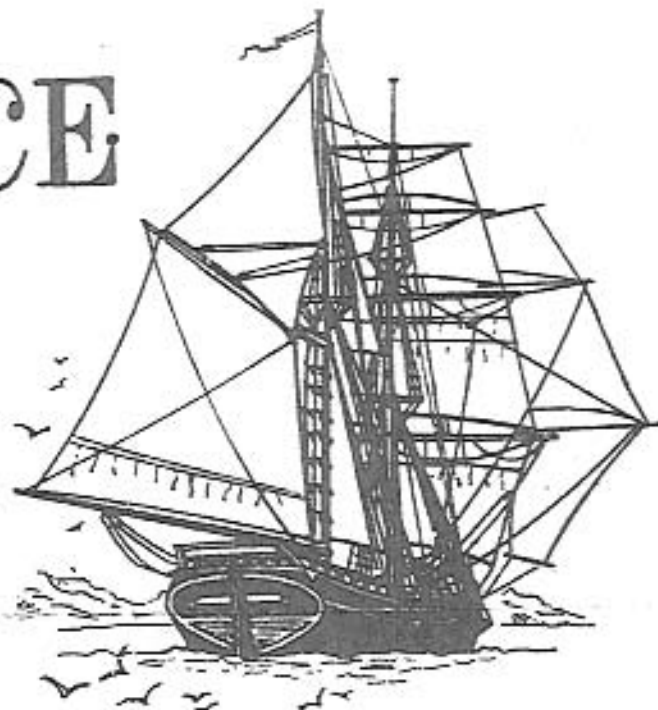


Brigantine
ROMANCE
AROUND
THE
WORLD



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT!

SAILING OCT. 1, 1975 - MAY 1977 - 20 MONTHS

The ultimate adventure, the unparalleled challenge, the supreme voyage of a lifetime . . . begins October 1st for 18 dedicated seafarers. All the whole wide world to roam — in a square rigged sailing ship scudding before the trade winds — such an adventure calls to us only once.

There are over 35 magnificent square riggers on the high seas today. — but nearly all of them are government training ships. There is almost no chance at all for an individual to go "down to the sea" in a square rigger. Romance is the world's only privately owned brigantine making long ocean voyages. Her crew for this world cruise will be chosen from among Romance veterans and newcomers alike. All hands will share equally the work, costs and achievements of this 20 month odyssey. All will stand regular sea watches under the ship's officers, sail the ship and carry out the traditional duties of seamen before the mast.

Romance is a celebrated deepsea cruising brigantine of proven excellence, with many major ocean voyages to her credit: Denmark to Hawaii (half way around the world), two 3 month, 6,000 mile Galapagos expeditions, a monumental 10 month, 20,000 mile exploration of the South Pacific two years ago, and just last summer, a 3 month journey through the 'unknown' southern and western islands of the Caribbean, and the Yucatan. A going ship. Well planned, unusual voyages conducted by Capt. Arthur M. Kimberly, Master of Sail, with a lifetime of world sailing experience at his command. Member of the American Sail Training Association, Mystic and South Street Seaports, and the National Geographic Society. Romance herself is a living, sailing representative of the Great Age of Sail, a true and faithful re-creation of a c. 1850 brigantine, a lovely, comfortable and able cruising home. Romance is not a luxury yacht, but a true sailing ship well equipped, through experience, for ocean voyaging.

THE VOYAGE

The Brigantine Romance will make a classic circumnavigation, following the trade winds westward around the world. Sailing from Grenada, West Indies, Romance will romp before the trades across the Caribbean to little known and primitive Cuna Indian settlements in the San Blas Islands. We'll transit the busy Panama Canal, and leave a way of life behind us, as we set out into the vast Pacific Ocean. We'll make a thorough exploration of the strange, lost world of the Galapagos (our 6th), sailing in the wake of Darwin's Beagle. Down the long, lonely road of the south east trades, Romance will wander in company with whales, until at last, a surf-bound rock rises from the sea — Pitcairn Island. We'll shoot the surf into Bounty Bay, where old friends, decedents of Fletcher Christian and the Bounty mutineers, will welcome the Romance crew into their homes and hearts. Then Romance will range north and west to the mist shrouded peaks and lush valleys of the Marquesas, the low shining atolls of the Tuamotus, and . . . and TAHITI. Now deep in Polynesia, Romance will explore both the traditionally favorite ports, Moorea, Bora Bora, Pago Pago, Apia, Rarotonga and Fiji — and the remote, seldom visited gems waiting to be discovered — Huahini, Tahaa, Maupiti, Atafu and Nukenono in the Tokelaus, and many others in French Oceania, the Cook Islands, etc.

