

Project Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck
Notes on the Stocum Document (2017) in relation to the 2019 Research

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Introduction

In August 2017 Faye L. Stocum compiled information on the *Maria Johanna* in a paper titled: *2017 Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck: What do we know?* The document outlines the present state of knowledge on the vessel, crew and cargo, and the artefacts that were found in situ of the wreck or had been washed ashore.

In 2019 the cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands commissioned archival research to the Dutch merchant vessel *Maria Johanna*. This research was also to follow up on the questions posed by Stocum.

Remarks

The following remarks relate to the 2017 Document by Stocum.

1. The 2019 Research has shown the importance of historic newspapers, as Stocum rightfully stated.
 2. In the paragraph *For Sale* of the report on the 2019 Research (*Maria Johanna 1784*) the sale of *Maria Johanna* is announced. Particulars are given, like the dimensions of the ship. However, it should be noted that Dutch 18th Century measurement standards differ from today's U.S. measurement standards.
 3. Another point made by Faye L. Stocum is that the ownership of this vessel is not clear. The 2019 Research has not progressed on this.
 4. Ship's names are mostly not unique. Sometimes vessels have the same name during this time period. In all cases encountered in the 2019 Research the context provided clarity.
 5. With regard to Masters Kemp Driewesz en P.T. Bonk sufficient information has surfaced to give a good insight in the history of *Maria Johanna*.
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