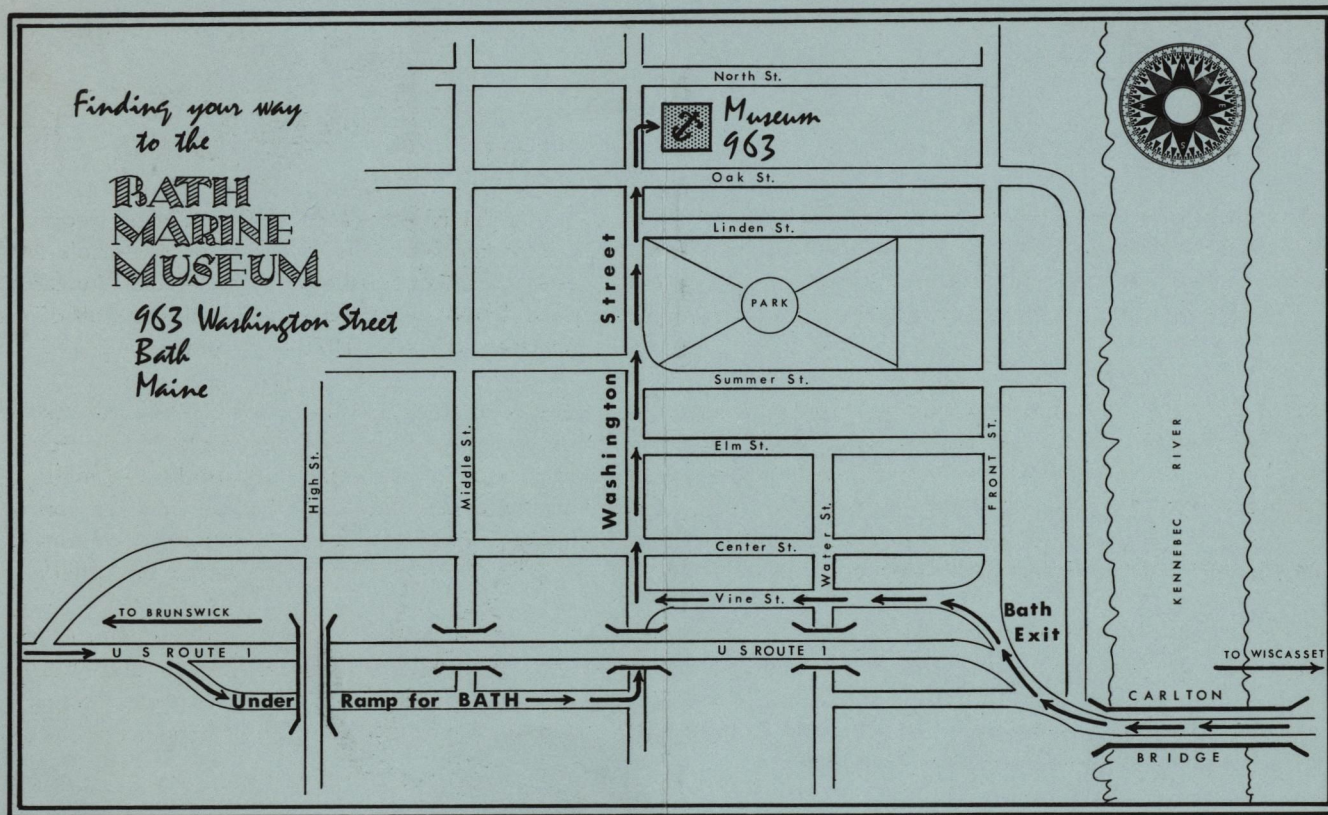
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. John P. Montgomery  
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BATH MARINE MUSEUM  
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Finding your way  
to the  
**BATH  
MARINE  
MUSEUM**  
963 Washington Street  
Bath  
Maine

# BATH MARINE MUSEUM

OPEN DAILY  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
June 15th to September 15th

A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY OF MARITIME BATH, fully documented and illustrated, is in preparation under the auspices of the MARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY of BATH.

The MUSEUM BUILDING (circa 1844) was given and endowed on August 1, 1964, by Mrs. Walter E. Edge of Small Point, Maine, for the preservation of Bath's maritime heritage and in memory of her parents

Harold Marsh Sewall  
and  
Camilla Loyall Ashe Sewall

The BATH MARINE MUSEUM is sponsored by the MARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY of BATH. Membership, fees, artifacts, and monetary donations are tax deductible. The museum welcomes your active support.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Individual .....	\$ 5.00
Family .....	10.00
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Please address all correspondence to:

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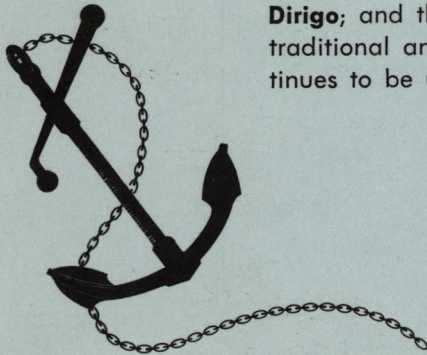
**BATH, MAINE**  
"The Cradle of Ships"



