

Bristol Bay Double-ender Sailboats



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Collection Name: [National Geographic Society. Katmai Expeditions. Photographs, 1913-1919. UAA-HMC-0186](#)

Identifier: [UAA-hmc-0186-volume4-3822](#)

Title: A [neighbor](#) from [Ugashik](#).

Description: [Title taken](#) from [caption](#). [View](#) of [small single sail fishing vessel](#) from [Ugashik](#), [Alaska](#). [Photo probably taken near village](#) of [Naknek](#). [Photo taken](#) during [National Geographic Society expedition](#) on the [way](#) to [Katmai area](#). [1918](#).

Creator: [Sayre, Jasper Dean, 1893-](#)

Subject.TGM: [Expedition photographs](#)
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[Fishing boats](#)
[Sailboats](#)
[Boats](#)
[Fishermen](#)
[Ship equipment & rigging](#)
[Men](#)

Corporate Name: [National Geographic Society \(U.S.\)](#)

Region: [Western Alaska and Aleutian Islands](#)

Time Period: [1913 to 1939](#)

Date.original: [1918](#)

Type: [Image \(Photographs\)](#)

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More about Bristol Bay Sailboats:

The year 1952 was pivotal for the commercial fishing industry of Bristol Bay. That was the year that a federal regulation preventing the use of motorized vessels was repealed, a move that sounded the death knell for the double-ender sailboats that had been in use for more than two decades.

Beginning in about 1930, the Alaska Packers Association, then one of the largest controlling operations in the Alaska fishing industry, began building the fleet of sleek, double-ender sprit-rig sailboats for gillnetting salmon. They were constructed of yellow cedar, oak, and fir, and towed en masse from Puget Sound, Washington, to Bristol Bay, Alaska. The gillnetters supplied fish for APA canneries and salteries in Nushagak, Kvichak, Ugashik, Naknek, and Egegik. Towed to and from the fishing grounds by tugs called “monkey boats,” the sailboat fleet worked efficiently in the hands of skilled fishermen.

The design can be traced to the Columbia River style boats built in the late 1800s for gillnetting in San Francisco Bay. However, for the rougher conditions of Bristol Bay, a sturdier boat would be required, and extra ribbing was added. The vessels were about 30 feet long and slightly less than 10 feet wide, and also equipped with a pair of 14-foot oars. There were no cabins, so the two-man crew used their masts, sprits, and sails as tents when shelter was needed.

A restored Bristol Bay double-ender in the Dillingham harbor, under private ownership, is among the “structures” that was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Nearly twenty years later, in 1999, Dillingham’s Samuel K. Fox Museum acquired another double-ender, the *Mayelle*, from a private party in Kodiak and began the restoration process, consulting with former sailboat fishermen as they worked.

A double-ender is on display in the Alaska Gallery of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. Also, some 24.5-foot masts and 26.5-foot sprits from the old boats, made from Douglas fir, have been stored in various canneries and warehouses, and are available for sale online.

Links:

Samuel K. Fox Museum, Dillingham:

<http://www.ci.dillingham.ak.us/museum2.html>

Private collection of masts and sprits:

<http://www.wealaskans.com/mastphotos.html>

Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Alaska Gallery:

http://www.anchoragemuseum.org/ag_details.asp?page_id=26&item_id=1&offset=2

Alaska Packers Association history:

<http://www.acadweb.wvu.edu/cpnws/apa/apahist.htm>

More reading:

Be sure to check for availability online through **your local library** catalog at <http://sled.alaska.edu/library.html>. For the statewide **Alaska Library Network** catalog, go to <http://sled.alaska.edu/library.html> and click on ALNCat.

History of commercial fishing, Bristol Bay.

2000s

English Book 211 p. ; 28 cm.

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AK	ALASKA RES LIBR & INFO SERV	RLA

Bristol Bay, Alaska :

from the hinterlands to tidewater : a grassroots pictorial, 1885-1965 /

John B **Branson**

1999

English Book 120 p. : ill. (some col.), map ; 22 x 33 cm.

Anchorage : Alaska Natural History Association, ; ISBN: 0930931327

Historic photographs and newspaper clippings document the history of the Bristol Bay area in Southwest Alaska.

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The 1951 Bristol Bay salmon strike :

isolation, independence and illusion in the last frontier /

Nicole Susan **McCullough**

2001

English Book : Thesis/dissertation/manuscript, Archival Material 117 leaves ; 28 cm.

"Many people consider Alaska the last frontier, isolated and independent from the rest of the United States. An analysis of the salmon industry in Bristol Bay and a strike that occurred in 1951 cast doubt upon this belief. The labor dispute and preceding events paint a vivid picture of a population clearly dependent on a fishing industry controlled by absentee owners who manipulated events from Seattle and San Francisco. The strikers included Natives and Non-Natives who joined together to fight the powerful cannery owners and west coast unions who sought to expand their membership. Some of these unions had suspected communist members, and Alaska joined in the paranoia that seized the rest of the United States in their cold war fear of

Communism. The strike and the actions of participants in the strike illustrate how Alaska's isolation and independence was but an illusion in the last frontier"--Leaf 3.

