

**A trip around the world with the
E. Long legacy collection of shells
-Courtesy of the North Carolina Shell Club-**

**Oral Auction
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Ocracoke, NC Community Center**



When I offered to prepare this auction catalog, I never gave it a thought that I'd get such an up close and personal understanding of Everett Long's collection as I did.

I learned what made his collection tick. He self-collected, bought, traded, negotiated, and was gifted shells.

I felt like I was going around the world with him. I discovered his own collected shells from years ago while he was stationed in Okinawa or his trips to other countries. There were shells of his that I was familiar with, shells I knew the back story to, shells I had seen on his desk in his shell room in boxes that had been shipped to him straight from his contact from the Philippines, still pungent. I DID know that he loved to talk about his shells and how he came to own them. He liked to tell his stories as most of us know. It wasn't just value and rarity to Everett, it was sentimental. It was the "hunt" to see what he could get from far off places. Making connections. During the preview, look for the 😊 stickers on the boxes or bags. They meant the shells were special, either for monetary value, rarity, or sentimentality.

There are some offered in this auction that do not have collection data, some that have a little damage, some that need cleaning and even some that have the remnants of the animal inside. But rest assured, they meant something to Everett or else he wouldn't have kept them. It is for YOU, the winning bidder, to have some fun and research the shells that he prized.

I am honored to have been given the chance to work on this catalog of shells that once belonged to a very missed member of our club.

During December 2024 and January 2025, confirmations of current taxonomy, identification verification, and popular name were done by using the following references: Molluscabase, WoRMS, Femorale.com, conchology.be, jaxshells.org, Wikipedia, Compendium of Seashells, iNaturalist.com, NCSC members, Mark Johnson and John Timmerman.

****Taxonomy is always changing so note the ID of the shell on the included tag may be different than what the catalog now shows, which is the most up-to-date taxonomy.***

All shells were measured TWICE with a digital caliper or tape measure (larger than 6") but may have a few mms as a margin of error. Winning bidders may use their own calipers to re-measure and confirm. Measurements for pectens were arrived at by taking diagonal measurements from the widest wing to the longest valve spine.

Some LOTS have cataloging numbers written somewhere on them. These are most likely from a previous owner that had a cataloging system as Everett Long was not known to have had this system.

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Dora Zimmerman

LOT 1

Japanese Spike Murex, 117.2 mm
Siratus pliciferoides, (Kuroda, 1942)
Taken from North Tawain, 10-20 fms by coral boats. A purchase from the SHELL SHOP on Ocracoke, NC

LOT 2

Map Cowrie, 71.5 mm,
Leporicypraea alga (Perry, 1811)
Taken by diver, Somalia, 2020

LOT 3

Juno's Volute, 94.8 mm
Scaphella junonia, (Lamarck, 1804)
Missing protoconch. No collection data.
RANGE: From Florida to Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. A much sought-after shell no matter the condition. Even fragments are prized for jewelry.

LOT 4

Pacific Giant Conch, 186 mm
Titanostrombus galeatus, (Swainson, 1823)
Taken snorkeling 6' at Canal deAFuera Island, Panama. Periostracum preserved with coating of oil.

LOT 5

Giant Spider Conch, 352 mm
Lambis truncata truncata, ([Lightfoot], 1786)
No collection data. A large, very nice quality shell with no visible flaws, the "fingers" are in good condition. RANGE: E. Africa, Bay of Bengal, Philippines

LOT 6

Neptunea polycostata, Scarlato, 1955, 157 mm
Live-taken at 30-40 fathoms. Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan. Tag marked "VERY RARE, GEM". Lives in cold northern seas.

