



Bark STAR OF INDIA
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State Nautical School, and commanding officer of the school-ship NEWPORT, the steamers RUTH ALEXANDER, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AMERICAN LEGION, and others, and is an outstanding figure in the maritime world. Capt. Sheridan's estimate of the cost of complete rejuvenation of the vessel, so that she could put to sea under her own canvas, was around \$5,000. For our own use, of course, this is far more than would be needed. He concurred in the view that the danger from falling spars is negligible, and made the following recommendations:

- a. Chip (or wire-brush) and paint the hull, bulwarks, deckhouses and spars not ordinarily oiled.
- b. Tar the standing-rigging, putty the cheeks in the main topmast, and oil fore, main and mizzen topmasts and topgallant masts, in the wake of the parrels of the sliding yards.
- c. Caulk the decks, to prevent leakage below.
- d. Make annual inspection aloft, to detect any possible corrosion which may develop in years to come, and arrest such action by chipping and red-leading.

4. Much of the work enumerated in Paragraph # 3 already has been accomplished or is under way. Port Director Joe Brennan, although I believe that he officially resigned from this group, has been a wonder in promoting work on the ship, and it is due to him that a large WPA crew now is hard at work on the restoration. (This, incidentally, is confidential, as the project has yet to be approved. However, the starboard side is nearly done already -- chipped, and given a coat of red anti-corrosive paint.) It looks as if the long-sought restoration, at no cost to the Zoological Society, is at hand.

5. Educational value of the ship has increased greatly this year. In addition to the Sea Scouts, who use the vessel to such good advantage that many of them have found their life's work by getting preliminary training in maritime matters and have gone into the merchant service, the navy and other kindred occupations, an average of about two classes a week visit the ship from the elementary schools. Teachers accompanying them are highly enthusiastic about the advantage of having the ship available for school instruction purposes in the study of water transportation and history.

6. Early this summer the STAR OF INDIA was moved from the north end of the Embarcadero to a special pier built for her near the foot of State Street, the moving and the building of the pier being accomplished at no cost to the owners. The new location

