

Splashdowns

John Stonesifer writes in email that he has contributed several recovery stories to two books:

- **“Hornet Plus Three”**, Bob Fish’s book on the Apollo 11 recovery; available through Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/product-description/0974961078/ref=dp_proddesc_0?ie=UTF8&n=283155&s=books)
- **“Splashdown: NASA and the Navy”**, Don Blair’s book covering the Navy’s role in U.S. space program recovery from 1961 to 1975; available through Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com/Splashdown-NASA-Navy-Don-Blair/dp/1563119854/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1256159722&sr=1-1)

John also says “Lots of people have told me I should write a book, however, helping Fish with this one and Don Blair with his book ‘Splashdown, NASA and the Navy’ I realize it takes more work, research and time than I am ready to devote. It would take time away from my golf.”

Excerpted from John Stonesifer’s email to C. Mac Jones on October 21, 2009.

John Stonesifer worked recovery in the U.S. manned space program from 1962-1971 including Project Mercury, Gemini Program, and Apollo Program. Following his work in LRD, he continued his NASA career in Life Sciences in bioengineering developing medical experiments for the Skylab Program. His NASA landing and recovery positions were:

- Aeronautical Engineer, Recovery Operations, Flight Operations Division, (1962-1963)
- Chief, Current Operations Section, Recovery Branch, Landing and Recovery Division (1964-66)
- Chief, Recovery Systems Branch, Landing and Recovery Division (1967-1971)