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Collections of Maritime Photographs and Plans

Lloyd's Register does not have a photographic archive and while we can offer historical information on merchant ships over 100 gross tons and yachts, it is rare, therefore, that we can help with illustrations. To help researchers looking for this kind of material, we have compiled the following list of institutions and individuals that can provide photographs. At the end of the list are contacts for ship and yacht plans. We do appear in this section because of our collection of plans for classed yachts



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UK - Photographic Collections

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| Aberdeen | <p>Aberdeen University Library – Sir Duncan Rice Library Bedford Road Aberdeen AB24 3AA 🌐 Website ☎ +44 (0)1224 272598 ✉ library@abdn.ac.uk</p> | <p>G. W. Wilson collection of early photographs 1856 to 1910 (covering England, Scotland, Australia, South Africa, Gibraltar, Spain and Morocco).</p> |
| Angus | <p>Arbroath Museum The Signal Tower Ladyloan Arbroath DD11 1PU ☎ +44 (0)1241 464554 ✉ accessline@angus.gov.uk 🌐 Website</p> | |
| Birmingham | <p>Birmingham City Archives Birmingham Central Library Social Sciences Department Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3HQ 🌐 Website ☎ +44 (0)121 303 4549 ✉ archives.heritage@birmingham.gov.uk</p> | <p>Belliss Marcom, Ltd. collection, re: design and construction of steam, gas and diesel turbines (Ref: MS 1708).</p> |

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| Bristol | <p>Bristol Museum and Art Gallery Queens Road Bristol BS8 1RL ☎ +44 (0)117 922 3571 🌐 Website 📄 Contact Form</p> | <p>Photographic archive of maritime and port history c1870-1970, primarily Bristol, Avonmouth and Portishead. York collection of photographs of ships in Bristol, c.1870 to 1914.</p> |
| Channel Islands | <p>The Alderney Society Museum High Street Alderney Channel Islands GY9 3TG ☎ +44 1481 823222 🌐 Website ✉ info@alderneysociety.org 📄 Contact Form</p> | <p>Photographs of Alderney.</p> |
| Glasgow | <p>Riverside Museum Pointhouse Place, Glasgow G3 8RS 🌐 Website ☎ +44 (0)121 303 4549 ✉ museums@glasgowlife.org.uk</p> | <p>Dan MacDonald photographic archive.</p> |
| Greenock | <p>Mclean Museum and Art Gallery 15 Kelly Street Greenock PA16 8JX 🌐 Website ☎ +44 (0)1475 715628 ✉ wattinstitution@inverclyde.gov.uk</p> | <p>R. B. Paterson collection of steamer photographs c1880 to 1920.</p> |
| Grimsby | <p>National Fishing Heritage Centre Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre Alexandra Dock, Grimsby DN31 1UZ fhc@nelincs.gov.uk 🌐 Website ☎ +44 (0)1472 323345 ✉ fhc@nelincs.gov.uk</p> | <p>Hallgarth photograph collection. Pulfrey photograph collection.</p> |

Hampshire

Mr M Lennon

61 Charlesworth Drive
Waterlooville
Hants
PO7 6AS


Mainly modern soviet merchant ships and all nationality warships.

Hartlepool

Hartlepool Arts and Museum Service

Sir William Gray House
Clarence Road
Hartlepool TS28 8BT

 [Website](#)

 + 44 (0)1429 860077

 arts-museums@hartlepool.gov.uk


Photographic archive, including many ship photos.

Kent

FotoFlite

10 Stafford Close
Ashford TN23 4TT

 [Website](#)

 +44 (0)1233 635556

 jon@fotoflite.co.uk


Will undertake commission to photograph ships in the English Channel, also large collection of modern ship pictures.

Chatham Dockyard Historical Society

Chatham Historic Dockyard
Dock Road
Chatham ME4 4TZ

Kent

 [Website](#)

 +44 (0) 1634 832028


 info@cdhs.org.uk

Photographs of naval vessels and relating to the history of Chatham Dockyard.

Deal Maritime and Local History Museum

22 St. George's Road
Deal
Kent CT14 6BA

 [Website](#)

 +44 (0)1304 372098

 museum@dealmuseum.co.uk

Artefacts and archives on the history and development of Deal, Walmer, Kingsdown and the outlying districts.



Isle of Wight

Beken of Cowes Ltd.

16 Birmingham Road
Cowes
Isle of Wight PO31 7BH

☎ +44 (0)1983 297311

✉ beken@beken.co.uk

🌐 [Website](#)

Maritime photographs, all types of sailing and powered craft, dating back to 1888.

