

**UNIT NUMBER:****DISCOVERY**

<b>AREA OF SERVICE:</b>	LONDON-JAMES BAY	(1905-1911)
	CHARTERED	(1914-1916)
	CARDIFF-FRANCE	(1917)
	ENGLAND-CHARLTON ISLAND	(1918-1919)
	ENGLAND-ANTWERP	(1919)
	ENGLAND-CONSTANTINOPLE	(1920)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Three-masted barque-rigged auxiliary steamer

Construction:	Oak, carvel built
Designer and builder:	Dundee Shipbuilders Co., 1901 for polar exploration.
Dimensions:	Length - 179.3' Breadth - 33.8' Depth - 18.5'
Draft:	
Number of passengers:	Number of crew:
Plans:	A.12/FT 313/1 or PP 1905-3
Power:	3 Tri-Compound Direct Acting Vertical engines - Gourlay Bros., Dundee
Registered:	
Speed:	8.5 knots
Tonnage:	Gross - 751 tons; net - 357 tons registered - 421

**HISTORY:**

1905, January	Hudson's Bay Company bought her from Royal Geographical Society (A.1/197, p. 32).
1912-1913	Laid up (Proceedings of Annual General Court, 8 July 1912, p. 3).
1913, November	Deposit from the British Antarctic Expedition for purchase of the steamer, but the sale was not completed (A.1/201, p. 39; A.5/111, fo. 543; A.5/117, fos. 245; A.10/465).
1915-1920	French Government Business
1916	Used by the Admiralty to relieve 22 men from Shackleton's expedition (SF: "Ships - <i>Discovery</i> ").
1917	Carried cargo Cardiff to France (AFG5/2728).
1918-1919	Sailed from Cardiff to Montreal, Charlton Island, and Liverpool (C.1/274-278; C.4/1, fo. 38d).
1919	Sailed between England and Antwerp (C.1/280).
1920	Sailed to Constantinople (AFG5/2728).
1920-1922	Laid up.
1922, 18 October	Completion of sale to Crown Assets for Colonies, to be used for scientific research in the South Seas (A.1/166, pp. 154-155; A.1/171, fo. 106)
1937	Purchased by Scouts' Association
1986	Moved from London to Dundee

**MASTERS:**

1905	Alexander Gray	C.4/1, fos. 37d, 38
1906-1911	John G. Ford	C.1/267-272
1915-1916	W.J. Bartley	AFG5/2273
1917	S. Hiles	AFG5/2273
1917	Frederick Hyland	AFG5/2273
1917	F. Gray	AFG5/2273
1918-1919	George Henry Mead	C.1/274-280

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**PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:**

1987/363-D-15 and others; Painting by T.G. Purvis, 1911 (HBCA Documentary Art, P-207)

**REFERENCES:**

A.12/FT 313/1	Correspondence	1905-1918
A.102/1471	Correspondence	1932-1933
AFG5/2273	Correspondence	1915-1916
RG4/18/1294-1318	Logs	1916-1920
C.1/267-280	Logs	1906-1919
C.7/41	Bill of sale, allotment notes, other	1905-1915
RG4/17/41	Crew Lists	1917-1919
RG4/15/54	Charter Parties	1917-1919
H2-219-4-2 to	Sale & Company: correspondence,	1916-1922
H2-219-4-5	copies of logs, reports	
Search File	"Ships - <i>Discovery</i> "	

**MICROFILM REELS:**

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