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)
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C.7/180  Crew, 1886-1891  2M149
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)

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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)