

SS Nereus (Can)

1. Détails

Général

Nationalité: Canadien
But: Transport
Type: Cargo - vraquier
Subtype/classe: Charbonnier
Propulsion: Vapeur
Date construction: 1913
Nom d'encoche: Non



Détails

Tonnage: 10647 grt
Dimensions: 165,2 x 19,81 x 8,47 m
Matériel: Acier
Moteur: 2 x 3 cyl. triple expansion steam engines, dual shaft, 2 screws
Puissance: 756 n.h.p. (nominal horsepower)
Vitesse: 14 noeuds
No. chantier: 155
No. IMO/Off.: 163243

À propos de la perte

Raison naufrage: Disparu
Date naufrage: 10/12/1941
Victimes: † max.61 rang: 642

À propos des gens

Capitaine: John Thomas Bennett
Équipage: 61
Dern. propriét.: [1]  Aluminium Co.
SS Nereus (Can) (+1941)
periode 1941 ~ 1941
No. IMO/Off.: 163243
Propriét. antér.: [2]  US Navy - United States Navy
USS Nereus (AC-10)
periode 1913 ~ 1941

Constructeur:  Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Newport News (Va)

Constr. moteur:  Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Newport News (Va)

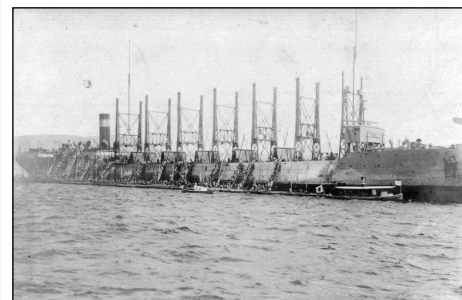
À propos de l'épave

Référence(s)

Référence(s): [1] Lloyd's of London, Lloyd's Register of Casualty Returns
[2] Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships - DANFS

Mises à jour

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The Nereus loading coal at Nagasaki, Japan in April 1916.

Ref: www.navsource.org

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2. Histoire

The USS Nereus (AC-10) was one of four Proteus Class colliers built for the United States Navy during World War I. Detached from Naval Overseas Transportation Service on 12 September 1919, Nereus served with the Atlantic Fleet until decommissioned at Norfolk 30 June 1922.

Sold to the Aluminium Company of Canada, 27 February 1941, Nereus operated out of Montreal carrying bauxite from the Caribbean to aluminum plants in the United States and Canada.

The "Neueus" was lost at sea. The cause and date are unknown.

Sometime after 10 December 1941 while steaming from St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands (along the same route her sister ship, Cyclops, had disappeared) with ore destined to be transformed into Allied fighting planes.

It was presumed "Neueus" was sunk after being torpedoed by a German U-boat. However there are no German U-boat claims for this vessel.

A memorial listing for her crew can be found on the CWGC Halifax memorial.

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The USS CYCLOPS, on a voyage from Bahia, Brazil to Baltimore via Barbados with a cargo of 10.000 tons manganese ore and 309 on board, officers and crew, including 13 Baltimoreans, and passengers, apparently went to the bottom on March 4, 1918.

Nothing was ever heard of the ship again. The most possible cause would be that USS CYCLOPS foundered in bad weather and that her unusual cargo (she was a collier) made her capsize.

CYCLOPS's sister ships, PROTEUS and NEREUS, vanished in the North Atlantic during World War II. Both ships were also transporting heavy loads of metallic ore.

