

Cruiser *Olympia*



Length: 344 feet
Beam: 53 feet
Displacement: 5,870 tons
Crew: 33 Officers, 396 enlisted men
Top Speed: 22 knots (25mph)
Coal Consumption at Top Speed: 633 lbs./minute

Step back in time aboard Independence Seaport Museum's Spanish-American War flagship -- the Cruiser *Olympia*!

The *Olympia* (C-6) is the oldest steel warship afloat in the world. Launched in San Francisco, CA, in 1892, she is similar to many early steel warships built in Philadelphia for the US Navy.

On May 1, 1898, *Olympia* devastated a Spanish fleet at Manila Bay in the Philippines, beginning the Spanish-American War.



Olympia helped catapult the United States into the role of superpower and won fame for her most famous officer, Commodore George Dewey. It was from *Olympia*'s bridge that Dewey delivered his famous order, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley."

Olympia also served her country during World War I.

Cruiser *Olympia* was decommissioned in 1922 and has been part of Independence Seaport Museum's Historic Ship Zone since 1996.

Olympia is a National Historic Landmark, a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is part of the Save America's Treasures program.