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William H. Hall Journal and Records of the Texas Maritime Academy 1973 Cruise Papers

- Creator:** Hall, William H.
- Title:** Journal and Records of the Texas Maritime Academy 1973 Cruise
- Date:** June 10- August 14, 1973.
- Abstract:** Graduate of Texas A&M University (Ph.D., 1973); Faculty member at Texas A&M University, College Station and Galveston and University of Houston at Clear Lake. Voyage journal; photographs (slides and captions); class records for "First Aid for Mariners;" penciled drawings from the cruise; and miscellaneous records and maps pertaining to the details of the trip. Dr. Hall served as the freshman English teacher for the 1973 summer cruise of the Texas Maritime Academy aboard the T/S Texas Clipper. Hall taught the seventy-plus "Prep Cadets," spring high school graduates who earned six hours of college credit in the "Summer School at Sea" program at Texas A&M University at Galveston while they were handed the lowest cleaning /maintenance jobs on the ship. They were also exposed to the maritime careers at A&M. The journal and the log of captions for the photographs provide details into the daily life of the cruise faculty and student crewmembers, and the locales they visited, including Tenerife, Ocean Station (solar eclipse), Barcelona, Naples, Funchal, St. Thomas, and New Orleans. The 1973 cruise played a role as a floating scientific research platform during the solar eclipse, using NASA communications and weather satellite gear, borrowed from Jacques Cousteau's research ship "Calypso."
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Biographical Background:

Dr. Hall was born in Cairo, Georgia, but moved to Texas as a small child. He attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago (1955-56); received his BA in English from the University of

Texas, Austin (1960); a Masters in English, University of Houston (1966); and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University (1973). He served on various faculty, including Ball High School (1960-1967); Texas A&M University, College Station; Texas A&M University at Galveston; University of Houston at Clear Lake; and Galveston College (1974-1998). In the 1980s, Dr. Hall worked with various arts organizations in Galveston including the orchestra and ballet. He retired in 1991.

Scope and Content Note:

These records were created by Dr. William H. Hall on the 1973 summer cruise of the Texas Maritime Academy. As one of the cruise faculty, Dr. Hall maintained a remarkable journal account of the cruise and his shipmates, took over 200 slides, and made penciled sketches of the people and locales. In addition, there are maps, brochures, a crew list and other documents of the journey.

In March 9, 2013, Dr. Hall donated these records to the Jack K. Williams Library at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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Box 1

Hall, William H. "A Journal of the Summer Cruise of the Schoolship Texas Clipper 1973: Begun 10 June 2045 hrs." Vol. 1 & 2, 198 pages.

A handwritten journal documenting the 1973 summer cruise of the T/S Texas Clipper and the Texas Maritime Academy based at the Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, now named, Texas A&M University at Galveston. Dr. Hall humorously describes the activities and personalities of the people on the ship. Various topics include seasickness on a rolling ship, the boredom and repetition of living on board at 15 knots, the foibles of some of the student crew and administration, the beard growing contest, mop hockey on the deck, and the complaints of the overworked Prep Cadets. They learned to take a sailor's bath to conserve water; decried the souring of the breakfast milk; and complained about the ill-working washing machines on board. He describes conversations, such as, "If the ship sank. . . , what would you save first? (i.e. ships logs, grade books, etc? "The chief engineer interrupts and says that grade books don't matter. "If da ship sinks you'll all get F anyway." (June 13)

He discusses some of the other cruise faculty and crew, including William McMullen (navigation), Jack Adcock (Student Advisor), Orlando Clark (ship's surgeon), Dr. Robert Graves (math instructor) and Captain Philbrick.

The 1973 cruise played a role as a floating scientific research platform during the solar eclipse, June 29-30, using NASA communications and weather satellite gear, borrowed from Jacques Cousteau's research ship "Calypso." Dr. Hall describes the activities on the day of the solar eclipse. Dr. Elizabeth Kampa, a participating scientist and her assistants, were to make recordings and measurements. Dr. Hall heard second hand that apparently someone ordered the ship moved during the experiment. Supposedly, Dr. Kampa was most unhappy. John G. Gunning (Watch Officer and Assist. Professor) reportedly said, "Too many chiefs on this vessel."

The journal is a beautifully written and amusing account of the cruise by a member of the cruise faculty. Notices and handouts are bound with the journal in two loose leaf notebooks.

Series 3: Cruise Photographs (Slides)

Box 2

Cruise Slides; 397 items. (Slides in white loose leaf notebook).

Slides of Galveston Dry Dock and preparations to depart; 4 4X6 prints; 17 slides.

Photograph captions, 1 folder.

Series 4: Class Records

Box 1

Health Education, (First Aid for Mariners), taught by Dr. Orlando Clark, ships surgeon. Handwritten notes and a pop quiz taken by Dr. Hill, who took the class.

Series 5: Miscellaneous Items

Box 1

Crew List, 7 pages.

News clippings

Maps

The Mariner's Pocket Companion

Voyager, 74: student yearbook of the Texas A&M University Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources. Includes photographs of the 1973 Cruise.

Series 6: Art Work

Box 2

Pencil drawings of various subjects and people on the cruise.

"Santa Cruse de Tenerife, June 1973."

"Santa Cruz de Tenerife, 25 June 1973." #15

"From the Ship Santa Cruz de Tenerife [Canary Islands], 26 June 1973."

"Centa, Spanish Africa, [1973]"

"Gilbraltar from the West, [1973]"

"Gilbraltar from the East, [1973]" Note: Water catchment in white.

"Funchal, 1973"

"Fortress Funchal, 1973"

"The Castle Montjuic, Barcelona. From the Texas Clipper at Dock, 1973."

“Lions Columbus Column, Barcelona, 1973”
“Castel Nuovo , Naples, 1973.”
“Ft. Christian, Charlotte Amalie [Virgin Islands], 1973.”
“St. Elmo Castle, Naples, 1973.” Two views.
“Sail Rock, St. Thomas, 1973.”
“La Palma, June 1973,”

“Dorsey and Devoy 1973.” [Two studies in sunning students]
“Getting Some Sun, 1973.”
“Dr. Clark, Chief Medical Officer, 1973.”
“David Dionne; Sunning Texas clipper, 1973”
“Discoverer Joao Gongalves Zarco, Funchal, 1973.” [Statue]
“Capri, 1973.”
[Still life with binoculars, hat, pack], 1973.
“Texas Clipper, 1973.” [Still life with hat, bag “U.S.”
[Portrait of a man in stocking cap with pipe], 1973.