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"The Star of India"

The Star of India is probably one of the oldest iron-hulled wind-jammers afloat. This brief documentary film outlines the efforts of the Star of India's Restoration Committee to gain support to restore her to her former glory. Admirals George Henderson, Richard Harrison Jackson and William H. Standley discuss the great heritage of the Star of India and help create an immediate interest and sympathy in this worthy project.

The Star of India was launched nearly one hundred years ago, in 1863, at a cost of 25,000 pounds sterling. Mariners sailed the Star over the seven seas. Calcutta, Rangoon, Bombay and Liverpool were prominent ports of call. In 1926, the Star was berthed in San Diego harbor . . . and was forgotten.

After 30 years, in November, 1959, a dedicated group of San Diegans acted to save the Star of India. Our film shows this tremendous undertaking. Now, after 63 years at sea and 35 years of idleness, she's still afloat — thanks to the men who volunteered their labor, materials and equipment.

The Star of India needs your help. New masts are needed to replace the stunted sticks that mar her beauty. New decks are needed to replace the ancient planks that have served her so long. She needs new fittings and fixtures. Her brightwork and interior will have to be restored.

Marine surveyors have stated that the Star of India can be saved. This film shows why. Running time: 12 minutes.

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