

Hanson Library of Maritime Books and Atlases

Acquisition of a comprehensive library of British and foreign books on the history of shipbuilding and navigation formed by a founder member of the Cruising Association, Herbert James Hanson. It includes many remarkable maritime atlases, the earliest from the 16th century; books devoted to ship-building and design, some describing specific problems like the preservation of dry rot in ships; works on the fundamental questions of the accurate measurement of time and determination of longitude; accounts of shipwrecks; rare works on scurvy and other diseases specific to naval life.

Nation/region

East of England

Grant awarded

£300,000

Award date

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