



The Wreck of *Reporter*

The schooner, *Reporter* was built in Washington in 1876 and spent its years hauling lumber along the Pacific Coast. In early March 1902 *Reporter*, loaded up with four hundred thousand board feet of lumber, shingles, and shakes, left Grays Harbor bound for San Francisco.

Reporter approached the Golden Gate on the foggy evening of March 13. Because of the low visibility, Captain Adolph Hansen mistook a light at the Cliff House for the Point Bonita lighthouse, causing him to steer the ship right into Ocean Beach instead of through the harbor entrance.

Fortunately, a surfman of the Golden Gate Life Saving Station saw the ship's distress signal and the entire crew was saved by the rescuers of the Life-Saving Station. By morning the waves had pushed the remains of *Reporter* onto the beach about three miles south of Point Lobos, the same spot where *King Philip* had washed ashore in 1878.

Thousands of spectators came to the beach to view the wreck, which gradually fell apart and disappeared beneath the sand.