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3. Équipage

BEDINGFIELD, JAMES (25), Storekeeper, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bedingfield, of Sunderland, Co. Durham, England, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

BENNETT, JOHN THOMAS (44), Master, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Myra E. Bennett, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

BERESFORD, JAMES (21), Fourth Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beresford, of Arvida, Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

BERNIER, RAYMOND (21), Third Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Adelard Bernier, of Quebec City, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

BERTRAND, WILLIAM (24), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Lavigne, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

BLANCHET, J. A. ROSARIO (47), Second Cook, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Aurelie Blanchet, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

BOLDUC, GERARD (23), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Bolduc, of Kenogarni, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

CARTER, ARTHUR (49), Second Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Kenneth and Mary Carter, of Greenspond, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland; husband of Alfreda Carter, of St. John's, Newfoundland, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

CHRISTOPHER, WILLIAM J. (40), Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Ellen and John Christopher, of Port Rexton, Newfoundland, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

CLEVELAND, CLARENCE KELDON (24), Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Alice G. Cleveland, of Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

COUTURE, WILLIAM (17), Steward, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Couture, of Quebec City, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

DICKERS, WILLIAM FREDERICK (36), First Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Ena Beatrice Dickers, of Cathays, Glamorgan, Wales, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

DOWNEY, FRANCIS (19), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Francis and Margaret Downey, of Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland,, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

DUBE, RAYMOND J. A. (20), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Dube, of St. Jean Port Joli, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

DUGAS, JEAN CHARLES (24), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Brother of Mrs. Roland Gagnon, of Quebec City, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FALL, CYRIL ROLAND (20), Steward, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Edna Fall, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FITZMAURICE, EDWARD NORMAN (23), Radio Operator, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Charles and Eulalia Agnes Fitzmaurice, of Bedford, Nova Scotia, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FLEET, WILLIAM (55), Boatswain, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of William and Rachel Fleet, of St. John's, Newfoundland; brother of Mrs. S. Moore, of New Westminster, British Columbia, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FORD, ULRIC (22), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FOSTER, CLIFFORD (35), Junior Second Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Helen Foster, of Longueuil, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FOURNIER, ANDRE (20), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Fournier, of St. Jean Port Joli, Province of Ontario, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FRANCOEUR, LORENZO (26), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Alfred and Apolline Francoeur, of Pointe au Pere, Province of Quebec. His brother Pierre Emile perished with him, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

FRANCOEUR, PIERRE EMILE (28), Mess Room Steward, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Alfred and Apolline Francoeur, of Pointe au Pere, Province of Quebec. His brother Lorenzo perished with him, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

GABRIEL, WALTER PATRICK (18), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Brother of Grant Joseph Gabriel, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

GAGNON, GERARD (24), Officers' Boy, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Gagnon, of St. Jerome, Metabetchouan County, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

GARRETT, ALAN EDWARD (16), Pantry Boy, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of William and Lena Garrett, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

HARVEY, BASIL MORRIS (21), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Harvey, of Armdale, Nova Scotia, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

HARVEY, JOSEPH FRANCOIS GABRIEL (21), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harvey, of Port Alfred, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

HUDON, ALBERT (30), Galley Boy, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Demetrius Hudon, of La Tuque, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

ISAAC, SAMUEL (28), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Mrs. Samuel Isaac, of Baker's Corner, Bassetterre, St. Kitts, West Indies, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

KENNEDY, HARRY (37), Third Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, of Dundee, Scotland, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

LAVOIE, JEAN MAURICE (18), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lavoie, of Pointe au Pere, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

LEMAY, ROSARIO (55), Chief Cook, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Marie Lemay, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

LESSARD, BLAISE RIVERIN ISAIE (20), Ordinary Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lessard, of Chicoutimi, Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

LEVESQUE, RAYMOND (20), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Levesque, of Port Alfred, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

LONGSTAFF, JOHN (38), Chief Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Blanche May Longstaff, of South Shields, Co. Durham, England, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

LYNCH, MICHAEL (55), Carpenter, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Father of Robert Emmet Lynch, of Waban, Mass., U.S.A, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MARTEL, LUCIEN (26), Ordinary Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martel, of Port Alfred, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MCMULLEN, ALBERT KILBOURNE (28), Radio Operator, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mary E. McMullen, of Toronto, Ontario, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MERCIER, JEAN CHARLES (22), Oiler, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mercier, of Arvida, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MONTAMBAULT, CLEMENT (20), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Montambault, of Deschambault, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MONTOUR, EDWARD WILLIAM (18), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Effie Lillian Montour, of Hagersville, Ontario, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MOORE, HARRY (27), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Brother of Oswald Moore, of Toronto, Ontario, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

