

C DSST Records Relating to the Boyd Line Ltd. 1968-1987

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Historical Background: In 1937 Mr Thomas Boyd, the managing director of Thomas Hamling Trawling Company, and his son, Mr T W Boyd formed their own company with three coal burning steam trawlers, the Arctic Ranger, the Arctic Explorer and the Arctic Pioneer. The company flourished, fishing in the grounds of Bear Island, Iceland and the White sea and in 1938 added the Sprayflower to their fleet renaming her the Arctic Trapper. Another vessel, Capel followed and was re-named the Artic Hunter.

At the outbreak of The Second World War the Arctic Ranger and the Arctic Explorer were sold to the Admiralty who also requested the Arctic Pioneer. The latter was sunk by enemy action but her salvage was bought back by the Boyd Line and after being reconditioned at West Hartlepool began sailing again for the Boyd Line in September of 1947.

Mr T W Boyd joined the R.N.V.R. in 1939 and after four years in Coastal Forces, during which time he was awarded the D.S.O., he became the first lieutenant of the Hunt Class destroyer H.M.S. Talybont. Later, he took command of the ex American destroyer H.M.S. Broadway. After the War he returned to the Boyd Line and on the death of his father in 1950 took over as head of the company.

During the next few years a number of vessels were bought and sold from the fleet, until by the early 1960s the Boyd Line had become a considerable force in the fishing world. This coincided with the advent of large stern fishing trawlers capable of travelling greater distances to new fishing grounds and freezing their catches whilst at sea. The Arctic Freebooter was the first Boyd Line vessel built to take advantage of this new technology and she made her maiden voyage in February 1966.

By 1967, the company owned thirteen ships and had expanded their interests, becoming part of a consortium operating the Hull Cold Stores next to the Fish Docks. They also owned the fish processing factory, Seakold, jointly with Boston Deep Sea Fisheries.

Although adversely affected by 200 mile fishing limits and EU membership, the company was still in operation in 2003, fishing in the North Atlantic with two filleter/freezer trawlers. Boyd Line Ltd had, however, been taken over by Eimskip, an Icelandic seafood, international transport and logistics company in 2002 in a £7m deal. This deal left Hull firm, J Marr as the last independent British distant-water trawler owner. Boyd Line continued to supply white fish to food processors and retailers whilst Boyd Line Management Services also acted as fishery consultants.

Custodial history: Deposited by Mr Ron Wilkinson, secretary of the St Andrews Dock Heritage Park Action Group, [STAND] in April 2016

Description: This collection consists of ships crew lists for ships belonging to the Boyd Line Ltd.

Arrangement The collection has been arranged alphabetically by name of ship

Extent: 27 volumes

Related material: The University Archives hold a further collection of Boyd Line records at U DTB. This large collection of 30 boxes is currently un-catalogued. In some cases a draft or box list may exist which may allow us to provide access to the collection ahead of the material being catalogued. If you are interested in this collection please contact the University Archivist, Simon Wilson, at s.wilson@hull.ac.uk clearly outlining your interest and timescales.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader, except for those items containing information on named individuals which may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act. To consult these records please see staff for details.

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| C DSST/1 | Arctic Attacker-Challenger
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2055
1 volume | 22 Aug 1974-
4 May 1979 |
| C DSST/2 | Arctic Avenger
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2050
1 volume | 18 Sep 1970-
29 Apr 1974 |
| C DSST/3 | Arctic Avenger
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2051
1 volume | 15 Jun 1974-
10 May 1975 |
| C DSST/4 | Arctic Brigand
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [usually D.O.B.]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2047 | 13 Jun 1968-
19 Nov 1971 |

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| C DSST/5 | <p>Arctic Brigand
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2050
1 volume</p> | <p>14 Dec 1971-
28 Dec 1974</p> |
| C DSST/6 | <p>Arctic Buccaneer
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2058
1 volume</p> | <p>17 Mar 1975-
24 Apr 1982</p> |
| C DSST/7 | <p>Arctic Cavalier
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2050
1 volume</p> | <p>19 Mar 1971-
10 Aug 1974</p> |
| C DSST/8 | <p>Arctic Cavalier
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2054
1 volume</p> | <p>27 Sep 1974-
4 May 1978</p> |
| C DSST/9 | <p>Arctic Challenger
Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B. given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]
This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2068
1 volume</p> | <p>10 Jan 1987-
11 Jun 1992</p> |

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C DSST/10	<p>Arctic Corsair</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2075</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>31 Mar 1990- 21 Dec 1999</p>
C DSST/11	<p>Arctic Crusader</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2044</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>10 Jun 1965- 3 Jul 1968</p>
C DSST/12	<p>Arctic Freebooter</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2063</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>13 May 1971- 31 Mar 1987</p>
C DSST/13	<p>Arctic Galliard</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2058</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>21 May 1975- 23 Aug 1982</p>
C DSST/14	<p>Arctic Privateer</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2049</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>27 May 1971- 22 Oct 1973</p>

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C DSST/15	<p>Arctic Raider Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2048 1 volume</p>	11 Feb 1969- 17 Feb 1972
C DSST/16	<p>Arctic Raider Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2059 1 volume</p>	2 Jul 1971- 3 Jul 1983
C DSST/17	<p>Arctic Ranger Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2048 1 volume</p>	8 Nov 1968- 13 Mar 1972
C DSST/18	<p>Arctic Ranger Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2052 1 volume</p>	7 Apr 1972- 2 Mar 1976
C DSST/19	<p>Arctic Ranger Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2072 1 volume</p>	11 Oct 1986- 18 Nov 1996

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C DSST/20	<p>Arctic Rebel</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2056</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>29 Jan 1975- 3 Feb 1980</p>
C DSST/21	<p>Arctic Riever</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2056</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>3 Nov 1978- 5 Nov 1980</p>
C DSST/22	<p>Arctic Rubin [Ranger crossed but also includes entries for the Arctic Ranger]</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2075</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>9 Jan 1997- 1 Feb 1999</p>
C DSST/23	<p>Arctic Vandal</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2054</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>25 Jul 1974- 29 Apr 1978</p>
C DSST/24	<p>Arctic Vandal</p> <p>Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also]</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2056</p> <p>1 volume</p>	<p>18 May 1978- 5 Nov 1980</p>

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C DSST/25	Arctic Warrior Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2047 1 volume	11 Apr 1968- 31 Oct 1971
C DSST/26	Arctic Warrior Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2051 1 volume	6 Nov 1971- 27 Mar 1975
C DSST/27	Lord Shackleton Following details recorded: Name; Rating; Address; Age [sometimes D.O.B given]; Date Commenced; Date Sailed; Last Vessel; For [sailing for]; Remarks [wife or parent usually entered, in some cases their name also] This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection until January 2069 1 volume	30 Nov 1987- 20 Oct 1993