

The Wreck of *Aberdeen*

The steam schooner *Aberdeen* was built in Aberdeen, Washington in 1899 for the Pacific Lumber Company to carry passengers and lumber up and down the Pacific Coast. In 1911 *Aberdeen* was sold. Her new use was to haul garbage from Oakland and dump it off at the Farallones. *Aberdeen* and her sister ship, *Signal*, made the trip through the Golden Gate three times a week.

In 1913 *Signal*, along with several of her crew were lost in heavy seas. *Aberdeen* met a similar fate in 1916 on her way back from the Farallones. Rough seas and a 95 mile per hour gale capsized the schooner, breaking it in two. Over the next few days pieces of the vessel washed ashore along Ocean Beach from the Cliff House to Sloat Blvd. All eight members of the crew met their deaths in the wreck.



Top: Wreck of the *Aberdeen* washed ashore in pieces along Ocean Beach, 1916; *Bottom:* Men standing on the deck of the wrecked *Aberdeen*, 1916.