

TITANIA**AREA OF SERVICE:** LONDON-WEST COAST (1888-1893)**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Clipper, barque-rigged by 1886

Designer and builder: Designed by Robert Steele

Dimensions: 200 feet long, 36 feet in the beam, 21 feet deep, mainmast 146 feet from deck to truck

Tonnage: 1223 builder's tonnage (Lloyd's Register shows it 879 tons)

HISTORY:

- 1866, 26 Nov. Launched on the Clyde for Messrs. Shaw, Lowther & Maxton (*The Beaver*, September 1942 p. 27, December 1938 p. 105)
- 1870, 27 Oct. Beat *Cutty Sark* and *Taeping* to Shanghai (John Cass on SF)
- 1871 Beat *Cutty Sark* and *Thermopylae* from Foochow to London (John Cass on SF)
- 1873 Lower Yards were reduced by 10 feet before departing for Melbourne, Australia (John Cass on SF)
- 1885 Bought by HBC for £1,400 from Messrs Shaw, Bushby & Co. of 9, Fenchurch Street, who also owned *Oberon*, refitted as a barque (SF; *The Beaver*, December 1928 p. 104)
- 1886, 10 Jan. Sailed from London round the Horn to Victoria, B.C. for HBC (108 days) (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106, September 1942 p. 27)
- 1887, 27 March Sailed to Vancouver in 136 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1887, 26 Sept. Sailed Vancouver to London in 113 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1888, 28 March Sailed London to Vancouver in 122 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1888, 28 Sept. Sailed Vancouver to London in 113 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1889, 8 March Sailed London to Vancouver, arriving 25 July (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1889, 28 Sept. Sailed Victoria to London in 109 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1890, 21 Nov. Sailed New Westminster to London in 123 days under first mate after Captain died (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1891, 17 July Sailed London to Esquimalt in 116 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1892, 15 Jan. Sailed Victoria to London in 122 days (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1893, Spring Sold by HBC to the Italian firm Pollio & Company (*The Beaver*, September 1942 p. 27)
- 1900 Sold by Pollio & Company, sailed to Rio, the Plate, Reunion, Melbourne (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1909 Laid up in Marseilles (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
- 1910, March Broken up (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)

**MASTERS: SEE OTHER SIDE****BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

- [Basil Lubbock], "The Days of the Tea Clipper," *The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 104-106
- Captain L.R.W. Beavis, "Titania, Queen of the Clippers," *The Beaver*, June 1938 p. 15-17 (describes trips 28 September 1888-15 January 1890)

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:

- Model and painting (*The Beaver*, June 1938 pp. 15-17, September 1942 p. 27)
- HBCA Photographs 1987/363-T-10/1-2; HBCA Documentary Art P-211, P-643

REFERENCES:

- A.12/FT Misc/292 Correspondence 1891
- C.7/180 Crew, 1886-1891
- E.188/272-275 Agreement and Account of Crew, 1887-1892
- Search File: "Ships-*Titania*" (includes articles by John Cass on two ships named *Titania*)

MICROFILM REELS:

- 858
- 2M149

MASTERS:

1866-1870 Captain Burgoyne (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 105)
1870-1886 Captain Dowdy (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 105)
1886-1890 Captain James Lawrence 'Dandy' Dunn (A.6/28 fo. 175, 178-178d)
1891-1892 Captain Selby (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)
Early 1900s Captain Leboffe (*The Beaver*, December 1938 p. 106)

