Demise
of the
"SCRIPPS"

Friday
November 13, 1936

San Diego Yacht Club, Point Loma, California
The "Scripps"
SAN DIEGO, Nov. 16.—Salvage operations on the motor craft Scripps, which sank after an explosion in the San Diego Yacht Club basin last Friday, were progressing rapidly late today and indications were that a part of the $15,000 worth of scientific instruments aboard the sunken boat will be recovered.

While workmen were raising the blasted hull from the bottom of the bay, Capt. Murdoch Ross, 57 years of age, and Henry Ball, 50, seriously burned in the explosion, were reported "slightly improved," in Mercy Hospital.

Capt. Ross, attendants said, regained consciousness for a short while and said that escaping gas from the stove in the galley caused the terrific blast.

Workmen plan to raise the sunken boat by means of cables placed around the hull and tow it to a local shipyard for repairs.

The Scripps is owned by the regents of the University of California and was used in research work by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla.
The "Scripps"

November 14, 1936

San Diego Yacht Club
Salvage operations under way, November 16, 1936

Diver descending to investigate and attach lines
SCRIPPS
being raised

Towed around wharf
for beaching

 Raised
November 17, 1936
after being patched
by diver for raising
Corner of laboratory looking forward; [salvage pump and hose]

Starboard side of superstructure, looking forward, Laboratory in left foreground
Looking aft (from above)
showing roof of laboratory
blown and burned out

Stern showing ripped deck.
Salvage pump at work.
Galley stove

Machine shop,
(from laboratory)
Looking down at the auxiliary

The winch