

Ship Details

- **Figurehead:** The figurehead represents a Sea Serpent, and was originally hand carved by crewmember Marty Martinson. It was recently repaired by Bill Pristowe and Taylor Fiederlein, volunteers from the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation.
- **Shields:** The shields are made of wood, and represent the following countries: Newfoundland, Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.
- **Boxes:** Hand made by crewmembers, and used to store gear during sails.
- **Coast Guard Rating:** Maximum crew of 20 people.
- **Crew:** 7-12 people
- **Trainees:** 7-12 people
- **Dockside visitors:** 18-20 people
- **Towing Vehicle:** Red 1997 Chevrolet Crew Cab pickup truck



The *Norseman* is a member vessel of Tall Ships America (formerly ASTA). To find more about Tall Ships America, go to sailtraining.org.



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Ship FAQs

- **Is the *Norseman* a real boat?**
Yes, the *Norseman* is a fully functioning ship, and has sailed in many bodies of water, including lakes, rivers, bays and even the Atlantic Ocean.
- **The *Norseman* is small! Did Vikings sail to America on a ship this size?**
No, they did not sail to America on a ship this size, however ships this long did exist – for traveling on smaller bodies of water, like rivers, fjords, and bays. Ships have been discovered that ranged in size from 20' long all the way to 120'. We chose to build our ship 40' long to be easily towed on a trailer.
- **Why are there flags on the shields?**
As we use our ship as an educational tool, we decided not to have historically accurate shields. Instead we painted our shields with the flags that represent the areas where the Vikings lived, and where Leif Ericson started (Greenland) and ended (Newfoundland).
- **Why are the oars made with points?**
The Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia found three different oar designs in the Viking era and presented us with the findings. We decided on this design because it invites guests to ask questions, where the more common designs would not.

The Norseman About the Ship

