

# Ambassador (clipper)

***Ambassador*** is a  United Kingdom tea clipper built in 1869. She was a  composite clipper, built with wooden planking over an iron skeleton and was W. Lund & Co's first tea clipper. She is now a beached wreck in southern  Chile.

## History

William Walker built *Ambassador* at Lavender Dry Dock in London.

Though considered a fast ship, *Ambassador* was said to be "very cranky and overmasted".<sup>[2]</sup> Her first passage to the UK from Foochow came during the  Tea Race of 1870 under Captain Duggan and took 115 days, a mediocre performance; that same year the fastest tea passage, also from Foochow, was made by the clipper  *Lahloo* (clipper) in just 98 days. *Ambassador's* fastest passage between China and England was 108 days, in 1872.<sup>[2]</sup>

*Ambassador* has been beached at Estancia  San Gregorio,  Chile since 1899.<sup>[3]</sup> In 1973 Chile declared her a historic monument.<sup>[4]</sup>

The wreck is now reduced to a skeletal frame.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

## See also

Better preserved composite ship constructions include:

- City of Adelaide* (1864), passenger clipper relocated from Scotland to Adelaide in 2014
- Cutty Sark* (1869), tea-clipper in  Greenwich,  England
- HMS Gannet* (1878), a Naval sloop in  Chatham,  England
- PS Oscar W* (1908), a paddle steamer at  Goolwa on the  River Murray,  South Australia

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*Ambassador*

History
<div> <div><span><span>United Kingdom</span></span></div> <div><span><span><span></span></span></span></div> </div>
Name: <span><i>Ambassador</i></span>
Owner: <span>W. Lund &amp; Co</span>
Builder: <span>William Walker, Lavender Dry Dock, London</span>
Launched: <span>1869</span>
Out of service: <span>1896</span>
Status: <span>Condemned 1895; beached &amp; abandoned hulk<sup>[1]</sup></span>
General characteristics
Class and type: <span>Composite clipper</span>
Tonnage: <span>692<span> </span>GRT<sup>[1]</sup></span>
Length: <span>176.0<span> </span>ft (53.6<span> </span>m)<sup>[1]</sup></span>
Beam: <span>31.3<span> </span>ft (9.5<span> </span>m)<sup>[1]</sup></span>
Depth: <span>19.1<span> </span>ft (5.8<span> </span>m)<sup>[1]</sup></span>
Sail plan: <span>fully rigged ship (from 1869) barque(from 1874)<sup>[1]</sup></span>

23 February 2010 (including pictures)

5. "[Chile – Magellan Strait – wreck of clipper Ambassador near Estancia San Gergorio](https://www.flickr.com/photos/14287578@N04/3244264379/in/photostream/)" (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/14287578@N04/3244264379/in/photostream/>). [Flickr](#). 1 February 2009. Retrieved 22 May 2012.
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