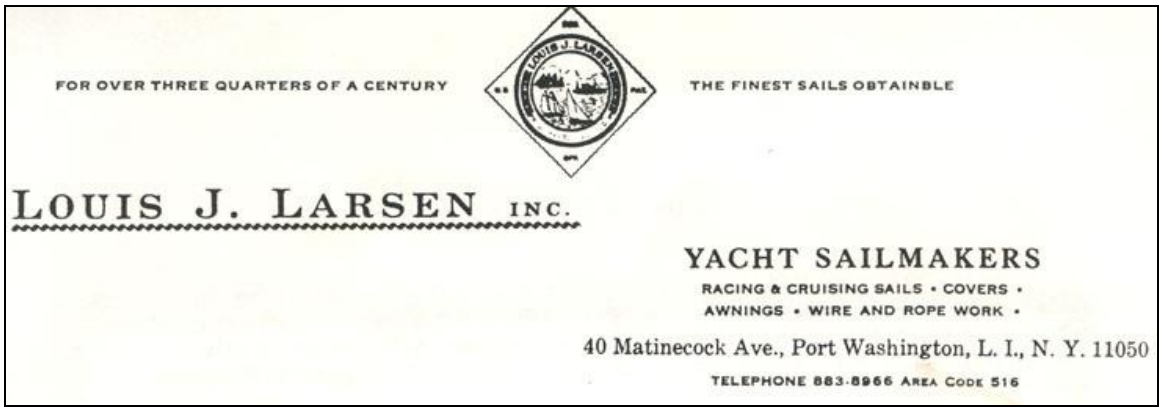
GUIDE TO THE RECORDS OF
LOUIS J. LARSEN, INC. YACHT SAILMAKERS



Collection Abstract: Records, 1875-1975, of Louis J. Larsen, Inc. of New York City and Port Washington, New York, including correspondence, patents, sketches, blueprints, and financial data relating to the company's sail making operations.

Collection Title: Louis J. Larsen, Inc. Yacht Sailmakers Records
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LOUIS J. LARSEN, INC. YACHT SAILMAKERS

INTRODUCTION:

Louis J. Larsen, Inc. was founded by Larsen, a native of Denmark, in the early 1900s. The company was located in Manhattan at 45 Fulton Street and later at 50 Warren Street. In the early years Larsen made sails for commercial vessels. As commercial sailing vessels began to disappear, the business turned to producing sails for racing, cruising, and day sailing boats. Louis J. Larsen and his wife, Hilma, had two sons, William (b. 1916) and Louis A. (b. 1921).

Louis J. Larsen died in 1959. The company was later run by his son Louis A. Larsen and re-located to 40 Matinecock Avenue in Port Washington, New York. The company was sold to Doyle Sailmakers in 1988.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection includes spans the years 1875-1975 (bulk dates 1924-1949) and includes correspondence, patents, sketches, blueprints, and financial data relating to the Larsen sail making business. A "cost book" lists the prices of various fabrics, ropes, and hardware, as well as including some sail specifications and remedies for mildew stains. Also included is a short history of the company. Written in 1975 by Louis A. Larsen, it lists some of the highlights of the company's first 75 years.

RELATED MATERIALS NOTE:

See the Oral History Collection (Maritime Traditions) for interviews with Louis A. and William Larsen.

BOX LIST:

Box 1

Folder	Content
1	Cost Book and Invoices, ca. 1929-1949
2	History – "In Introducing Ourselves…", 1975
3	Patents – Correspondence and Certificates, 1924-1944
4	Patents – Drawings and Blueprints, 1927-1928
5	Patents Registered by Others, 1875-1941