

A GUIDE TO  
THE ANTON DRABIK COLLECTION

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## INTRODUCTION

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## **THE ANTON DRABIK COLLECTION**

The Anton Drabik Collection consists of materials related to marine salvaging. The collection consists of both archival records and monographs (books), and measures approximately 4 ½ linear feet, of which 1 ½ linear feet are archival records. The monographs consist of 53 volumes.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES**

The Anton Drabik Collection consists of two series; the Drabik Papers and the Drabik Monographs. Series One, the Drabik Papers, consists of archival records dealing primarily with marine salvage. This series consists of essays, correspondence, surveys, clippings, and Anton Drabik's own writings, in the form of published magazine articles as well as drafts to a larger work. Finding aids for series one can be located below.

The books of the Anton Drabik Collection make up series two, the Drabik Monographs. Series two consists of 55 volumes, totaling in all about three linear feet. The monographs in series two contain information on marine salvaging, as well as information covering submarines, maritime law, marine insurance, vessel engineering and shipbuilding, modeling, and shipwrecks. These monographs have been incorporated into the Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Library holdings, and can be accessed through the University of Missouri's Online Public Access Catalog. In addition, the monographs can be perused in our finding aids, located below.

### **ACCESS**

This is Special Collection P-17. Some of the collection may be photocopied, digitally scanned, or photographed, depending on condition.

# P17 - 1 - Drabik Papers

| Folder ID | Folder/Item Description   |
|-----------|---|
| 1-1       | The Bucking of Barges in River Service, Speech by John P. Colletti at the Winter Meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers -- Great Lakes and Great Rivers Section Cincinnati, Ohio, January 20, 1977 |
| 1-2       | M. H. Bland & Co. Ltd -- Correspondence to Anton Drabik 2/17/1949 and Clipping from "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record" 9/9/1948 titled, "Salving the 'Letitia Lykes'" and Salvaging of the "Camerata"                       |
| 1-3       | Bureau of Ships Journal -- March 1961, April 1961 and April 1964  |
| 1-4       | Cofferdams for Salvage/Repair Work  |
| 1-5       | Commodore of Sunken Ships -- Clipping Regarding WWII Salvaging from March 1965  |
| 1-6       | Concrete in Salvage Work -- Essay   |
| 1-7       | Convict Prison Ship "Success" Survey, 11/10/1933  |
| 1-8       | Course Outline (UCLA) -- Engineering for Deep Ocean Salvage & Rescue, 24-28 July 1967; 132 pp. and Essay on Corrosion by Edward J. Cook, Guest Lecturer; 18pp   |
| 1-9       | Epics of Marine Salvage -- Printed Notes and Clippings  |
| 1-10      | Hazards to Be Avoided In Salvage Work   |
| 1-11      | Historical Development of Marine Salvage, Clippings from "The Compass" by Anton Drabik  |
| 1-12      | Marine Salvage on Western Rivers, Parts I and II; Marine Salvage (Table of Contents) -- Clippings of Articles by Anton Drabik   |
| 1-13      | Marine Salvage: Essay on Salvage and Repair of Damages, 10/5/1940 and "Reconditioning of the M/V Montrose by Trevor White, 10/24/1963 and "Notes on Practical Salvage" by Lt. W. K. Minor, U.S. Navy                        |
| 1-14      | Marine Salvage -- Magazine Clippings  |
| 1-15      | Marine Salvage in Wartime, Parts I and II; Clippings from "The Compass" by Anton Drabik   |
| 1-16      | Military Marine Salvage in Italy  |
| 1-17      | Navy Salvage History -- Chapter One [Draft]   |
| 1-18      | Navy Salvage History -- Chapter Two [Draft]   |
| 2-19      | Navy Salvage History -- Chapter Four [Draft, 9/19/1987]   |
| 2-20      | Navy Salvage History -- Chapter Five [Draft, 11/2/1987]   |
| 2-21      | Navy Salvage History -- Chapter Seven; Vietnam Era [Draft 2/22/1988]  |
| 2-22      | Navy Salvage History -- Chapter Eight; Toward Today [Draft 4/5/1986]  |
| 2-23      | Pioneer and Experimental Diving -- Sub Salvage and Rescue   |
| 2-24      | The Principles and Practice of Marine Salvage, Part II; Clipping from "The Compass" by Anton Drabik   |
| 2-25      | Marine Salvage Patents and Clippings Regarding Marine Insurance   |
| 2-26      | The Salvage of Treasure; Clipping from "The Compass" by Anton Drabik  |
| 2-27      | Sea Classics Magazine; Vol. 24, Number 8, August 1991   |
| 2-28      | Correspondence and Clippings to Searle Consortium Ltd (Bill Searle)   |

