

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*

## The Wreck of *King Philip*

This clipper ship built in Maine in 1856 transported trade goods between Boston, Europe, South America, and the Pacific coast. An 1869 mutiny in Honolulu left the ship seriously damaged by a fire set by a crew member.

The damaged vessel was sold to a San Francisco lumber merchant who repaired and put her to work shipping guano and grain to Europe. In 1874 the ship was set on fire by yet another mutinous crew in Maryland. *King Philip* survived the fire and was re-rigged for the Pacific Coast lumber trade.

In January 1878 *King Philip* and *Western Shore* were being assisted out the Golden Gate by a steam tug. The captain of *Western Shore* was fatally injured. The tug let go of *King Philip* to assist the other ship.

*King Philip* dropped anchor, but the seas were heavy and rolled the ship, stranding it on Ocean Beach at high tide. When the tide receded the ship was dry and high enough for spectators to walk up and touch her hull.

The hulk was sold to John Molloy who cut away the masts and used explosives to salvage metal and timber.

The lower portions of the bark still lie buried beneath the sand, occasionally made visible by a heavy storm or low tides.

