

## The Star of India

- The *Star of India* is a sailing ship, meaning she uses sails to catch the wind, which drives her forward
- She was completed more than 150 years ago on November 14, 1863, on the Isle of Man, which is near the United Kingdom
- She was originally named the *Euterpe*, after the Greek muse of music and poetry
- She was built with an iron “hull,” or body, even though at that time most ships were made with wooden hulls
- She is 205 feet long and 35 feet wide
- Originally, her main job was sailing to India to transport cargo
- At that time sailing was dangerous and the *Euterpe* met with plenty of obstacles
- On her first voyage, there was a collision and a mutiny (a mutiny is when the sailors refuse to obey their captain)
- On her second voyage, she was hit by a cyclone, which is a very dangerous type of storm, and barely made it to a port. Shortly after that, her first captain died and was buried at sea.
- In 1871, she started transporting immigrants to New Zealand. She made 21 trips and circumnavigated (went around) the world 21 times
- In 1906 she was sold to the Alaskan Packers Association and renamed *The Star of India*
- She made 22 Alaskan voyages and then stopped transporting cargo in 1923
- In 1926 she was sold to the San Diego Zoological Society
- There were plans to restore the ship but the Great Depression of the late 1920s-early 30s delayed the restoration
- The restoration finally began in the late 1950s
- On July 4, 1976 she finally sailed again in celebration of the United States’ bicentennial (200-year anniversary)
- The *Star of India* is now a part of the San Diego Maritime Museum on the Embarcadero on San Diego Bay
- She is the fourth oldest ship still afloat and the oldest ship in the world that still regularly sails



*The Star of India - July 4, 1976*

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*Photo by Gerald W. Shonkwiler, AIA Emeritus*

## The Berkeley

- The *Berkeley* was built over 120 years ago, in 1898
- The *Berkeley* is 279 feet long and 64 feet wide
- She has a unique architectural style that showcases the look of the Victorian era: detailed and ornate decorations
- She is a ferry boat, meaning she was designed to transport passengers back and forth for short distances
- She was originally built to run on steam, meaning her engines burned coal to boil water which made steam, and this provided power to drive her forward
- The *Berkeley* operated on the San Francisco Bay, traveling back and forth between the Oakland Pier and the San Francisco Ferry Building; this was a very important job because there were no bridges there at that time, so traveling by boat was the shortest and fastest way to travel to different parts of the bay
- In 1906, San Francisco was hit with a terrible earthquake which destroyed many buildings and cause fires all over the city. After the earthquake, the *Berkely's* captain and crew worked day and night, rescuing thousands of people from the burning city and bringing them to safety.
- She continued to operate on the San Francisco Bay for 60 years, before retiring from service in 1958
- In 1973 she was sold to the Maritime Museum of San Diego. She was towed by tug boat from San Francisco, arriving in San Diego 3 days later, where she was then restored.
- Because of the *Berkeley's* unique design and special history, she is a California State Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark
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*The Berkeley - September, 2021*

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