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| 2-29      | Study of Underwater Salvaging by Neil Musser, Asst. Naval Constructor, U.S.N.  |
| 3-30      | "Submarine Escape and Rescue" and "Submarine Salvage"; Clippings from "The Compass"  |
| 3-31      | Submarine Salvage -- Clippings and Publications Regarding  |
| 3-32      | Underwater Patches for Large Holes -- Essay  |
| 3-33      | United States Naval Institute Proceedings, Clippings -- "The Value of Inexperience" by Captain Harvey Haislip and "Scapa Flow" |
| 3-34      | U.S. Submarine Salvage and Rescue -- Lists of Sinkings and Wartime Losses; Clippings; Reports                                  |
| 3-35      | Handling Steel Cargo Claims by Anton Drabik, 9/1/1977  |
| 3-36      | Unnamed Binder Containing Miscellaneous Clippings and Essays Regarding Salvage   |

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| A Descriptive List of Treasure Maps and Charts  | Richard S. Ladd         | Z6026.T7 U62 1964   |
| A Short Sketch of the History and Principles of Marine Insurance. Second Edition                        | Winter, William D.      | HE963 .W46 1935     |
| A Treatise on the Law of Civil Salvage  | Kennedy, A.R            | KD1834.S4 K4 1936   |
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| Admiralty and Maritime Law: Some Legal Problems of Mid-America's Water Borne Commerce                   | Bradley, Stuart B       | KF1104 .B72 1959    |
| Admiralty Aspects of the Civil Rules  | Bradley, Stuart B       | KF1104 .B72         |
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| Admiralty Law of the Supreme Court  | Baer, Herbert R         | KF1104 .B3 1963     |
| American Practical Navigator: An Epitome of Navigation  | Bowditch, Nathaniel     | VK555 .A48 1958     |
| Bureau of Ships Manual, Chapter 93, Fire Fighting-Ship  |                         | VM981.U7 U5 1951    |
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| General Average and the York/Antwerp Rules, 1950  | Buglass, Leslie J       | HE970 .B8 1959      |
| Hydraulics of River Channels as Related to Navigability   | Langbein, W.B           | TC175 .L25 1962     |
| Inventory of the T.A. Scott Company, Inc. Papers 1889 - 1927  | Schultz, Charles R.     | E182 .M92 no.1 1964 |
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| Live Articles on Marine Insurance: A Series of Articles Reprinted from The Weekly Underwriter 1918-1919 |                         | HE964.5.U6 L4 1919  |
| Lloyd's Survey Handbook   |                         | HF5761 .L6 1961     |
| Manual of Naval Architecture  | Manning, George Charles | VM145 .M37 1930     |
| Marine Insurance and General Average in the United States: An Average Adjuster's Viewpoint              | Buglass, Leslie J       | KF1135 .B8 1973     |
| Marine Insurance Claims: American Law and Practice  | Buglass, Leslie J       | KF1135.Z9 B8 1963   |

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| Marine Insurance Course: Marine Protection and Indemnity Insurance  | Bernard, Henry I   | HE965 .B75 1945    |
| Marine Insurance Digest   | Mullins, Hugh A  | KF1135.Z9 M8 1951  |
| Marine Salvage in Peace and War   | McKenzie, T  |                    |
| Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual  |  | VK1447 .I57 1977   |
| Navy Guide for Retired Personnel and Their Families   | Bureau of Naval Personnel                                    | UB443 .N38 1974    |
| Papers and Outlines for Presentation at University of New Orleans, Fourth Annual Maritime Seminar, September 15-16, 1976                            |  | HE623.U5 P2 1976   |
| Price: Language of the Marketplace: A Grain Grower's Guide  | Chicago Board of Trade                                       | HB235.U6 C47       |
| Proceedings of the International Symposium on Marine Salvage  |  | VK1491 .I68 1979   |
| Proceedings of the Second Maritime Law Seminar By The Business Institute, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, April 5 and 6, 1971 | Johnson, Jr., Thomas E. and John E. Megley III, Editors      | KF2645.A7 M37 1971 |
| Report on Hurricane Betsy, 8-11 September 1965 In the U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans  | U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, Corps of Engineers | QC944 .U6 1965     |
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| The Average Agent: A Guide to the Practice of Average Agents in Case of Loss of or Damage to Goods  |  | HE970 .I55 1933    |
| The Gas-Free Chemist: The Ship and the Ship Yard  | Morrill, Prof. Jeremiah Thomas                               | TN871 .M577 1918   |
| The Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association, 1987 River Industry Seminar   |  | VM464 .G73 1987    |
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