Endurance – Shackleton’s ship

The Endurance is considered to be one of the most famous ships that ever sailed the World’s oceans. Its name is known alongside those other great ships: The Beagle, Titanic and HMS Victory. Despite the Endurance’s ultimate fate, its story is often told and the names of the Endurance and Shackleton have become synonymous with resilience, bravery and courage.

Birth of a boat

The Endurance (originally called Polaris) was designed by Ole Aanderud Larsen and built by master shipbuilder Christian Jacobsen. Both Norwegians, they toiled together to create a ship that could withstand the rigors that the polar climates and seas would throw at the ship.

The skilled shipwrights (builders of ships) were all experienced seafarers and could bring their own knowledge of nautical difficulties to the construction process. This enabled them to create a ship that would have the best chances of surviving the harsh and unpredictable conditions in the Arctic and Antarctic.

Possible sections

How it was built

Parts of the a ship

Summary of Endurance’s life