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## ***Kohala***

Rig: Wood 4-masted barkentine

Launched: 1901

End: 1941

Built: Fairhaven, California at Hans Bendixsen & Co.

Dimensions: 194.8' x 39.9' x 15.8'

Tonnage: 891 tons

*Kohala* was a well-known traveler on the west coast for nearly thirty years. Mostly in the lumber and sugar trades, *Kohala* also hauled coal. *Kohala*'s career ended in 1927 when the ship was anchored off Southern California as a fishing platform. *Kohala* met an unfortunate end when the ship was sunk by an American bomber in the hysterical early days of World War II. The plans of this barkentine are in the Historical American Merchant Marine Survey and are easily obtained. Charles Robert Patterson painted *Kohala*'s portrait the year the ship was sold as a fishing barge. The first photograph shows *Kohala* as the ship ought to be remembered—with a deck load of lumber.

The second photograph depicts *Kohala* laid up in the middle 1920s shortly before being sold as a fishing platform. With *Kohala* are the wood bark *McLaurin* in the center and *Katherine Mackall*, another barkentine, to the left. The steamer partially seen at far left is unidentified.

The wood bark in the center, *McLaurin* was originally a three-masted ship built Newburyport, Massachusetts by F. P. Jones and launched in 1879. Of 1374 tons, and 200.8' x 39' x 24'--*McLaurin* was burned for its metal in San Francisco Bay in 1927—the same year *Kohala* became a fishing barge. Thereby we have the upward limit for dating the photograph. The barkentine *Katherine Mackall* was another Ferris steamer hull converted to a sailing ship. Launched in 1919, the five-masted barkentine *Katherine Mackall* was 2262 tons, and 256.3' x 46' x 24.1'. *Katherine Mackall* traded across the Pacific to Australia and up and down the coast—even voyaging to Antofagasta. *Katherine Mackall* was built in Wilmington by Ralph J. Chandler Shipbuilding Co., and scrapped in Puget Sound in 1930. Therefore, this photograph more than likely dates from 1925-1927.