

PRINS WILLIM
REPLICA OF DUTCH EASTINDIAMAN OF 1642



General characteristics

Built :	Amels shipyard Makkum NL 198
Former Names	
Owner	Talsma Shipyard Franeker NL 2009
Tonnage:	700 tons payload
Length:	42,00 m
Beam:	11,50 m
Height:	Max. Height: 56,00 m
Draft:	5.50 m
Armament:	32 Guns



Rigging down Overhaul of rigging and rigging up after transport 2003-2004

- ◆ **Client** Libema BV
- ◆ **Main Contractor for rigging** Mennens Amsterdam BV
Finance, material purchase, logistics, personel
- ◆ **Subcontractor** Richard Tefsen Sailmaster
Project Management, on site implementation, personel
- ◆ **Duration of project** December 1st 2003 – April 30th 2004
- ◆ **Location** Drydock Willemsoord former Navybase Den-Helder

Project description:

- ◆ Dismanteling and removing from the ship of nine yards and one lateen boom, including running rigging
- ◆ Disassembly and removal from the ship of Fore topmast and foretopgallant mast and, maintopmast and main topgallant mast and mizzenmast at location Nagasaki Japan
- ◆ Overhaul of standing rigging and renewi running rigging
- ◆ Installation and assembly of masts and spars with new standing rigging
On arrival Den Helder from Japan
- ◆ Installation of yards with running rigging.



Maintenance 2004 -2009

Contractor Richard Tefsen Sailmaster

- ◆ Maintenance at regular six month Intervals
- ◆ Dismanteling of Mizzen mast and yards renewal of mizzen lowermast
Stepping of new mast, rigging up to original state
- ◆ Dismanteling of bowsprit, renewal of bowsprit
Stepping of new bowsprit and rigging up to original state
- ◆ Dismanteling of maintopmast and maintopgallant mast and yards
Repair of maintopmast stepping masts and rigging up to original state.



The Prins Willem

The Prins Willem (or Prins Willim) was the largest ship at the time of the Dutch East India Company (the VOC).^[citation needed]

History

The original Prins Willim was built in 1649 in Middelburg for the Middelburg chambers of the Dutch Eastindia Company (VOC) in the Netherlands and sank near Madagaskar in 1662.

Curiously, the name on the ship was Prins Willim with an I. Two possible reasons have been advanced:

- the ship's name is Middle Dutch
- lack of space for the name caused the "e" to be changed to a shorter "i"

Replica

A replica with the same name was built 1984 at the Dutch shipyard Amels in Makkum for the Oranda Mura ("Holland Village") theme park in Nagasaki, Japan.

In 2004, the replica became part of the theme park Cape Holland in Den Helder, the Netherlands.

In 2009, the bowsprit of the Prins Willim replica was being restored.

On the morning of 30 July 2009, the replica was lost to fire, probably due to an electric malfunction. The owner of the ship, the Libéma company, was to decide on a restoration.

Libema deemed restoration not feasible whereupon the remains of the ship were bought by Talsma Shipyard from Franeker NL and transported to nearby seaport Harlingen.

In summer 2010 negotiations are closing to rebuild the Prins Willem to become part of a new theme-park in Harlingen.