LOT 7

Greater Argonaut/Paper Nautilus, 191 mm
Argonauta argo Linnaeus, 1758
On sand at Basterra Reef, Sulu Sea, Philippines. Small chip on lip but still a very delicate and beautiful shell to add to one's collection

LOT 8

Antilles Cone w/o, *Conus dominicanus*,
Hwass, 1792, 42.2 mm
Dived at night 40 ft, Grenadines

Matchless Cone, *Conus cedonulli*, Linnaeus, 1767, 38.3 mm, Taken by diver at 18 meters, on sand, Chatham Bay, Union Island, Grenadines. **SMILE STICKER**
BOTH PRIZED SHELLS, HARD TO OBTAIN !!

LOT 9

Sacred Chank (2), 126 & 135 mm
Turbinella pyrum, (Linnaeus, 1758)
E. Long personally received this from Dr. Donald Bosch while visiting his NC home Nov. 20, 2004
No collection data, RANGE: Indian Ocean
Two solid little balls of goodness that just nestle in the palm of your hand. Periostracum is not preserved on the large specimen and therefore dry and flaky.

LOT 10

Paper Fig, 71.8 mm
Ficus ficus, (Linnaeus, 1758)
No collection data, RANGE: Indo/West Pacific.
Periostracum preserved with oil.

LOT 11

Jasper Cones (2), 17.2 & 19.7 mm
Conasprella lindapowersae
(Petuch & Berschauer, 2017)
Taken by shelling guide, Glenn Duffy, from Punta Salinas, Dominican Republic

SMILE STICKER

LOT 12

Atlantic Trumpet Triton, 271 mm
Charonia variegata, (Lamarck, 1816)
Self-collected, live, by E. Long, Spring of 2003
At Ferry Point near Acklins on
Crooked Island, Bahamas

LOT 13

Florida Horse Conch, 319 mm
Triplofusus giganteus, (Kiener, 1840)
No collection data, RANGE: SE USA, NE
Mexico. Nice coloration of aperture and spire.

LOT 14

Geographic Cone, 107.8 mm
Conus geographus Linnaeus, 1758
Self-collected by E. Long
Reef walking, Okinawa, 1987

LOT 15 MUSIC VOLUTE (2)

Music Volute w/o, 57.4 mm
Voluta musica (f) carneolata, Lamarck, 1811
Self-coll. by E. Long, May 2011
Live-taken from Green Island, Newlands Reef,
Union Island

Music Volute, 49.3 mm
Voluta musica (f) thiarella, Lamarck, 1811
Self-coll. by E. Long, May 2011
Live-taken from Petit Bay, Union Island

LOT 16

Tortoise Cowry, 111.8 mm
Chelycypraea testudinaria (Linnaeus, 1758)
No other data but Zanzibar, Tanzania. An
uncommon shell that dwells in coral reef systems.
A large and unusually colored specimen.

LOT 17

Lorois's Volute, 93.4 mm
Harpulina loroisi (Valenciennes, 1863)
Trawled by local fishing boat in Kollam, India
Missing very tip of protoconch

LOT 18

Erica's Volute, 189 mm
Fulgoraria ericarum, Douté, 1997
Taken South China Sea May 2004, knobbed form
and a beautiful shell

LOT 19

Giant Clam, 364 mm
SINGLE VALVE
Tridacna gigas (Linnaeus, 1758)
No data. RANGE: Indo-Pacific
CITES Appendix II – Vulnerable status
Even a single valve this size is very hard to obtain.

LOT 20

Orange Spider Conch, 104.7 mm
Lambis crocata, (Link, 1807)
Small lambis, beautiful orange aperture
No collection data. RANGE: Indian Ocean

Millipede Conch, 145 mm
(2) *Lambis millepeda*, (Linnaeus, 1758)
RANGE: Indian Ocean and SW Pacific Ocean

Scorpion Conch, 133 & 167 mm
Lambis scorpius (2), (Linnaeus, 1758)
Both self-collected by E. Long, live, on reef,
Okinawa, Japan. No other data

LOT 21

Bengal Cone, w/o, 98 mm

Conus bengalensis, (Okutani 1968)

No collection data.

