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#### **Introduction**

In 1917 the Ministry of Shipping requested the Seafarers' Committee of the Employers' Association of the port of Liverpool to advise them on all questions arising between owners and crews. This informal arrangement led to the establishment of the National Maritime Board to oversee the pay and conditions on ships. The Liverpool Association was not represented until 1919 because it disagreed with the Board's original constitution. The revised board was composed of sixty shipowners' representatives and an equal number from the trade unions, with five panels for masters, navigating officers, engineer officers, sailors and firemen and catering crew. The panels drew their representatives from district committees based on the major ports. The Board provided a national forum for the negotiation of pay and conditions in the shipping industry (taken from the Guide to the Records of Merseyside Maritime Museum, volume 1, page 72).

This collection contains 13 copies of the National Maritime Board's Year Book, a summary of then current agreements for standard rates of pay, conditions and employment and other relevant agreements made by the National Maritime Board. The collection covers 1956 – 1975.

The collection was recovered from an office that had been occupied by the General Council of British Shipping and was received by the Maritime Archives & Library, National Museums Liverpool, in 1986. Volumes of British Shipping Statistics published by the Chamber of Shipping and Reports of the Management Committee of the North of England Shipowners' Association have been transferred to the Library collection of the Maritime Archives & Library.

The collection is accessible to any reader within the Maritime Archives & Library Searchroom.

The Maritime Archives & Library holds minutes, 1939-1966, of the National Maritime Board and Liverpool District Sailors' and Firemen's Panel, 1920-1950, under reference D/NMB.

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