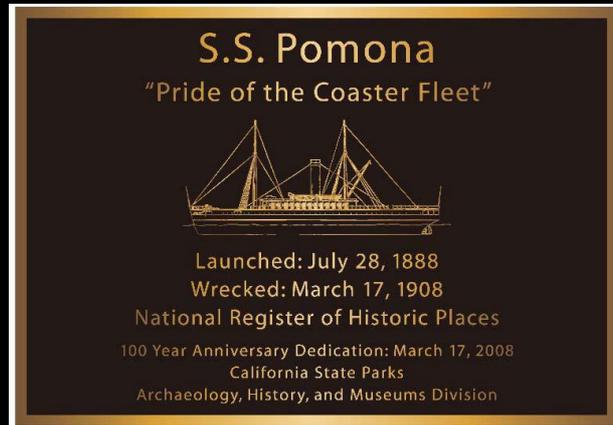




SS Pomona



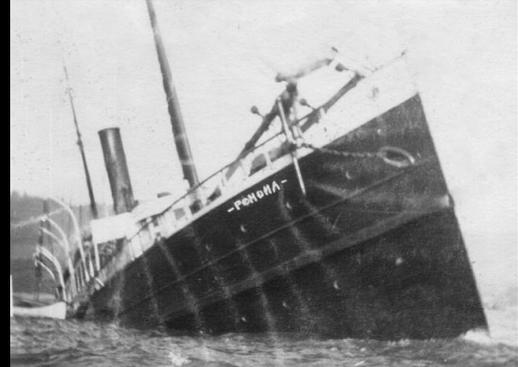
The *SS Pomona* is a ship surrounded by various stories. The *Pomona*, a 1264 tonne gross ship was northbound from San Francisco to Eureka, sailing close to the shore, when it hit the Monterey Rock on 17th March 1908. (The name Monterey Rock comes because the first ship to ever hit the rock in 1876 was the *SS Monterey*.) The rock punched a hole in the steel hull, and Captain Swanson decided to beach the vessel in the cove. The ship rode up over the top of a large rock that impaled the ship's hull.



The ship hitting Monterey Rock



Passengers in lifeboats watch as the ship goes under.



The Sinking of The Pomona

Captain Swanson ensured that all 146 lives on board were saved in lifeboats with him being the last to leave the ship, as per protocol.

The passengers were well taken care of by the hospitable Mercedes Call, who gave them space in her huge estate, blankets and food. She was gifted the nameplate of the ship by the Captain, as a show of gratitude. For the next 61 years "Pomona" hung over the porch entrance above the Call home, before being stolen in 1971.

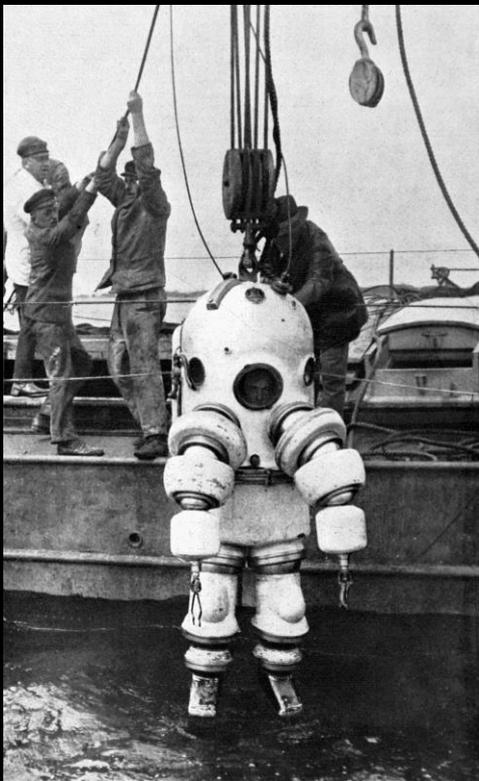


The Pomona sign over the front of the Call home



There is also an exciting story of a diver named Martin Lund, who was attacked by a giant octopus in the ship.

Another amazing tale is of an automobile being shipped and was submerged for three days in 10 feet of water. The car dealer sent divers and it was pulled up and found to be sound.