This was “GIFTED” to E. Long.

RANGE: Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea.

A very fine quality specimen. GEM

LOT 22

Hawaiian Penniform Cone, 60.3 mm

Conus purus Pease, 1863

Live, at 5' in sand under coral, West Oahu, Hawaii

Hawaiian ENDEMIC, could be GEM

LOT 23

Cobwebb Cone w/o, 82.7 mm

Conus araneosus nicobaricus, Hwass, 1792

Live-taken, Philippines, no other data

LOT 24

Episcopal Cone, 80.7 mm

Conus pennaceus Born, 1778

Muscat, Oman, Bosch family collectors 1995,
small chip on lip

LOT 25

Princely Cone, 139 mm

Conus aulicus, Linnaeus, 1758

Self-collected by E. Long, Okinawa 1986

NOTE: Because of its size, this cone has been identified as *C. aulicus* instead of *C. episcopatus* (shows on the tag).

LOT 26

(3) **Dalls Cone**, 43.1 – 65.7 mm

Conus dalli, Stearns 1873

One live-coll. and two dead-coll.

Gubernador Island, Panama, self-coll. by
E. Long March 2006

LOT 27

2) **Feathered Cones**, 50.2 – 52.4 mm

Conus praelatus, Hwass, 1792

Taken from Fernao Veloso Bay, Mozambique

LOT 28

(2) **Ranzani's Triton**, 103.8 & 187 mm

Cymatium ranzani, (Bianconi, 1850)

Coll. Gulf of Oman, Dr. Bosch's personal

collection, received November 20, 2004, from

Dr. Bosch while visiting his NC home. Large one is
a “Marvel” specimen with curved-in lip.

Small one has preserved periostracum.

LOT 29

Knobbed Triton, 190 mm

Charonia lampas, (Linnaeus, 1758)

Taken from beach in Portugal.

Knobbed form unusual to see offered.

LOT 30

FOSSIL - **Four-ridged Ecphora**, 43.1 mm

Ecphora quadricostata, (Say, 1824)

Collected from Aurora, Beaufort County, NC

May 1983, PCS Phosphate Lee Creek Mine

Pliocene Epoch (4.5-4.3 mya)

Location is no longer accessible for fossil

collecting. This is a good opportunity to

get something special from that location.

Ecphora's are always desirable.

LOT 31

Map Cowries (group of 4)

Leporacypraea mappa (3), Linnaeus, 1758

54.1 to 81.9 mm, Two with nice pink apertures.

Self-coll. by E. Long in Philippines

Leporacypraea mappa, Linnaeus, 1758, 55.2 mm

LIGHT coloration, Santo, New Hebrides, 1979

(now called VANUATU)

LOT 32

King Helmet, 237 mm
Cassis tuberosa, (Linnaeus, 1758)
No collection data,
RANGE: Western Atlantic

LOT 33

Zanzibar Tudicula w/o, 53.5 mm
Tudivasum zanzibaricum (Abbott, 1958)
By local diver, Zanzibar, Tanzania

LOT 34

Grimy Volute, 92.6 mm
Capensisvoluta lutos, (H. J. Koch, 1948)
Taken from South Africa, no other data.
RANGE: Northwestern Africa. The Author on original data tag, “Adams/Reeve” was incorrect

LOT 35

Bubble Turnip / Rapa Snail, 61.1 mm
Rapa rapa, (Linnaeus, 1758)
Self-collected by E. Long in
Okinawa, Japan
An excellent shell with periostracum preserved with oil. Not offered often like this! Lives within depressions and holes on coral.

LOT 36

Giant Tun, 224 mm
Tonna galea, (Linnaeus, 1758)
Caught in fish nets in Palawan, Philippines
A purchase from the SHELL SHOP, Ocracoke, NC

LOT 37

Florida Horse Conch w/o, 310 mm
Triplofusus giganteus, (Kiener, 1840)
Caught by local fisherman in the Bogue Inlet in NC, 1999, fragile, immature lip but WOW - that ORANGE all over!