Continuing westward into darkest Melanesia, we'll see the land divers of Pentecost Island in the New Hebrides, primitive tribes in New Guinea and Borneo. The Orient — Singapore, Java, Komodo, Bali — lands of temple bells, buddhas, delicate green rice paddies, sampans, exquisite Balinese dancing. Keeling Cocos, isolated and beautiful, and on across the wide Indian Ocean to the Seychelles, a bird and tortoise sanctuary of unparalleled beauty. And fabled Zanzibar, dazzling white Arab city of cloves and ivory, and shores from the Persian Gulf and India.

Now comes the best sailing of the entire voyage, the classic trade wind crossing of the South Atlantic, to mid-ocean St. Helena and Ascension Islands; Belem, and the Amazon River, Guyana, Tobago. And in May, 1977, 20 months after we started, the biggest Circumnavigation Celebration ever, in Grenada, for the smashluckling crew of a brigantine home from around the world.

WHAT IS LIFE AT SEA LIKE?

Aboard Romance, we live, work, and in the tropics, sleep on deck under the trade winds, sun and stars, a barefoot, healthy outdoor life. There is more to do, see and experience than one short day can hold. Useful work to do — aloft in a cloud of snowy canvas, with the blue ocean sparkling below you, hauling braces, standing your trick at the wheel, keeping lookout at night with porpoises for company. We spend our daytime four hour watch keeping our seagoing home proud and shipshape, doing rigging and sail work, sanding, painting, cleaning, galley, engine work. Yet in the seagoing life, there's time for leisure and solitude; time to enjoy the beauty and wonder of the ever changing sea around us. Of sails swelling in the moonlight; whales blowing . . . the hiss of the cutwater, the song of the rigging, and the fragrance of ship's bread baking.

THE CREW

Romance's world voyage is open to single young men and women of good character. Sailing experience is not essential, for under Captain Kimberly, Romance herself is a fine teacher of the ways of the sea. But you must be able to contribute needed skills to the team effort: diesel and small engine mechanics, electricity, carpentry, painting, sail making, sewing, rigging, nursing, languages, etc. You must be able to learn the ropes quickly, and be willing and eager to pull your fair share of the load — sometimes for more. This challenging voyage means hard work — for we must maintain the ship for nearly two years. It means handling sail on deck and aloft in storm, rain and cold on the blackest nights at sea. Long passages in the loneliest of oceans, far from steamer tracks, for it is the remote islands that call us. Such a voyage demands your total commitment; the ability to get along, to accept minor disappointments and hardships, and to forget petty differences for the good of this one, big, seagoing family. There will be Romance veterans to make you welcome, and show you the ropes. Only solid, dependable types fare well at sea.

The rewards are many; the camaraderie and joy of seagoing life, the discoveries of a strange and wonderful island world, where magical names like Pitcairn, Pago Pago, Bali and Zanzibar come to life out of the pages of adventure and romance. But, perhaps the greatest reward is . . . the challenge itself.

THE COST

The cost of a world voyage is monumental, and growing every year. Each member's share has been kept as low as possible, \$8,500 for the entire 20 month voyage, about \$12 a day. This includes all shipboard expenses, meals, linens, etc, and the ship as your hotel in port. Shore expeditions are on your own, and optional. Under special circumstances, a few berths may be available for sections of the voyage, on a space available basis.

Galapagos, South Pacific (7 months to Fiji) \$3,875.

Malanesia, Orient & Indian Ocean (8 months Fiji to Africa) \$3,875.

Africa-Amazon Sea Safari (5 months from Cape Town) \$1,250.

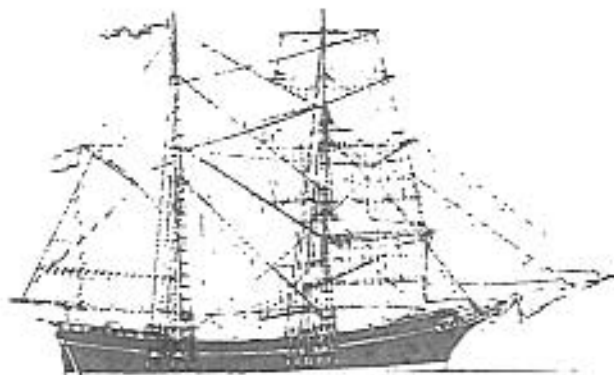
(Complete itinerary saves \$500.)

HOW TO APPLY

In writing, giving your age, background, experience, skills, why you want to crew a square rigger around the world. Please enclose a recent snapshot. You will be sent a formal application, and this plus a \$500 deposit, will reserve your berth. The deposit will be refunded if space is not available, or if for any reason, your application is not accepted. A trial cruise in the Virgin Islands, at our expense, will be required of those who have not sailed in Romance before. This helps assure a smooth working, compatible crew, and benefits all members.

We shall be happy to answer your questions. A complete, illustrated brochure, and chart of the voyage will be ready soon, and sent to you on request.

Member Mystic Seaport, South Street Seaport and the International Sea Training Association.



Length: 90' Length O.A.: 110' Beam: 22'
82 Gross Tons, 200 Tons Displacement
Sail Area: 4,500 sq. ft.

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