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Newfoundland Schooner Marité Restoration project

Help preserve this unique maritime heritage

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Marité, the last Newfoundland wooden Schooner

For four centuries, up until the early 1900s, thousands of sailors crossed the Atlantic to fish for cod off Newfoundland (Canada).

Fishing campaigns lasted six months.

The working conditions of these fishermen were extreme. Nearly 40,000 men lost their lives.

The Marité is the last witness to this maritime epic ages. She’s a testimony to our priceless heritage.

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More than 200,000 famous and anonymous enthusiasts

Built in Fécamp in 1923, the Newfoundland ship Marité has lived many lives: cod fishing in Canada and then in Denmark, transport vessel during the Second World War. She was saved for the first time by two Swedish friends in the 70's and returned to France in 2004 where she sailed until 2023 and welcomed a varied and enthusiastic audience. She's a magnetic attraction in all major maritime events: Armada, Brest, Route du Rhum, etc.

The Marité is actively engaged in the integration of apprentices, the facilitation of environmental education, and the rehabilitation of young offenders, under the aegis of the Ministry of Justice, as part of criminal reparation initiatives.

These non-profit activities generate 300k € yearly revenue covering the cost of sailing with 6 crew members and maintenance.

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The Marité’s Condition and the Effort to Restore Her

In 2023, after a season marked by the centenary of the Marité, a thorough inspection of the ship revealed the presence of fungus on the hull. The underside suffered significant damage requiring to replace a large part of the hull structure and the planking.

Since then, she has been docked in Port-en-Bessin (Normandy), where safeguarding works have been performed waiting for restoration works.

The aim of the GIP (public interest group, the owner), is to make her resailing again being a showcase of French maritime heritage.

The restoration project includes an educational and inclusive aspect (internships, schools, training, integration), so that the Marité once again becomes the ship embodying the values of solidarity and courage as she originally did.

The GIP intends to join the Rouen Armada in June 2027, where the most beautiful sailing ships are expected.

In addition to public funding, GIP and the Foundation are joining forces to mobilize private patronship and public donations.

S.A.S Le Prince Albert II, has a specific relationship with her, thus has expressed his desire to support the restoration project.

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Restoration budget

The total cost of the project is estimated at 3 million euros, with 500,000 euros allocated to equip the ship with a new hybrid propulsion system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Major budget breakdown :

Restoration COSTS	Estimated	Restoration FUNDINGS	Expected	Promised
Wood working (Wood supply + Labor)	1 900 k€	Public funding (cities, department, region, ...)	1 500 k€	1 500 k€
Boilermaking	80 k€	In-Kind patronage/funding	200 k€	
Fungicide prevention (Wood Treatment, CMV, ...)	130 k€	Patronage funding	1 000 k€	
Hybrid engine (reduction of CO2 emissions)	500 k€	Public donations	150 k€	120 k€
Others (handling, awning, boilermaking, contengencies ...)	390 k€	Events incomes	150 k€	50 k€
Total Costs	**3 000 k€**	**Total Fundings**	**3 000 k€**	**1 670 k€**

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Thank you for your attention

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