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Celebrated Schooner, VICTORY CHIMES, to Discontinue Operations on Maine Coast

Rockland, Maine – August 29th The 128-foot wooden schooner VICTORY CHIMES, which hails out of Rockland, Maine, will discontinue its operations. Owner and captain, Sam Sikkema, announced today that the ship's long sailing career in Maine will end in October.

Built in 1900, VICTORY CHIMES has sailed the Maine coast since 1954 as a “windjammer” (sailing pleasure craft for paying guests). The ship is the last of her kind in the world still sailing. The ship is celebrated on the 2003 commemorative state quarter for Maine.

The ship was originally launched in Bethel, Delaware as one of four thousand such cargo ships. Then named EDWIN & MAUD, she hauled cargo in the Chesapeake Bay until 1946. She was then converted to the passenger trade.

***According to Captain Sikkema:

“After long and careful consideration we have come to the difficult decision that 2022 will be VICTORY CHIMES last sailing season. Upcoming Coast Guard compliance, cost and availability of materials for upcoming maintenance, the lack of ability to haul the ship in Maine and the losses of the 2020 season have all become a hill too big to climb.

We are working diligently to find a new home for the vessel. I am optimistic that there will be a way for the ship to exist and continue to tell its story in a meaningful way for generations to come.

Thus far the 2022 season has brought us some truly beautiful sailing, lovely music and wonderful people. We invite you to come join us in celebrating the ship's life and times in the windjammer fleet as we take one last turn around the bay.”

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