

BELLS AND THE SEA

The purpose of this display exhibit is to show how bells were used at and around the sea.

Used to warn ships of hidden dangers such as reefs, channels, obstructions and other ships at night and in fog, bells were also used, by early mariners, to scare away sea monsters and evil spirits. Modern functions include announcing the time of day and organizing watches on board.

THE PLAN

- I. Bell Makers
 - A. Paul Revere
 - B. Paul Revere's apprentice
 - C. Other foundries
- II. Lighthouses
 - A. British lighthouses
 - B. Lighthouse in the U.S.
 - C. Fog: reason for lighthouse bells
- III. Bell Boys
 - A. How they work
 - B. What they do
- IV. Light Ships
- V. Bells on Board
 - A. Ship names enscribed
 - B. Watches
 - C. Other uses for bells on ships
 - D. Maritime Law
- VI. Bells and the Navy
 - A. Name inscriptions
 - B. How bell tones assigned to US Navy ships
 - C. Announcing dignitaries
 - D. The Lutine bell
 - E. Other uses
- VII. Bells at Port
- VIII. From Ship to Shore
 - A. Secular
 - B. Sacred
- XI. Undersea bells that don't ring
 - A. Jellyfish
 - B. Diving