Sailors aboard the U.S.A.T. Burnside strike a pose for the camera - note the ship's name stitched across the sailors' caps.

Many captains brought dogs with them on long voyages, either as beloved pets or working members of the crew. Here, Captain C.H. Jensen poses with his dog.

Snow and ice presented a serious danger for ships, but also resulted in breathtakingly lovely scenes.

Photographing ships at sea required skill and determination. Hester was used to setting up cumbersome equipment in all conditions. The results, such as this image of the British ship Durbridge under full sail, were spectacular.

The captain's cabin was often handsomely furnished to impress crew and visitors, and to provide a suitable atmosphere for conducting business while in port. Here, Captain W. Learmont of the Cleomene pauses while writing a letter.

Some ships, such as the City of Seattle, had lavishly-decorated interiors. Many luxury craft plied the waters of Puget Sound. Here, revelers enjoy glasses of beer aboard the L'Amorciere.

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