



# LOCKDOWN RESTORATION PROJECT

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Whilst this restoration project started just before the lockdown, it was completed during the current lockdown period. This solid hull Marine Model Company kit model of the Hudson River Sloop "Victorine" was last marketed in the 1950's. When sold in the original box, the model kit was described as an "authentically detailed wood and metal ship model". The finished model was (using the then applicable Imperial measure) 22" long and 24" high in  $\frac{3}{16}" = 1"$  scale.



Close inspection revealed that some of the metal components (made of lead) had corroded and required re-painting.

Further, there was not a single rigging component installed that could be saved and a substantial number of rigging blocks had been lost. Consequently what was required was not a restoration but a virtual re-build to bring this model to a satisfactory standard.

The re-build was hampered by the lack of instructions (particularly the rigging diagram), until they were obtained through a ship modelling club in Chicago, USA.

