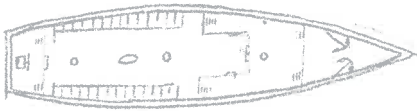


ENDURANCE



Originally intended for tourist cruises and polar hunting, the Endurance (or Polaris as she was initially named) was perhaps the strongest wooden vessel in the world with the exception of the Fram. She was named Endurance after Shackleton's family motto: *By Endurance We Conquer*.



Endurance was designed by Ole Aanderud Larsen, and constructed under the watch of master shipbuilder Christian Jacobsen in Framnaes shipyard in Sandefjord, Norway.

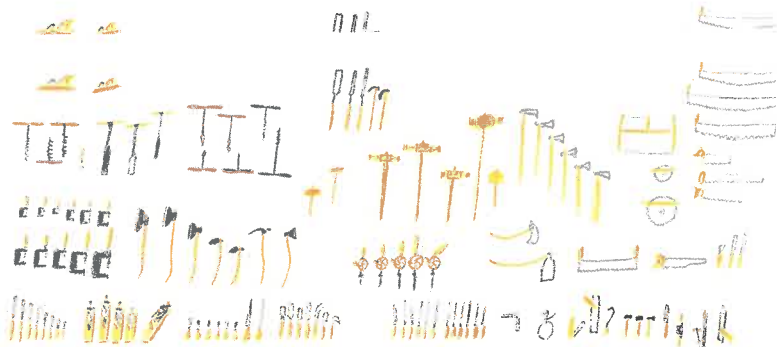
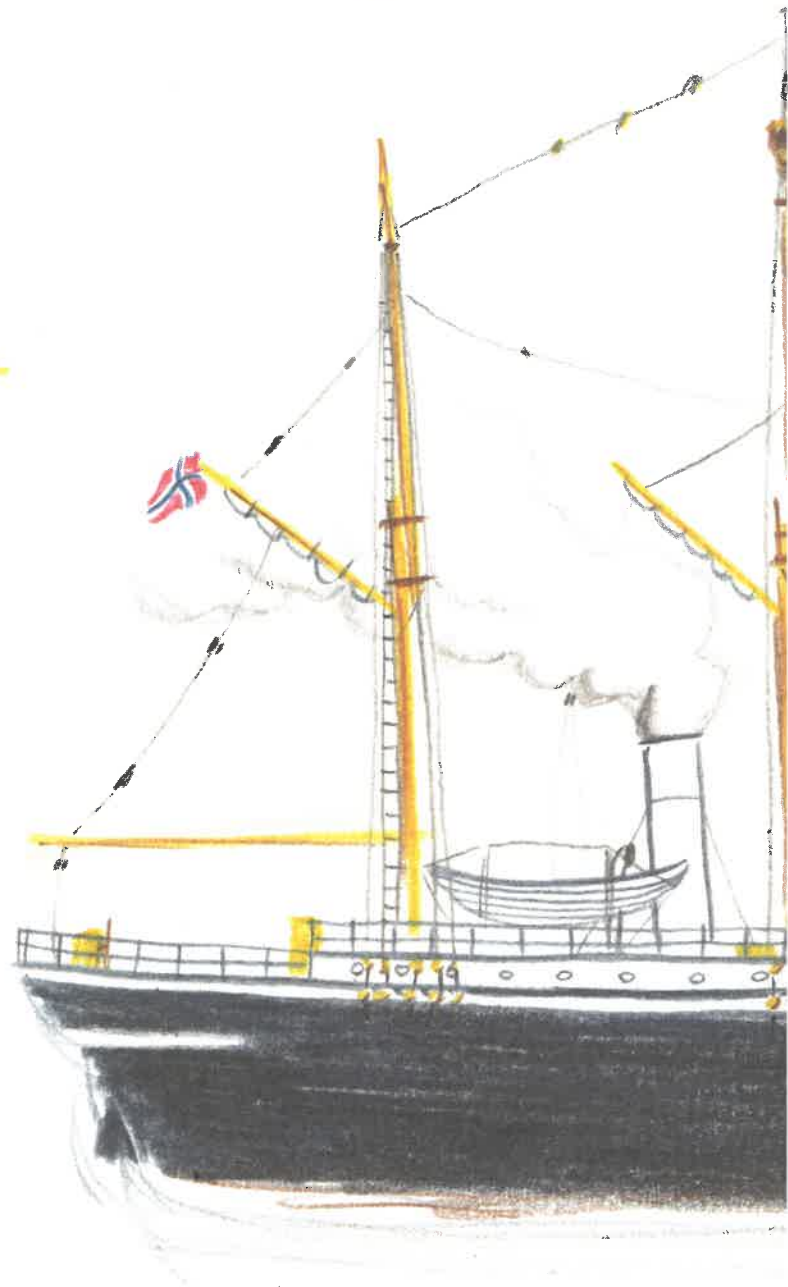
Jacobsen, being a meticulous craftsman, made sure that all the men who worked on the ship's construction were experienced seafarers as well as skilled shipwrights.



One of the main differences between the Endurance and the Fram was that the Fram was bowl-bottomed, allowing her to rise out of the ice if she became stuck.



Luckily for Shackleton, the original owners Adrien de Gerlache and Lars Chistensen were in financial straits and desperate to sell the ship. Being supportive of Shackleton's intentions, they were happy to sell the ship for £11,600 (approx £45,000 in today's currency), a fraction of the original cost.



Being such a unique ship, Endurance had to be worked on with a whole host of conventional and unconventional carpentry tools.