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WATERCRAFT ON STAMPS IS THE NEWEST ATA HANDBOOK

The newest handbook to be released by the American Topical Association (ATA) is Katherine A. Kirk's, *Watercraft on Stamps II*. (HB #156). This handbook picks up from where *Watercraft on Stamps I* (HB117) left off when written by this same author in 1991. This new work is 315 pages long in an 8 ½ X 5 ½ format with perfect binding. Twenty-four pages show a total of 92 illustrations in black and white, while twelve pages feature 52 illustrations in color.

The listings of stamps picturing different watercraft is based on stamps found in the 1999 Scott's Catalog and are listed by country for easy identification. In addition to the stamp listings, there are write-ups of specific types of watercraft including dugouts, Viking Boats, Clipper Ships, and the Panama Canal.

A series of short articles on topics such as the first stamp showing ships, ships on stamps on stamps, the earliest stories of ship-building, navigation, maritime tall tales, St. Brendan and other Irish Sailors, Columbus, the two Mayflowers, the USS Constellation, Cape Horners, tall ships of today, famous liners of the past and submarines.

This new handbook is priced at \$26 with ATA existing or new members receiving a \$4 discount to \$22. Joining the ATA in order to reduce the cost of this book would amount to getting a membership for \$16 rather than the normal \$20 for US addresses. A membership form can be found on their website listed below. Shipping prices are \$3 to US addresses, \$9 to Canada, and \$12 for all other countries, pursuant to the new USPS pricing structures. Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard, PayPal or a check on a US Bank in US Dollars.

Watercraft on Stamps I, (Handbook 117), which is 170 pages in length, has a selling price of \$17 but can be obtained for an additional \$10 with no additional increase of postage when ordered with Book 2.

The ATA currently has 68 available handbooks along with 8 different CD presentations from slide shows available from their Central Office. For a listing of all available titles and prices write to: American Topical Association – PO Box 57 – Arlington, TX 76004-0057 or see their website at

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