

Curator's Report to RIG Committee August 16th 2021

Apologies for its brevity this month.

The Collection has not been added to this month, but it has been a handy resource in checking out the history of the AR Wharf in these recent weeks in view of the Harris Wharf proposal. See

[Building the American River Wharf](#) and [Trade at the American River Wharf circa 1964:](#)

Trade was indeed conducted on the AR wharf, in the 60s, when it was a Wharf sans Café, sans Oyster Shed, sans foot traffic. Our history, not necessarily our future.

Other research: the Karatta lifeboat.

The text to go on a plaque adjacent the Karatta lifeboat has been finalized. Your opportunity to contribute to the text has vanished. (Thank you Irene H. for your info.)

1. A succinct para to be inscribed on a plaque has been extracted from the info gathered.
2. The dilemma of how to keep the plaque short and sharp while conveying the wealth of info available to those interested to pursue it was solved by the incorporation of a QR code on the plaque, which leads to a webpage attached to the RIG website, dedicated to Karatta.
<https://rebuildindependence.org/what-its-all-about/ss-karatta-ki-ferry>
3. Thank you Greg Roberts, David Cowan and me.

NMM Funding submission 2021 for a new display cabinet

Results of RIG's bid were due July 31st. They are slack and it isn't out yet (Aug 11) Result in next month's report.

Have you looked at the RIG Collection, online?

In the event of a fire this online collection will survive, to interest the curious, to reward the donors, and to remind us of American River's maritime heritage. Of course it is in its infancy. It needs this community, you, to correct it and to suggest additions to it.

You can see it at this link: <https://ehive.com/collections/200519/the-rebuild-independence-group-rig-collection>

The eHive system is not exactly intuitive. None of them is: eHive is probably more friendly than most. Here is how to navigate the RIG Collection for now.

Click on
RIG Collection so far: <https://ehive.com/collections/200519/the-rebuild-independence-group-rig-collection>

No need to login.

To browse the records: Click Explore the Collection>Entire Collection (View All).

That brings up all items in the collection, under a photo for each.

Click a photo to go to its detail, and **use the back arrow to return to the entire selection.**

OR search for a specific term:

Under Explore by Object Tags see a cloud of search terms. Click on any that interests. Use the back arrow to return.

OR to search on a key word not in the cloud, type your search term in the box that says "Search The [Rig] Collection's collection" then click the blue button that says Search.

(NB The search box at the very top is an overriding system search, across all of the materials in all of eHive's repositories. Don't go there.)

You can do the same as above to browse through the American River Collection so far:

<https://ehive.com/collections/8241/the-american-river-historic-collection>

You will not need to log in. Comments, complaints, notices of error truly welcome.

Thanks, Anne A'Herran Curator, RIG collection