



The Moonlight: Milwaukee Public Library ship information and data record.

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BUILT: 1874 at Milwaukee, WI by Wolf & Davidson for David Vance et al Rig Sch-3 masted Hull Wood

OPERATING DATA		DIMENSIONS					
ENGINES	BOILERS	GR.T	777	NET T.	738		
Type:	Type:	LENGTH	205.9	BEAM	33.6	DRAFT	14.2
Cyl. & St.:	No.:	HATCHES		No.	SIZE		CENTERS
H.P.:	Size:			Cap.			
Rev.:	Press.:	COMPARTMENTS					
Built by:	Built by:	No.		Cap.	About 1500 tons		
Year built:	Year built:						

HISTORY:

One of the finest wooden top sail schooners on the Lakes. Her lower main mast was 105 feet high. She was in the grain, coal and ore trade. About the middle 1880's, she was made a tow barge.

About the fall of 1888, she was sold to William S. Mack et al. of Cleveland, and towed behind the str. CHARLES J. KERSHAW in the coal and ore trade.

On September 29, 1895, she stranded in a gale, while in tow of the str. CHARLES J. KERSHAW with sch. HENRY A. KENT, in Chocolay Bay, 3 1/2 miles south of Marquette. The KERSHAW went to pieces and the MOONLIGHT and KENT were released in the spring of 1896 by JAY HURSLEY. The MOONLIGHT was then sold to J. C. Gilchrist, and in 1898 was chartered for ocean trade.

On September 13 or 15, 1903, she foundered 12 miles off Michigan Island, Lake Superior, in a heavy gale with a cargo of iron ore. Vessel was valued at \$9,000 and ore at \$6,000 - no lives lost.

She was valued at \$42,000 new. One deck, three masts. See file for additional articles.

ILLUSTRATIONS:

8 x 10's - 7

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