LOT 38

Goliath Conch, 313 mm
Titanostrombus goliath (Schröter, 1805)
Taken from Brazil, no other collection data.
RANGE: Northeastern and southeastern coasts of Brazil. Small area at canal and lower lip is trimmed.
The species has long been banned for export from Brazil. This is an opportunity to add this desirable species to your collection from an estate, the only resource we now have in USA for acquiring one.

LOT 39

Lightning Whelk w/o and egg chain, 286 mm
Sinistrofulgur sinistrum, (Hollister 1958)
No collection data, RANGE: Western Atlantic from NC to Gulf of Mexico.

LOT 40

Laurent's Scallop, 55.3 mm & 61 mm.
Euvola laurentii, (Gmelin, 1791)
Taken from shrimp nets from 125' at 15 miles NNE of Fort Jefferson Dry Tortugas, January 2012

LOT 41

“SMALL COWRIES” group (6)

Granulated Cowry, 33.4 mm

Nucleolaria granulata, (Pease, 1863)

By diver Dave Watts, Oahu. A highly sought after shell ENDEMIC to Hawaii, rare in caverns at any depths.

Toothless Cape Cowry, 26.4 mm

Cypraeovula edentula (J. E. Gray, 1825)

Bonza Bay, N. of East London, S. Africa

Compton’s Cowry, 22.9 mm

Notocypraea comptonii (J. E. Gray, 1847)

15 ft. on coral, Point Grey Lagoon,
Victoria, Australia

Zonaria angelicae, 21.4 mm (no popular name)

(Clover, 1974), Trawled off-shore 120-150 ft.

Libreville, Gabon, W. Africa

Notocypraea occidentalis, 21.5 mm (no popular name)

(Iredale, 1935), found under rock slab at 3 meters,
off Albany, SW Australia 11/24/71

Brown-spotted Cowry, 13.0 & 13.6 mm

Ransoniella punctata atomaria

(Linnaeus, 1771), Local fisherman, Mactan Isl.,
Philippines

LOT 42

GROUP OF 4 CONES

Lohri’s Cone, 50.4 mm

Conus lohri, Kilburn, 1792

Live-taken by diver from Inhambane,
Mozambique, Africa, Great color!

Flag/Sumatran Cone, 80.1 mm

Conus vexillum sumatrensis (var)

Hwass in Bruguière, 1792

Live-taken from Saudi Arabia

Lip damage but even so, a beauty to have.

Banded Marble Cone, 73.2 mm

Conus bandanus, Hwass, 1792

Live-taken from Tulear, Madagascar, Africa

Lithograph Cone, 40.6 & 32.6 mm

Strategoconus litoglyphus, Hwass 1972.

Taken from Tulear, Madagascar, Africa

Larger cone has chip on the lip.

LOT 43

“FALSE COWRIES” (group of 9)

Prionovolva brevis, (G. B. Sowerby I, 1828)
19.1 mm, Aliguay Island, PI, nice “teeth” for an
Ovulid, tagged as “F+++”

Unidentified *Dentiovula*, 11.9 mm
Mactan Island, PI, local fisherman

Diminovula culman, (C. N. Cate, 1973), 13.5 mm
Near Cebu Island, PI, dredged, Nov. 2011

Prionovolva brevis (2), (G. B. Sowerby I, 1828),
18.8/19.9 mm, near Cebu Island, PI
Dredged Nov.2011

Margovula pyriformis (2), (G. B. Sowerby I, 1828),
17.6/19.7 mm, Nocnocan Island, PI
Local fisherman, BANDED form

Phenacovolva brevirostris (2), (Schumacher, 1817),
25.3/29.6 mm, Mactan Island, PI, local diver

