



## PILGRIM

**The *Pilgrim*** is a full size replica of the hide brig immortalized by Richard Henry Dana, Jr. in his American seafaring classic novel *Two Years Before the Mast*. Dana said of the *Pilgrim*, “The vessel I am going on is small, but strong and a remarkably fast sailer having been built for the smuggling trade.”

The original *Pilgrim* was built in 1825 at a cost of \$50,000. Her length was a mere 90 feet compared to the average 110 feet for other vessels of the same class. The purpose of its 1834 voyage that is the basis for the Ocean Institute’s Two Years Before the Mast program was to participate in the California cattle hide trade for her Boston owners, Bryant and Sturgis. The *Pilgrim* set sail from Boston loaded with New England’s manufactured goods such as shoes, foodstuffs and ironware. When she arrived along the Alta California coast, the *Pilgrim* sold or traded her New England wares, then procured hides from the missions and rancheros to be transported back to Boston. The *Pilgrim* anchored several times at San Juan Bay (Dana Point).

Today’s *Pilgrim* started her life in 1945 as a three-masted schooner plying the Baltic coastal trade out of Denmark. In 1975, she was sailed to Lisbon, Portugal by Captain Ray Wallace, the noted marine architect, where she was converted to her present rig.

<b>Length on Deck:</b>	98'	<b>Net Tonnage:</b>	64
<b>Beam:</b>	24.6'	<b>Built:</b>	1945, Denmark
<b>Mainmast Height:</b>	98'		

The *Pilgrim* entered Dana Point Harbor in September 1981, amidst tremendous community support, destined to become the Ocean Institute’s largest classroom. Today, the *Pilgrim* provides a national award-winning living history program to over 16,000 students a year. The *Pilgrim* also hosts a variety of dramatic and musical maritime theatrical performances during the summer months.

Aside from acting as a living classroom for students and a theater for the public, the *Pilgrim* sets sail annually with her volunteer crew. The skills of sailing and maintaining a historic vessel are kept alive by her volunteer crew, which musters every spring to learn traditional seafaring skills. Late summer, the *Pilgrim* sets sail on her sail-training voyage up the coast and around the Channel Islands. Her return in early September is celebrated with the annual *Toshiba Tall Ships Festival*. The *Pilgrim* is also available for both public and private dockside tours, overnight living-history programs, birthday parties and weddings.

To learn more about the *Pilgrim* visit [www.ocean-institute.org](http://www.ocean-institute.org).



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