

## Infosheet No. 3 Lloyd's Marine Collection

The Lloyd's Marine Collection forms part of the archive of Lloyd's of London, the Insurance Market and not Lloyd's Register, as is commonly misconceived. The Collection, which is held at the Guildhall Library, London, includes a complete run of the newspaper *Lloyd's List* from 1740 and sources pertaining to ships' captains and voyages. Brief details of the Collection follow:

### **Lloyd's Captains Register 1868-1947**

These volumes list all holders of British foreign trade masters certificates, giving full name, place and date of birth, certificate number, date and place of examination, a complete service history showing vessels' names, capacity in which the holder served (master or mate), and the general area of voyaging: Casualties to vessels are also shown, together with details of any suspension of certificate. For masters serving in 1868, service details go back to the 1850s, so to compile a service history of any British master or mate holding a master's certificate, from this date to 1947 is quite straightforward.

### **Lloyd's List 1740 to date (on microfilm, a few early volumes are missing)**

Ocean-going steamers and sailing vessels are listed; giving voyage engaged on, date of sailing and last report. All casualty reports reported to Lloyd's Register are published in the List, together with Custom House entries, speakings, vessels loading, launches, trials, allocations of Code of Signals, quarantine reports, commodity market reports, reports of inquiries and news items of general interest.

Prior to 1838 Lloyd's List is not indexed, but from 1838 to 1926 there is an annual microfilm index listing vessels in alphabetical order (identified by name of master) against which dates of issue and column numbers in Lloyd's List movement and casualties section are entered.

From October 1927 to 1975 the annual index was replaced by a card index known as the Voyage Record Cards (48 hours notice is required for access to the Voyage Record Cards).

### **Lloyd's Shipping Index: Voyage Supplement (Later *Lloyd's Voyage Record* 1946-1986).**

A weekly publication listing ocean-going vessels with all arrivals and sailings on the current round voyage.

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