Margovula marginata, (G. B. Sowerby I, 1828),
22.7 mm, Nocnocan Island, PI, at 35’ in coral
rubble by diver

Phenacovolva rosea (4), (A. Adams, 1854),
35.7 to 40.4 mm, Mactan Island, PI, May 2015

Margovula pyriformis (2), (G. B. Sowerby I, 1828),
13.2/13.9 mm, Olango Island, PI, tangle nets,
September 2016

LOT 44

CASSIDAE – HELMETS (set of 2)

Flame Helmet, 98.3 mm

Cassis flammea, (Linnaeus, 1758)

Taken from Crooked Island, Bahamas – Long Cay

Bull-mouth Helmet, 137 mm

Cypraecassis rufa, (Linnaeus, 1758)

Taken from Muscat, Oman. Dr. Don Bosch gifted
this *C. rufa* out of his personal collection while
Everett Long was visiting Dr. Bosch’s home May
2006

NOTE: Both Lots #45 AND Lot 46 **BELOW** were
owned previously by J. Timmerman. On February 12,
2000, he traded these two lots with E. Long in exchange
for a Japanese glass fishing float. Both of these shells
were originally purchased from Mal-de-Mer Enterprise
in 1985. The *Conus pulcher* purchased for \$37.50 and
the *Cymatium raderi* for \$75

LOT 45

Butterfly Cone, 162 mm

Conus pulcher, [Lightfoot], 1786

*Catalog number on outer lip - **SEE NOTE ABOVE**
Taken from nets of local fisherman at Mussulo Bay,
Luanda, Angola, July 1983, injury mend on the
spire, but does not take the beauty away from this
big shell.

LOT 46

Angular Triton, 215 mm

Cymatium raderi, D’Atillio & B.W. Myers, 1984

Taken from Natal, Brazil, 1984, 10-20 meters on
sand and grass bottom.

* Catalog number on inner lip – **SEE NOTE ABOVE**

LOT 47

Algarve Volute, 107.1 mm
Cymbium olla, (Linnaeus, 1758)
Trawled in 30-40 fms, on sand/mud bottom. Cabo
Lenan, Spanish Sahara, 1985

LOT 48

CONE GROUP (5 different species)
“DOTS and DASHES”

Lorenz’s Cone, 67 mm
Conus spurius lorenzianus,
Dillwyn, 1817

Tessellated Cone (var)
Conus edaphus, Dall, 1910, 48.2 mm

Alphabet Cone, 32.2 to 34.2 mm
Lindaconus spurius (3), Gmelin, 1791
Self-collected by E. Long at Trujillo Bay, Honduras
All 3 with periostracum, **SMILE STICKER**

Alphabet Cone, 58 mm
Conus spurius, Gmelin, 1791
Trawled by fishing boat 30-50 ft, Cabola Vela,
Guajira Peninsula, Colombia
SUPER nice specimen

Ermine Cone, 51 mm
Conus mustelinus, Hwass, 1792
Taken in Bohol, Philippines, data tag shows a
grading of F+++ and noted “nice spots”
SMILE STICKER

LOT 49

VOLUTE GROUP (3 different species)

Roadnight’s Volute, 111.2 mm
Livonia roadnightae, (F. McCoy, 1881)
This specimen was crabbed, taken from crab pots at
60 fathoms, Portland, Victoria, Southern Australia
Data tag notes: “Extra fine condition”

Magnificent Volute, 115.1 mm
Cymbiola magnifica, (Gebauer, 1802)
Taken at Coff’s Harbour, New South Wales,
Australia, 1971, trimmed lip

Lightning Volute, 114.7 mm
Ericusa fulgetram, (G. B. Sowerby I, 1825)
Taken by diver from Sir Joseph Banks Group of
Islands, at 50 feet on sand, South Australia,
data tag notes F+

Previously owned by J. Timmerman. On February 12, 2000, he traded this with E. Long in exchange for a Japanese glass fishing float. This shell was originally purchased from Abbey Specimen Shells

LOT 50

Giant Frog Shell, 230 mm
Tutufa bubo, (Linnaeus, 1758)
No collection data. RANGE: Indo-Pacific Oceans.
Most *T. bubos* come on the market cleaned, such as
this one.

