

The Museum's Databases of Sailing Vessels, Mariners and Shipwrecks

1. Ship Histories

The museum has records in its Ship's Database of the 400 or so vessels listed in Maritime History Resources item 15 (*List of Merchant Sailing Vessels Owned or Built in Salcombe Haven 1780 – 1812*). Sources for these records include Port Registers, Lloyd's Register, Mercantile Navy List, newspaper reports, shipping news and crew agreements. Reports can be made available on request (see below for how to order). They vary in length from a few lines of notes to forty pages. An example of a medium-size report is included in Maritime History Resources item 17 – *The schooner Juan*.

2. Mariners

Over 1000 men, who sailed in Salcombe and Kingsbridge merchant sailing vessels, are listed in our Mariner's Database. Most of the information we have relates to masters (ship's captains) and master's mates, but some details of men who sailed 'before the mast' are available from crew agreements. Reports can be made available on request (see below for how to order).

3. Shipwreck Histories

The seabed off the South Hams coast is littered with shipwrecks and over 550 are listed in the museum's Wreck's Database. Information has been collected from contemporary newspaper reports, Board of Trade, Admiralty, RNLI and Lloyd's List data as well as a variety of other sources. Vessels that were re-floated are included. As with the sailing ship records, the reports vary in length from a few lines to forty or more pages. Reports can be made available on request (see below for how to order). The wreck of the Belgian steamer *Louis Sheid* off Thurlestone in 1939 is given as an example in Maritime History Resources item 18

4. Viewing the Databases and Ordering Reports

For enquiries about particular ships, mariners or wrecks, email us at info@salcombemuseum.org.uk. The databases can be viewed at the museum by prior appointment or we can make a search for you. For copies of ship histories, mariner's records or shipwreck histories, a charge is made of between 50p and £5 for a copy of each record, depending on its length.