

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:		Maine
COUNTY:		
Sagadahoc		
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
69-118-0013	12/3/69	

## 1. NAME

COMMON:	Tugboat "Seguin"
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Bath Marine Museum			
CITY OR TOWN: Bath			
STATE Maine	CODE 18-0000	COUNTY: Sagadahoc	CODE 023

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Bath Marine Museum		Maine
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Bath	STATE: ME Maine	

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:		Sagadahoc County Courthouse		Sagadahoc
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE	
Bath		Maine	18-0350	

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:		
DATE OF SURVEY:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:

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## Maine

COUNTY.

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The appearance of the "Seguin" has changed little through the years. The tug is 88' 1" long, 19' 8" in the beam. has a depth of 9:5" and grosses 96 tons in weight. It has a shallow 12 foot draft ideally suited for river work. The steam engine was replaced once in 1906. A new boiler was installed in 1946. The 400 horsepower engine was capable of pushing the "Seguin" through the water at 12 knots. It could operate up to 50 hours without refueling. Minor improvements have been made on the deck during its 85 years of service, but the juniper knees and keel still remain. The original smokestack, whistle, and the famous three footed white rooster that was mounted on the pilot house were removed years ago.

The Bath Marine Research Society has taken the "Seguin" to Bath. Plans are being formulated to place it in drydock and build a roof over it. At present the "Seguin" is tied up at the Bath Iron Works dock. It leaks, and must be pumped constantly.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

Built in 1884

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Named for Seguin Island in the Kennebec River, the tugboat was launched in Bath, Maine in 1884. For most of her career the tug operated out of Bath, and was used in her early days to tow four and five masted sailing vessels as well as barges from the sea to various parts of the Kennebec River. During the latter stages of her working life the "Seguin" operated out of Belfast on Penobscot Bay (1950-1969).

The "Seguin" also towed cargoes as far south as Norfolk, Virginia, as well as tending to oil tankers and destroyers.

The "Seguin" is the oldest steam operated tug in Maine and possibly in the country. She was considered to be a very reliable craft. She suffered through only one serious mishap, that being a collision with a submerged pier of the Richmond, Maine bridge. The "Seguin" had a four foot hole opened in her side, but divers patched this and the tug was quickly raised, repaired, and placed back in service.

The present 400 horsepower engine was built by the Portland Company 60 years ago.

For many years the "Seguin's" trademark was a large three-footed, white wooden rooster perched on her pilot house. Over 40 years ago the rooster was mysteriously stolen. Many attempts have been made to locate the rooster, but no trace of it remains.

For many years the tug had been the only one left on the Kennebec River. The "Seguin" has had four different owners during her colorful career.

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Parker, William T., The Seguin, Down East, November, 1959 pp. 38-40  
 Newspaper article from The Republican Journal (Belfast, Maine) July 17, 1969

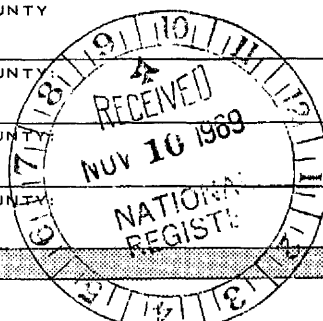
# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	43°	55'	36"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	69°	48'	45"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission DATE: November 7, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 18-0160

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name Lawrence Stuart  
 Title Director

Date November 7, 1969

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief Allen Cannally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 2 1969

ATTEST:  
William J. Sturges  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date NOV 26 1969