Original data tag IDs this shell as a “Tutufa bardeyi” and having been trawled in deep water from commercial fisherman. Coast of Somalia”

LOT 51

Pacific Giant Conch, 181 mm
Titanostrombus galeatus, (Swainson, 1823)
Live-taken off of Baja, Mexico March 1965

**catalog # written on the dorsum from a previous collector.*

LOT 52

Eloise's Acteon, WITH OPERCULUM, 83.3 mm
Punctacteon eloiseae, (Abbott, 1973)
taken by diver at Masirah Island, Muscat, Oman
Bosch family collectors. Large size and chunky
SMILE STICKER

LOT 53

Swainson's Volute, 117.5 mm
Alcithoe arabica, (Gmelin, 1791)
Live-taken on beach after storm
Auckland, New Zealand

LOT 54

(2) Marble Cone, 39.2 & 103.3 mm
Conus marmoreus, Linnaeus, 1758
Taken in the Solomons Islands.
No other data. RANGE: Indo-W. Pacific
The periostracum is not often preserved on these shells.

LOT 55

West Indian Chank, 210 mm
Turbinella angulata, ([Lightfoot, 1786])
Self-collected by E. Long, live-coll. at Governor's
Harbour, Eleuthra, Bahamas in 6-10' feet water.
This shell is not often offered with the operculum.

LOT 56

TIGER COWRIES
Tiger Cowries, 67.6 to 89.6 mm
Cypraea tigris (4), Linnaeus, 1758
Various stages of maturity, one with very dark
dorsum. No collection data,
RANGE: Indo-Pacific

LOT 57

Atlantic Trumpet Triton, 239 mm
Charonia variegata, (Lamarck, 1816)
No collection data.
RANGE: SE Florida,
West Indies, Mediterranean

LOT 58

Chambered Nautilus, 178 mm
Nautilus pompilius, Linnaeus, 1758
No collection data, RANGE: South Pacific
CITES II, has repaired lip damage, but still a great
showpiece for one's cabinet of a shell that cannot be
exported from overseas anymore. One can only
obtain Nautilus shells within the USA from existing
USA collections.

LOT 59

West Indian Chank, 243 mm
Turbinella angulata, ([Lightfoot, 1786])
Self-collected by E. Long
Dead-coll. at Governor's Harbour, Eleuthra,
Bahamas in 6-10' feet water

LOT 60

Lightning Whelk, w/o, 236 mm
Sinistrofulgur sinistrum, (Hollister, 1958)
Data slip says "Taken from S.E. US"
No other data. RANGE: Western Atlantic from NC
to Gulf of Mexico.

LOT 61

PECTEN GROUP (5 different species)

Scaly Pacific Scallop, 41.4 & 46.5 mm

(from widest wing to widest spine)

Scaechlamys squamata (2), (Gmelin, 1791)

Nada Cho, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan

Paper-thin shells

Leopard Scallop, 59.7 mm

Annachlamys flabellata, (Lamarck, 1819)

Trawled in Shark Bay, Western Australia

Diana's Scallop, 31.9 to 54.9 mm,

Semipallium diana (6), (Crandall, 1979)

Taken by divers off Zampa Cape,

Okinawa, Japan, 1986, beautiful color grouping

Japanese Baking Scallop, 35.4 to 36.9 mm

Pecten albicans (4), (Schröter, 1802)

Taken at Ueno, Japan

Mirapecten moluccensis (4),

24.1 to 31.1 mm

Dijkstra, 1988

Taken Olango Island, Philippines, Dec. 2014

Nice show of color variation.