The Marine Research Society of Bath  
Invites You to Visit the  
**BATH MARINE MUSEUM**

**AMERICAN MARITIME HISTORY** began with the launching here in 1607 of the little pinnace **Virginia** by the Popham Colonists. Since the building of America's first vessel, nearly 5,000 ships of all types have gone down the ways in the Bath area — an unparalleled testament to Yankee skill and industry. During the mid-1800's, Bath was the nation's fifth largest port. Between 1862 and 1902, almost half of America's sailing ships were built and launched here, including an amazing 700 between the years 1870 and 1890 alone.

**HISTORY CREDITS BATH** with many significant "firsts" in shipbuilding endeavor, including the **Henry B. Hyde**, classic example of the Down-East half-clipper; the **Roanoke**, the largest successful four-masted wooden bark built in America; the first and last American-built wooden ships; the only American-built four-masted steel barks — beginning in 1894 with the **Dirigo**; and the six-masted schooner **Wyoming**, largest wooden vessel of any type ever to fly the American flag at sea. The traditional and renowned quality of Bath-built ships — synonym for excellence throughout the shipbuilding world — continues to be upheld and advanced by the modern Bath Iron Works Corporation.



**VISITORS TO THE BATH MARINE MUSEUM** will find comprehensive and tangible evidence of the maritime way of life with full coverage of the great years of sail — from drafting board to launching, commissioning to final voyage. Emphasis is placed on 19th century lore and legend and those artifacts and mementos personally associated with the ancestors of today's Bath citizens, including paintings, photographs, models, ship's furnishings, and related memorabilia. The Museum imparts to history the unique significance of Bath's maritime heritage.

**MUSEUM ROOMS AND DISPLAYS**

**Shipyards Artisans — the Sailmaker, Rigger, Shipwright, & Joiner**

**Square-Riggers & Schooners of the Bath Area**

**The Art of the Navigator**

**Machinery & Chandlery — the Allied Fields**

**Shipyards Office, typical of the 1880's**

**Small Craft Exhibit (outdoors)**

**Steamer, Ferry, & Tug Exhibits**

**U.S. Navy — Armament, Uniform, Personnel & Ships**

**Master Mariners — their Personal Possessions & Ship Cargoes**

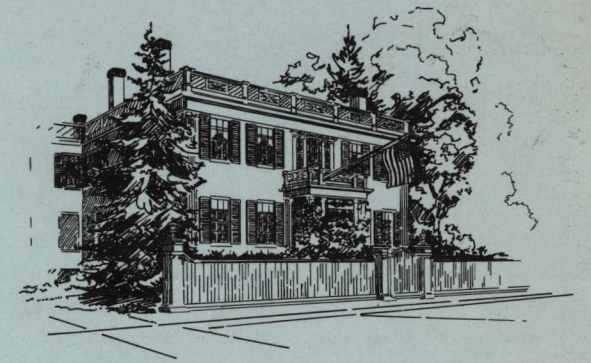
**The Governor King Room — Personal Possessions of Maine's First Governor**

**Bath Iron Works History through Ships**

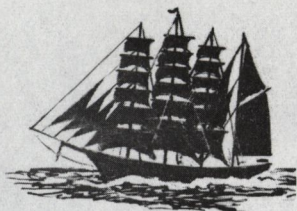
**Fishing, Whaling, & Pleasure Boats**

**For Children Only — a Room full of Things marked "Please Touch"**

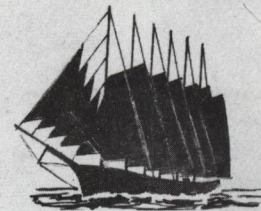
**Shipbuilding Families of Bath — over a Century of Contributions from Private Family Shipyards**







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Dear *Mr. Ralander*:

As per your request, I enclose information herewith for a feature story on the BATH MARINE MUSEUM.

Since we do not subscribe to a clipping service, we must rely upon your courtesy to inform us of publication of our material. If you will be kind enough to forward clippings of our exposure, we shall be most grateful and will pay costs on same, as it is most important to us to have a record for our files and future reference. Should you decide not to use photographs, we would appreciate the return of same at our expense.

If there should be any questions or if further information should be required, please advise. Please direct all correspondence to the above address.

The BATH MARINE MUSEUM plans to become a major monument to the maritime history and heritage of the United States. With the generous assistance of organizations such as yours, our job will be easier and our goal nearer.

On behalf of the Museum staff, my sincere thanks for your furtherance of our publicity work.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. John P. Montgomery*  
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*Hope these photos give you a good idea of our museum - would be most interested in how your museum plans are progressing.*  
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