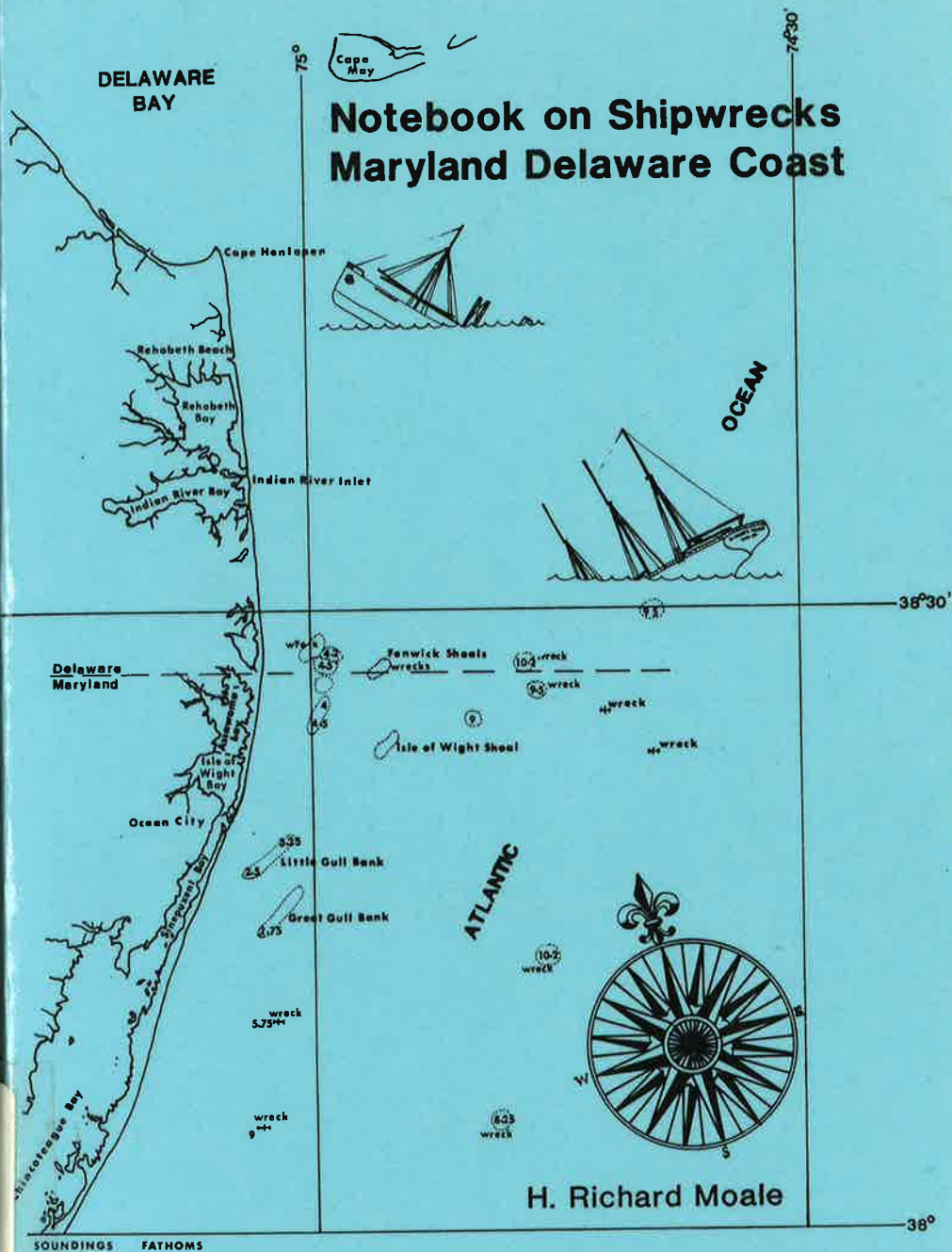


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# Notebook on Shipwrecks Maryland Delaware Coast



NAME: EUSTATIA

RIG: Merchantman (ship)

REGISTERED NUMBER: (Dutch)

DATE SUNK: 1664

REPORTED POSITION WHERE SUNK: at anchor off Lewes, Delaware

WEATHER CONDITIONS  
AT TIME OF SINKING: whole gale

NAME: H.M.S. FAITHFUL STEWARD

RIG: English Ship

DATE SUNK: September 2, 1785

REPORTED POSITION WHERE SUNK: Rehobeth Beach, Delaware;  
1/4 mile north of Indian River  
Inlet; 300 yards off the beach

MASTER AT TIME OF SINKING: Captain William McCasland and  
360 passengers (200 lost)

CARGO AT TIME OF SINKING: passengers and Irish coins

LAST PORT SAILED FROM: Londonderry, Ireland;  
July 9, 1785

PORT BOUND FOR: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CONSTRUCTION: wood; 350 tons

OTHER DATA: 249 passengers and a cargo of  
Irish coins; only 68 persons were  
saved as she wrecked near the  
Indian River Inlet

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Maryland Gazette  
September 22, 1785

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The following is an account of the unfortunate disaster which befell the ship FAITHFUL STEWARD, Connally McCausland, Master, from Londonderry, bound to this port, taken from a gentleman who was passenger on board:

On the 9th day of July last, said vessel sailed from Londonderry, having on board 249 passengers of respectability, who had with them property to a very considerable amount. They had had a favorable passage, during which nothing of moment occurred, the greatest harmony having prevailed among them, until the night of Thursday the 1st instant, September, when at the hour of 10 o'clock it was thought advisable to try for soundings, and to their great surprise found themselves in four fathoms water, though at dark there was not the smallest appearance of land. The consternation and astonishment which then prevailed, is easier conceived than described, every exertion was used to run the vessel offshore, but in a few minutes she struck the ground, when it was found necessary to cut away her masts and rigging all of which went overboard. On the morning of the 2nd, we found ourselves on Mohobabank, near Indian River, about four leagues to the southward of Cape Henlopen. Every effort was made to save the unhappy sufferers, who remained in the wreck during the night, although distant from the shore only about 100 yards. The same evening she beat to pieces. The sea running extremely high, the boats were with difficulty, disengaged from the wreck, but before they could be manned they drifted ashore, therefore all relief was cut off, except by swimming or getting ashore on pieces of the wreck, and we are sorry to add, that of the above, only 68 persons were saved, among which were the Master, his mates, and 10 seamen. During the course of the day, the inhabitants came down to the beach in numbers, and used every means in their power to relieve the unfortunate people on board among whom were about 100 women and children of whom only 7 were saved. Several persons who escaped from the wreck are since dead from the wounds they received, and others are miserably bruised.

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