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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, National Capital Region
From: Superintendent, National Capital Parks-Central
Subject: Scope of Collection Statement

We are submitting the enclosed statement for your review and approval. This statement delineates the National Capital Region's policy for the preservation, storage, handling and use of the artifacts for the Lightship Chesapeake. It will guide the Superintendent and all others who will be involved with this park and their artifacts.

Enclosure

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All the changes required in your memorandum of April 15 have been made to the subject, and it is enclosed herewith.

William F. Outback

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SCOPE OF COLLECTION STATEMENT

Lightship Chesapeake

Introduction

The Lightship Chesapeake was acquired by the National Park Service in 1971 as a transfer of property from the United States Coast Guard. Originally obtained for use as a vehicle for maritime environmental education, the Lightship was not immediately recognized as a historically significant site. Because of the means by which the Lightship Chesapeake was acquired, enabling legislation was never prepared for it. Due to its originally intended use, neither a Statement of Interpretation nor an Interpretive Prospectus were prepared.

The Lightship's historical significance was not fully recognized until 1980 when it was nominated to and accepted by the National Register of Historic Places. The Lightship Chesapeake is significant as an operational example of a type of navigational aid now almost extinct in the United States. The Chesapeake will serve to relate the history of lightships in the United States.

The collection is divided into two major interpretive themes: 1) the Lightship Chesapeake, while on active duty for the U.S.L.H.S. from 1930-1939 2) the Lightship Chesapeake, while on active duty for the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard between 1939 and 1970. Themes 1 and 2 will be shown through the use of exhibits on board the Chesapeake.

Acquisition

All acquisitions to the collection will be handled through the Superintendent and/or the Site Manager on the advice of the Curator.

Museum and Study Collection

The following types of artifacts will be collected, preserved, and exhibited by the Lightship Chesapeake:

1. Artifacts, photographs, and documents directly related to the Lightship Chesapeake (L.S. 116), while on active duty with the U.S.L.H.S., 1930-1939.
2. Artifacts, photographs, and documents directly related to the Lightship Chesapeake (W.L.V. 538), while on active duty with the U.S.C.G., 1939-1970.

A study collection and reference library will be maintained for the purpose of research.

Use of Collection

1. For exhibit.
2. For scholarly research.
3. Education of park employees.
4. As a permanent documentation of park resources.

It is understood that the use of this collection will not result in the abuse of it through improper handling.

Restrictions

Artifacts will not be taken from the Lightship for any reason other than transfer to Harper's Ferry Laboratory or disposal through the Museum Clearinghouse in Harper's Ferry. Artifacts may be removed from the ship only with the written permission of the Site Manager.

Conclusion

Any objects acquired to complete these themes will either be by purchase or unconditional donation. Loans will not be accepted, unless warranted by special circumstances, as determined by the Site Manager. Any exemption to this Scope of Collection Statement must be approved by the Regional Director, National Capital Region.

Special Note

As of June, 1981, the Lightship Chesapeake has been on loan to the city of Baltimore, MD. The memorandum of agreement concerning the loan of the Lightship and its contents established a 25 year renewable loan. The ship is presently located at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD.