A Handlist of Source Books on the History of Oceanography
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This is an updated version of a paper first published in Earth Science History 12 (1993), 2-4. The reference books and monographs following have been selected to aid teachers and beginning students of the history of oceanography. The list is based on two principles, either that the publications are readily available in major libraries, or that they have not been superseded as sources of information. The periodical literature is not included because of its extent. A good source of information on journal articles published between 1913 and 1975 is the Isis cumulative bibliography (ed. M. Whitrow and J. Neu); it is added to annually by the Critical Bibliographies accompanying the journal Isis.

1. Basic Texts


2. Symposium and Congress Proceedings


Communications - Premier Congres International d'histoire de l'Oceanographie, Monaco. Bulletin de l'Institut Oceanographique, Monaco, no. special 2, 3 (1966), xlii, 807.


3. Source Books


Schott, Wolfgang. Early German Oceanographic Institutions, Expeditions and Oceanographers. (Hamburg: Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut, 1987), 50.


4. Ships and Expeditions

Buen, Rafael de. Liste Chronologique des Croisieres Oceanographiques. (Venezia: C.
Ferrari, Manuel pour les Observations Oceanographiques a la Mer-Commission Internationale pour l'Exploration Scientifique de la Mer Mediterranee 1, 1934), 73.

Estok, Rita and Rosemary E. Boykin. A Union List of Oceanographic Expeditions including Results of Some Major Cruise Reports. (College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University Libraries, 1976), iii, 138.


Nelson, Stewart B. Oceanographic Ships Fore and Aft. (Washington, DC: Office of the Oceanographers of the Navy, 1971), xvii, 240pp


5. Biography and Bibliography


See also SCHOTT (1987) in Section 2 for biographies.

6. Institutions

Tischer, 1921), 76-194.


Schott, Wolfgang. Early German Oceanographic Institutions, Expeditions and Oceanographers. (Hamburg: Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut, 1987), 50.


Thompson, T.G. "The Oceanographic Laboratories of the University of Washington." The Collecting Net X (September 7, 1935), 1-8.

Vaughan, Thomas Wayland, et. al, eds. International Aspects of Oceanography:


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