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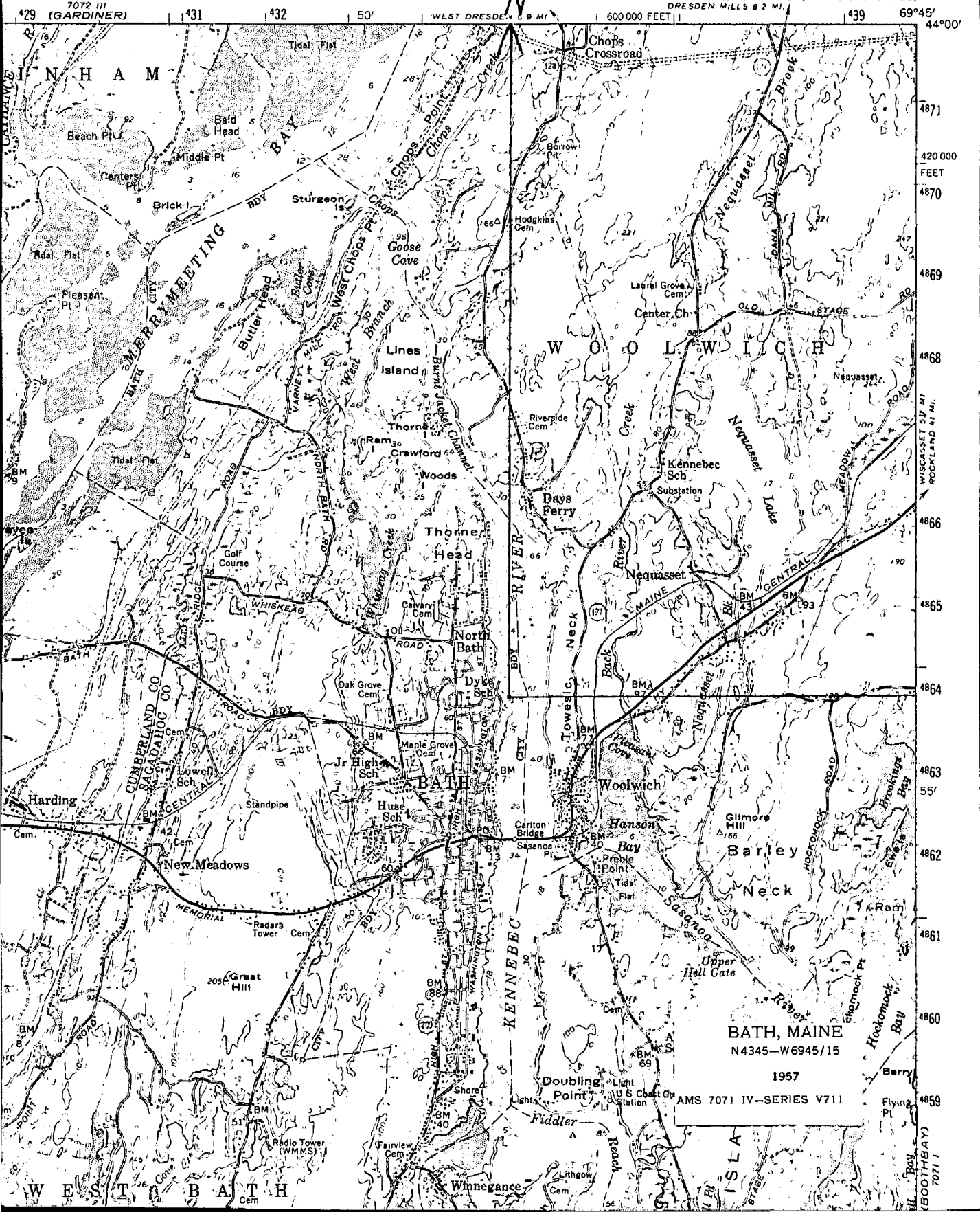
43° 55' 36"  
69° 48' 45"

Tugboat "Seguin"

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BATH QUADRANGLE  
MAINE

15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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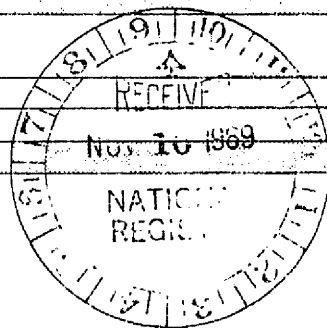
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE SOURCE: <b>U. S. G. S. 15' quadrangle, Bath</b> SCALE: <b>1:62,500</b> DATE: <b>1957</b>			
4. REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS 1. Property boundaries where required. 2. North arrow. 3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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