

AMSTERDAM
REPLICA OF DUTCH EASTINDIAMAN OF 1749



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General characteristics	
Built :	Lelystad 1985
Former Names	
Owner	Dutch National Nautical Museum
Tonnage:	1100 tons DWT
Length:	48,00 m
Beam:	11,50 m
Height:	Max. Height: 56,00 m
Draft:	5.50 m
Armament:	42 Guns

Overhaul of rigging winter 2001 – 2002



- ◆ **Client** Dutch National Nautical Museum
- ◆ **Main Contractor for rigging** Mennens Amsterdam BV
Finance, material purchase, logistics, personnel
- ◆ **Subcontractor** Richard Tefsen Sailmaster
Project Management, on site implementation, personnel
- ◆ **Duration of project** December 1st 2001 – March 26th 2002
- ◆ **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 lowermast, fore topmast and foretopgallant mast and mainlowermast, maintopmast and main topgallant mast Mizzenmast and mizzentopmast

- ◆ Overhaul of standing rigging and partly renew running rigging
- ◆ Installation and assembly of masts and spars with new standing rigging
- ◆ Installation of yards with running rigging.



The original “Amsterdam” was a 18th century cargo ship of the Dutch East India Company VOC. The Amsterdam started its maiden voyage from Texel to Batavia on 8 January 1749, but was wrecked in a storm on the English Channel on 26 January 1749. It’s wreck was discovered in 1969 in the bay of Bulverhythe, United Kingdom, and is sometimes visible during low tides.

Some of the findings from the site are in the Shipwreck and Coastal Heritage Centre in Hastings. The replica of the Amsterdam is on display in Amsterdam.

The *Amsterdam* was an East Indiaman or “return ship” built for transport between the Dutch Republic and the settlements of the Dutch East India Company. On an outward voyage these ships carried guns and bricks

and silver and golden coins to purchase Asian goods. On a return journey the ships carried

spices, fabrics, and china. On an outward voyage of eight months, the ships were populated by around 240 men, and on a return journey by around 70.

The *Amsterdam* was built of oak on the shipyard for the Amsterdam chamber of the Dutch East India Company in Amsterdam.

The replica of the Amsterdam was built in Iroko wood by 400 volunteers using tools of the period, between 1985 and 1990 at Lelystad. It was floated to Amsterdam and is usually moored next to the Netherlands Maritime Museum, where it's open to visitors.

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