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British Yeoman

Rig: Iron 3-masted ship

Launched: 1880

End: 1917

Built: Oswald, Mordaunt Co.

Dimensions: 269.2' x 39.8' x 24.2'

Tonnage: 1893 tons

The photograph dates from 1911 and locates the ship in San Francisco Bay. Evidently, sometime between 1880 and this photograph, the owners stripped the yards from the mizzen because originally *British Yeoman* was a full-rigger. *British Yeoman* was nothing unusual for its time and origin: spike bowsprit, fidded topmasts, open wheel, half-round poop. Someone has steam up on the donkey engine, and a gangway has been hauled up on the starboard side. Unusually, there is no spanker gaff.

British Yeoman has the dubious distinction of being sunk by the German raider *Seeadler*, Count Von Luckner's ship—the former British *Pass of Balmaha*, in 1917.