MUNROE, CLARENCE HOWARD (32), Fifth Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Muriel Munroe, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

PLATT, LEONARD JOHN (20), Messman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Margaret Platt, of Verdun, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

POIRIER, GEORGES (20), Galley Boy, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Brother of Camille Poirier, of Bagotville, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

REDFERN, DOUGLAS (18), Apprentice, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Thomas Lincoln Redfern and Jessie Redfern, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

ROBINSON, GEORGE (48), Senior Second Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Hilda Robinson, of Harton, England, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

SMITH, JOHN (43), Junior Engineer Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Brother of Mrs. A. Peters, of Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

ST. ARNAUD, ADRIEN MARTIN (20), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fortunat St. Arnaud, of Ste. Anne de la Perade, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

STARKEY, PAUL (16), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Starkey, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

SWEET, JOHN STULRZ (23), Fourth Officer, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

THERRIEN, GEORGES (22), Ordinary Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Therrien, of Donnacona, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

THIFFAULT, ANTOINE RAOUL (22), Fireman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Raoul and Lydie Thiffault, of Chicoutimi, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

TREMBLAY, RENE (18), Able Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tremblay, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

VEILLEUX, ERNEST (23), Ordinary Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alcide Veilleux, of Arvida, Province of Quebec. His brother Louis Phillipe perished with him, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

VEILLEUX, LOUIS PHILLIPE (20), Ordinary Seaman, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alcide Veilleux, of Arvida, Province of Quebec. His brother Ernest perished with him, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

WELSH, ALEXANDER (42), Chief Steward, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

WERBROUCK, CHARLES (36), Electrician, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Husband of Sigrid Werbrouck, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

WHITELAW, DOUGLAS CHARLES (17), Pantry Boy, SS Nereus, Canadian Merchant Navy, †10/12/1941, Son of Charles and Doris Thelma Whitelaw, of Hamilton, Ontario, Memorial: Halifax Memorial

4. Sur Propriétaire(s) - Sur Constructeur(s)



US Navy - United States Navy

John Paul Jones - An American Naval Hero and known as father of the American Navy.

John Paul was born in a gardener's cottage in Kirkbean, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland. He went to sea as a youth and was a merchant shipmaster by the age of twenty-one. After killing a mutinous sailor at Tobago he added 'Jones' to his name and began a new life in America. He volunteered early in the War of Independence to serve in his adopted country's infant navy, and managed to obtain a lieutenant's commission in the Continental Navy.

He took the war to the enemy's homeland with daring raids along the British coast and the famous victory of the BONHOMME RICHARD over the HMS SERAPIS. After the BONHOMME RICHARD began taking on water and fires broke out on board, the British commander asked Jones if he had struck his flag. Jones replied, "I have not yet begun to fight!" In the end, it was the British commander who surrendered. Jones is now remembered for his indomitable will, his unwillingness to consider surrender when the slightest hope of victory still burned.

In 1781 he returned to America and Congress passed a vote of thanks to him for the way he had sustained the honour of the American fleet and in 1787 awarded him a gold medal. He also received a gold sword and the Order of Military Merit from Louis XVI.

Throughout his naval career Jones promoted professional standards and training. He spent the remaining years of the war advising on the establishment of the navy and the training of naval officers.

In 1792 Jones was appointed U.S. Consul to Algiers, but in July of that year he died before the commission arrived. He was buried in Paris and his body lay in an alcohol filled coffin in an unmarked grave for over a century. In 1905 his remains were found and taken to the United States where, in 1913, they were finally laid to rest in a marble sarcophagus in the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel at Annapolis, Maryland

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Référence(s): Carl Racey †, East Coast Shipwreck Research



Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co.

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS), originally Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company (NNS&DD), was the largest privately-owned shipyard in the United States prior to being purchased by Northrop Grumman in 2001. Known as Northrop Grumman Newport News (NGNN), and later Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding Newport News (NGSB-NN), the company was located in Newport News, Virginia, and often participates in projects with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia, also located adjacent to Hampton Roads.