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AK	UNIV OF ALASKA, ELMER E RASMUSON LIBR	UAF

Sunken gillnets :
fishing in Bristol Bay, Alaska /

William H Nicholson

1996 1st ed.

English Book 172 p. : ill., map ; 23 cm.

Anchorage, Alaska : Publication Consultants, ; ISBN: 1888125101

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The Silver years of the Alaska canned salmon industry :
an album of historical photos /

Laurence Freeburn

1976

English Book 168 p. : ill. ; 22 x 28 cm.

Anchorage : Alaska Northwest Pub. Co., ; ISBN: 0882400819

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AK	ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL LIBR	XYZ
AK	ANCHORAGE MUS OF HIST & ART LIBR	XY6
AK	ANCHORAGE SCH DIST	XY4
AK	ANDERSON SCH/COMMUN LIBR	X\$3
AK	AUKE BAY LAB	Q2Q
AK	CITY OF NOME	X\$7

AK	DENALI BOROUGH SCH DIST	X\$2
AK	FAIRBANKS N STAR BOROUGH LIBR	X#4
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AK	WASILLA HIGH SCH LIBR	XZY

Visual Materials:

Arthur L. Agren photograph collection,

Arthur L Agren; John E Thwaites

1906-1932

English Visual Material : Graphic Archival Material 209 photoprints : b&w.

Kvichak (village) Unamak Pass -- Seward -- Kodiak -- Chignik -- Koggiung -- Nushagak (village) -- Bristol Bay -- Seldovia -- Port Graham -- Cook Inlet -- Naknek -- Bering Sea -- Alaska Packers Association Store -- Alaska Packers Association Cannery -- Bradfords Cannery (Nushagak) -- N.W.F. Company's cannery (Uyak) -- Larsons' Bay cannery -- Scandinavian Cannery -- Arthur L. Agren -- R.E. Astrup -- Ole Westad -- Captain Henning of the Star of Alaska -- G. Flynn -- F. Farraut -- Captain Frey -- the Peter Iredale -- the Star of Iceland -- the Jabez Howes -- S.S. Northwestern -- Steamer Kvichak -- Star of Scotland -- S.S. Edith -- S.S. Farallon -- Rush (revenue cutter) -- Star of Chile -- Togiak (tugboat) -- Galena (sailing ship) -- reindeer herds -- barabaras -- bidarkas -- Alaska Natives.

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Sockeye and the age of sail the story of the Alaska Packers Association /

Bob Thorstenson

2001

English Visual Material : Videorecording : VHS tape 1 videocassette (VHS) : sd., b&w with col. sequences ; 1/2 in.

Seattle, WA : John Sabella & Associates,

History of the Alaska Packers Association which dominated the Pacific salmon industry at the turn of the Twentieth Century.

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A guide to the Alaska Packers Association records, 1891-1970, in the Alaska Historical Library /

Phyllis DeMuth; Michael Sullivan

1983

English Book 67 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Juneau, Alaska (Pouch G. Juneau 99811) : Alaska Dept. of Education, Division of State Libraries and Museums,

Libraries with Item:

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A Guide to the Alaska Packers Association records, with a selection on microfiche.

Alaska Packers Association.; Alaska.

1982

English Book : Microform 720 microfiche (in 3 binders) : negative, ill., maps ; 10 x 15 cm. + pamphlet (11 p. ; 28 cm.)

[Juneau] : Div. of State Libraries and Museums, Alaska Dept. of Education,

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AK	<u>VALDEZ CONSORTIUM LIBR</u>	X#2



Collection Name: [Evelyn Butler and George Dale. Photographs, 1934-1982. ASL-PCA-306](#)
Identifier: [ASL-P306-2842](#)
Title: [Bristol Bay fishing fleet leaving tug boat.](#)
Description: [Title taken from slide mount.](#)
Creator: [4th Ave. Fotoshop](#)



Collection Name: [National Geographic Society. Katmai Expeditions. Photographs, 1913-1919. UAA-HMC-0186](#)
Identifier: [UAA-hmc-0186-volume8-7271](#)
Title: [One-Armed-Evile.](#)
Description: [Title taken from caption. View of a sailboat on the Naknek River, Alaska. Caption also says: "One-Armed-Evile and his family sailing up the Naknek River past our first camp." Photo taken during National Geographic Society expedition to Katmai area. 1919.](#)
Creator: [Sayre, Jasper Dean, 1893-](#)

Video link: <http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdmg11/image/3437.mov>

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Title:

[Alaska History Nuggets: Sailboat salmon fishery](#)

Description:

[61 second film clip](#), [color](#) with [audio track narration](#). [Clip shows](#) the [early Bristol Bay salmon fishery](#). [Narration discusses](#) the [use](#) of the [sailboats](#) during the [time](#) that [power boats were banned](#) from [Bristol Bay](#), a [ban](#) that [lasted](#) until the [early 1950's](#).

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