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**TITLE:** USCG Cutter Chelan Album

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2016.008

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1935

Extent: 1 box; 1 linear foot

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Lomen Bros.

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

The United States Coast Guard cutter *Chelan* was launched on 19 May 1928 and was commissioned on 5 September 1928. She was assigned to Seattle, Washington but transferred to Boston, Massachusetts in 1937. Prior to that time she sailed on the Bering Sea Patrol annually in addition to her regular patrol work. The *Chelan* was assigned to the International Ice Patrol in 1940 and the following year she was transferred to Great Britain under the auspices of Lend-Lease on 2 May 1941. She was returned to the U.S. on 12 February 1946 and was sold on 23 October 1947.<sup>1</sup>

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of one album, measuring 10" x 7", containing 38 black-and-white photographs and 4 tinted or black-and-white postcards, as well as one news clipping, collected during the Cutter *Chelan's* tour in the Bering Sea in 1935. Most of the images bear captions on the recto. All are pasted into the album, but some of postcards clearly bear writing on the

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<sup>1</sup> "Chelan, 1928." United States Coast Guard Historian's Office web site, viewed February 26, 2016.  
<http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/chelan1928.asp>

versos. There are several views of Unalaska, as well as photographs of the seal rookeries on Saint Paul Island. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Purchased from Wayfarer's Bookshop in February 2016.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

Arlene Mitchell Collection, B2001.007

Darrell G. Wood Album, B2014.020

## **SUBJECTS**

Chelan (Ship)

United States Coast Guard

Revenue cutters—United States

Whaling—Alaska

Seals (Animals)—Alaska

Bering Sea

Inside Passage

Unalaska (Alaska)

Ketchikan (Alaska)

Saint Paul Island (Alaska)

Barrow (Alaska)  
Attu Island (Alaska)

### Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Tinted postcard. “Caught in the ice. Copyright by Lomen Bros., Nome” [three ships amid pressure ridges]
  - News clipping. “Undersea range found in Bering.”
  - Photo duplication. “The Ballad of Yukon Jake, by Edward E. Paramore Jr.”
- .2 – Photograph. “Winning boat of sailing races” [men in sailboat under way, village buildings on shore in background]
- .3 – Photograph. “Chelan, Inside Passage of Alaska, 1935” [view from crow’s nest of crewmen on deck in foreground, scenery ahead]
- .4 – Postcard. “Overlooking Unalaska harbor, 1935” [bird’s eye view of Unalaska, with church at left]
- .5 – Photograph. “Heading for the Narrows, 1935” [view from crow’s nest of crewmen on deck in foreground, scenery ahead]
- .6 – Photograph. [sign, “Unalaska the Gateway to Bering Sea” sponsored by “Martin’s Aleutian Packing and Trading Co.”, with buildings in background]
- .7 – Photograph. “Chelan at Ketchikan, Bering Sea cruise, 1935” [view from deck of crowds on dock]
- .8 – Photograph. “Bag inspection, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division” [crewmen lined up on deck with bag contents laid out in front of them]
- .9 – Photograph. “Beard elimination program, Unalaska, 1935” [man wearing fake beard being inspected by officer standing at left, crewmen gathered in background]
- .10 – Photograph. [caption covered. Bird’s eye view of ships, docks, and buildings on spit of land in harbor, Unalaska?]
- .11 – Postcard. “Ballyhoo, Dutch Harbor” [view from beach of Ballyhoo Mountain, surf breaking on shore in foreground, ship at anchor possibly *Chelan*]
- .12 – Postcard. “Unalaska hills in summer bloom” [two young Alaska Native children standing in ferns and grasses]
- .13 – Photograph. “Unalaska from Pyramid Peak” [bird’s eye view of harbor]
- .14 – Photograph. “Panoramic view of Unalaska” [bird’s eye view of harbor]
- .15 – Photograph. “Hiking party from Chelan near Unalaska” [four crewmen standing in snow on mountain top, three holding snowballs, harbor in distance]
- .16 – Photograph. [two men next to whale carcass at whaling station]
- .17 – Photograph. “Harem of fur seals, St. Paul Island, Alaska” [seals on rocky shore]
- .18 – Photograph. [two crewmen in uniform standing on rocky shore next to outcropping, one holding bow, one holding rifle]
- .19 – Photograph. “Seal rookery, St. Paul Island” [seals on rocky shore]
- .20 – Photograph. “Schooner Wawona, Alaska” [sailing ship at anchor, cod fishing vessel]
- .21 – Photograph. “A fin string of fox skins, Unalaska” [man examining pelt, standing next to long string of pelts on line strung outdoors, building at left, water in background]

- .22 – Photograph. “Chelan party on summit, Pyramid Peak” [group portrait of crewmen in uniform, harbor in background]
- .23 – Photograph. “Chelan men at infantry drill at Unalaska” [crewmen standing at attention on deck]
- .24 – Photograph. “Champion race boat crew, Bering Sea patrol, 1935” [group portrait of shirtless crewmen posed with oars and lifebuoy from *Chelan*]
- .25 – Photograph. “Eskimo igloo, Point Barrow, Alaska” [igloo and cache, second igloo partially visible at right]
- .26 – Photograph. “Red Muir vs. Kid Abbey” [bird’s eye view of boxing match on deck]
- .27 – Photograph. “Seal rookeries, St. Paul Island, Alaska” [seals on rocky shore]
- .28 – Photograph. “Fur seals of St. Paul Island, Alaska” [bird’s eye view of seals on rocky shore]
- .29 – Photograph. “Sailing races, Unalaska, 1935” [two sailboats underway]
- .30 – Photograph. “Hospital, Unalaska” [view down boardwalk to hospital building]
- .31 – Photograph. “View of Unalaska from crow’s nest of Chelan” [view along waterfront, with hospital at right, church at left, supply depot in right foreground]
- .32 – Photograph. “Attu, Alaska” [view of buildings from rise behind village, Chichagof Harbor in distance]
- .33 – Photograph. [distant view of fleet of amphibious airplanes in harbor, Aleutian Islands]
- .34 – Photograph. “Fishing party, Unalaska” [crewmen on deck holding halibut]
- .35 – Photograph. “Unalaska” [distant view of village buildings]
- .36 – Photograph. “Fur seals at St. Paul Island, Unalaska” [seals on rocky shore]
- .37 – Photograph. “Cod fishing vessel Wawona” [sailboat under way]
- .38 – Photograph. “Russian Church, Unalaska, Alaska” [Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox Church, with canoes along shore of waterway in foreground]
- .39 – Photograph. “Waterfall, Captain’s Harbor, Alaska” [probably near Captains Bay, Unalaska]
- .40 – Photograph. “Chelan hiking party on way Pyramid Peak, July 28, 1935” [group portrait of crewmen resting on rocks]
- .41 – Photograph. “Seal rookery, St. Paul Island” [bird’s eye view of seals on rocky shore”]
- .42 – Photograph. “Russian church in Unalaska [interior of Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox Church]

Guide written: February 29, 2016