Diver sent to look for the car



The car salvaged from the ship

It took only two hours to get the car started and drive it.

“They don’t make ‘em like they used to”.

The dealer converted the near loss to a demonstration of resilience of the car.



The wreck of the steamship *Pomona* is located at the North Cove and is marked by a historic shipwreck buoy.



Pomona Site

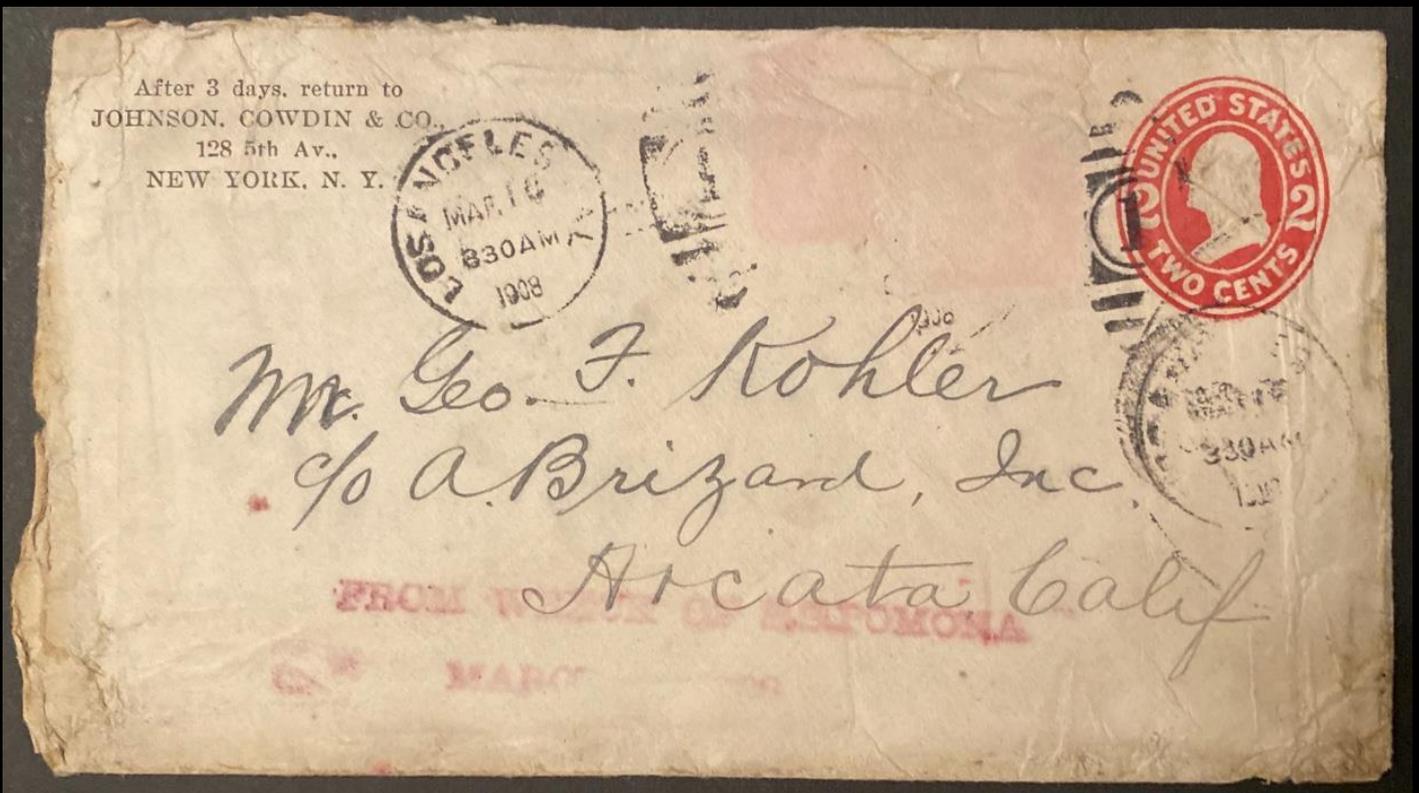


Pomona Museum



Pomona sign recovered recently

There are less than 10 covers known from this wreck. The cover shown is one of these.



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