The shipyard is a major employer not only for the lower Virginia Peninsula, but also portions of Hampton Roads south of the James River and the harbor, portions of the Middle Peninsula region, and even some northeastern counties of North Carolina

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Référence(s): <http://en.wikipedia.org>



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5. Médias

The pictures listed below can be found inside the img directory in the zip file

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USS Nereus

The Nereus loading coal at Nagasaki, Japan in April 1916.

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Référence(s): www.navsource.org

Droit d'auteur(s): US Federal Government

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1899 Advertisement

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Newport News postcard.

Dern. mise à jour: Chipchase Nick, 12/11/2011

Droit d'auteur(s): Unknown

pic4.jpg	Newport News Shipyard Dern. mise à jour: Carl Racey †, 10/02/2012 Droit d'auteur(s): Unknown
pic5.jpg	Dern. mise à jour: Chipchase Nick, 29/12/2012 Droit d'auteur(s): Unknown
pic6.jpg	Dern. mise à jour: Chipchase Nick, 13/01/2013 Droit d'auteur(s): Unknown

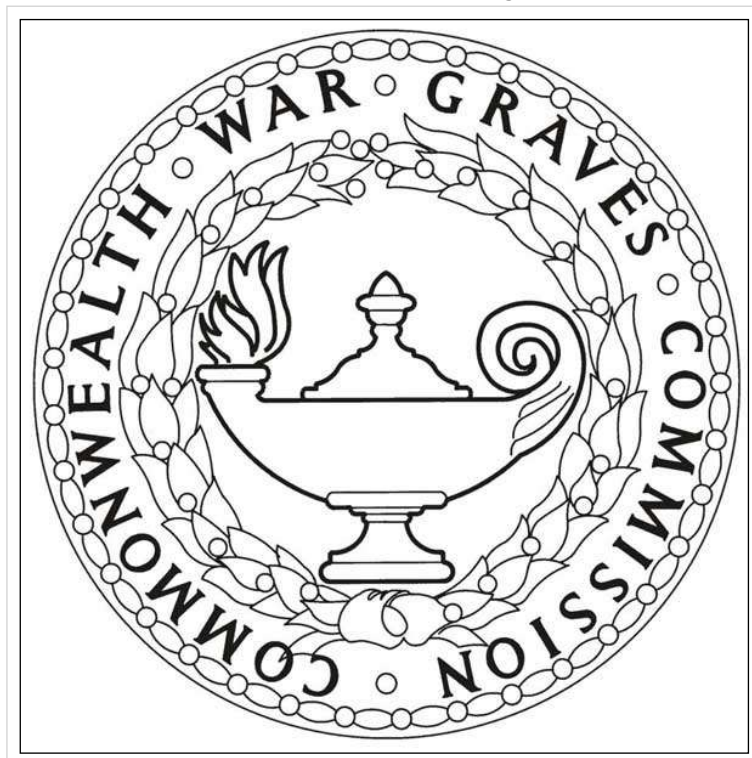
6. Référence(s)

6.1 LIVRE, JOURNAL, MAGAZINE

6.1.1 Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships - DANFS

6.2 SOCIÉTÉ, MUSÉE, ORGANISATION, CLUB

6.2.1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission - Cwgc

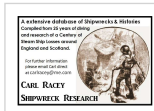


6.3 ARCHIVE, COLLECTION

6.3.1 Lloyd's Register of Casualty Returns




6.3.2 East Coast Shipwreck Research



A 'File Maker Developer' type database of Shipwrecks & History put together over 25 years of diving and research by Carl Racey, with earlier help from Andrew Jackson and other invaluable contributions from crew members of the R.I.B. NORTHSTAR, friends and members of Scarborough Sub-Aqua Club. click on 'Carl Racey' in the box above for 'Research References' Contact: carlracey@me.com

6.4 WEBSITE

6.4.1 <https://www.wrecksite.eu/wreck.aspx?15996> 

6.4.2 <http://en.wikipedia.org> 

6.4.3 <http://www.navsource.org> 