

UNIT NUMBER:**DISCOVERY**

AREA OF SERVICE: LONDON-JAMES BAY (1905-1911)
 CHARTERED (1914-1916)
 CARDIFF-FRANCE (1917)
 ENGLAND-CHARLTON ISLAND (1918-1919)
 ENGLAND-ANTWERP (1919)
 ENGLAND-CONSTANTINOPLE (1920)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Three-masted barque-rigged auxiliary steamer

Construction: Oak, carvel built
 Designer and builder: Dundee Shipbuilders Co., 1901 for polar exploration.
 Dimensions: Length - 179.3' Breadth - 33.8' Depth - 18.5'
 Draft:
 Number of passengers: Number of crew:
 Plans: A.12/FT 313/1 or PP 1905-3
 Power: 3 Tri-Compound Direct Acting Vertical engines - Gourlay Bros., Dundee
 Registered:
 Speed: 8.5 knots
 Tonnage: Gross - 751 tons; net - 357 tons registered - 421

HISTORY:

1905, January Hudson's Bay Company bought her from Royal Geographical Society (A.1/197, p. 32).
 1912-1913 Laid up (Proceedings of Annual General Court, 8 July 1912, p. 3).
 1913, November Deposit from the British Antarctic Expedition for purchase of the steamer, but the sale was not completed (A.1/201, p. 39; A.5/111, fo. 543; A.5/117, fos. 245; A.10/465).
 1915-1920 French Government Business
 1916 Used by the Admiralty to relieve 22 men from Shackleton's expedition (SF: "Ships - *Discovery*").
 1917 Carried cargo Cardiff to France (AFG5/2728).
 1918-1919 Sailed from Cardiff to Montreal, Charlton Island, and Liverpool (C.1/274-278; C.4/1, fo. 38d).
 1919 Sailed between England and Antwerp (C.1/280).
 1920 Sailed to Constantinople (AFG5/2728).
 1920-1922 Laid up.
 1922, 18 October Completion of sale to Crown Assets for Colonies, to be used for scientific research in the South Seas (A.1/166, pp. 154-155; A.1/171, fo. 106)
 1937 Purchased by Scouts' Association
 1986 Moved from London to Dundee

MASTERS:

1905	Alexander Gray	C.4/1, fos. 37d, 38
1906-1911	John G. Ford	C.1/267-272
1915-1916	W.J. Bartley	AFG5/2273
1917	S. Hiles	AFG5/2273
1917	Frederick Hyland	AFG5/2273
1917	F. Gray	AFG5/2273
1918-1919	George Henry Mead	C.1/274-280

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 David Hartley, "Maritime Trust", *Port Of London*, Vol. 6, No. 637, pp. 57-60
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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

1987/363-D-15 and others; Painting by T.G. Purvis, 1911 (HBCA Documentary Art, P-207)

REFERENCES:

A.12/FT 313/1	Correspondence	1905-1918
A.102/1471	Correspondence	1932-1933
AFG5/2273	Correspondence	1915-1916
RG4/18/1294-1318	Logs	1916-1920
C.1/267-280	Logs	1906-1919
C.7/41	Bill of sale, allotment notes, other	1905-1915
RG4/17/41	Crew Lists	1917-1919
RG4/15/54	Charter Parties	1917-1919

MICROFILM REELS:

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(2M142)
(2M147)
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