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## Baltimore builds PRIDE II— a labor of love



### PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II

(topsail schooner)  
Bermuda # 1129 (2017) \$1.15

**1988 – Pride of Baltimore Inc., Baltimore, MA, US; G. Peter Boudreau, Inner Harbour, Baltimore; Gt. 97, nt. 67; 47.70 x 7.90 x 3.70m (draught), length of keel 32.80m; two auxiliary diesel engines 160 hp each, 13 kn; Sail area 970 square metres; accommodation for 12 crew and six guests.**

After the tragic sinking of the original **PRIDE OF BALTIMORE** in May 1986, the Board of Directors of the non-profit public/private agency that operated **PRIDE** for the City were reluctant to build a replacement. But an outpouring of unsolicited financial support from the public forced the Board into going forward with a new ship.

She was to be another "Baltimore Clipper" topsail schooner that would continue the mission of the first ship. With an insurance payment of just under \$500,000, along with a state grant of \$1 million, and various contributions from private citizens, students, corporations, and foundations of over \$2.5 million, sufficient funds were available to build a new ship and endow an operating fund.

Thomas Gillmer was once again commissioned as designer and supervising architect. Peter Boudreau, one of the builders and captains of the original vessel, was named as master shipwright and builder. Guided by the experience of the original **PRIDE**, the Board determined that this vessel could better fulfill the mission of the globe-trotting ambassador that had evolved over the years if she was larger and had more cruising range, both under sail and under power. It was also determined that **PRIDE II** would have additional modern safety features so as to be licensed by the United States Coast Guard as a subchapter "T" vessel approved for carrying passengers. With these guidelines in hand, designer Gillmer set out to create a new **PRIDE** that would look much like the original on the outside but have more contemporary amenities and safety features below deck.

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