Liverpool

NMGM Maritime Archives and Library

Merseyside Maritime Museum
Albert Dock
Liverpool L3 4AQ

☎ +44 (0)151 478 4499

🌐 [Website](#)

✉ maritime@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

A good collection of photographs and glass negatives dating from the development of photography. Also collections of photographs and plans of ships owned by Liverpool shipowners.

London

The National Maritime Museum

Park Row
Greenwich
London SE10 9NF

☎ +44 (0)20 8858 4422

🌐 [Website](#)

✉ plansandphotos@rmg.co.uk

Excellent collection of prints and photographs, copies of which can be purchased. Catalogues may also be purchased.

Portsmouth

Royal Naval Museum

HM Naval Base (PP66)
Portsmouth PO1 3NH

☎ +44 (0)23 9272 7562

🌐 [Website](#)

✉ library@royalnavalmuseum.org

Wright & Logan Photographic Collection.

Renfrewshire

The Ballast Trust
 Monarch Works
 18-20 Walkinshaw street
 Johnstone
 Renfrewshire PA5 8AB
 ☎ +44 (0)1505 328488
 ✉ ballasttrust@gmail.com
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Dan MacDonald Collection of photographic negatives of ships.

Somerset

Blake Museum
 5 Blake Street
 Bridgwater
 Somerset TA6 3NB
 ☎ +44 01278 456127
 ✉ info@bridgwatermuseum.org.uk
 ✉ [Contact Form](#)
 🌐 [Website](#)

Photographs associated with local shipping.

UK - Plan Collections

London

The National Maritime Museum
 Park Row
 Greenwich
 London SE10 9NF
 ☎ +44 (0)20 8858 4422
 🌐 [Website](#)
 ✉ plansandphotos@rmg.co.uk

The National Maritime Museum holds original ship plans dating from the early 18th century onwards.

London

Brass Foundry
 Historic Photographs & Ship Plans Section,
 National Maritime Museum
 Greenwich
 London SE10 9NF
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Plans of yachts classed by Lloyd's Register circa 1880 to 1960.
 Ship plans and survey reports for Lloyd's Register classed vessels dating c1834 to c1968. The LRF Heritage & Education Centre is undertaking an ambitious move and digitisation project of their classed plans and survey reports collection. Unfortunately this means the collection is unavailable for research until January 2024. Find out more here.

Overseas – Photographic Collections

Germany

Schiffsfotos Jansen

Jevenstedter Strasse 86
D200 Hamburg 4

Specialises in German ships 1925-39 and worldwide shipping post 1950.

Mr L Timm

St Pauli
Landungsbrücken 3
2 Hamburg 4

Large collection of past and present merchant ship photographs, many early 20th Century and some early 19th Century ships.

New Zealand

VH Young

97a Ira Street
Miramar
Wellington, 60003

Specialises in post 1950 South East Africa, South Africa and Suez shipping, tugs, ORSVs, SD 14s and WWII standards.

Alexander Turnbull Library

National Library of New Zealand
PO Box 12349
Wellington 6140

Specialises in post 1950 South East Africa, South Africa and Suez shipping, tugs, ORSVs, SD 14s and WWII standards.

 [Website](#)

 [Contact Form](#)

USA

The National Maritime Museum

900 Beach Street,
San Francisco,
CA 94109
USA

Specialises in post 1950 South East Africa, South Africa and Suez shipping, tugs, ORSVs, SD 14s and WWII standards.

Monthly magazines carrying regular advertisements for photographs, prints, pictures, etc., for sale

Sea Breezes

Units 28-30, Spring Valley Industrial Estate, Braddon, Isle of Man, IM2 2QS
<http://www.seabreezes.co.im/>
(Available from newsagents)

Shipping Today & Yesterday

<http://www.shippingtandy.com/>
(Available from newsagents)

Marine News

Journal of the World Ship Society, through whom all enquiries should be made: World Ship Society, 101 The Everglades, Dukes Meadow Drive, Hempstead, Gillingham, Kent ME7 3PZ
<http://www.worldshipsociety.org/>

Useful websites

www.findboatpics.com – encompasses about 700 sailing ships up to the year 1800 and some 500 steamers up to 1914 which brought passengers to Australia and New Zealand.

www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk - lists all of the world's naval ships from the nineteenth century to the present day, with photos, histories and paintings on many of the ships.

www.shipspotting.com

Researchers should check availability, accessibility and opening times with the repositories listed before making a personal visit.

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