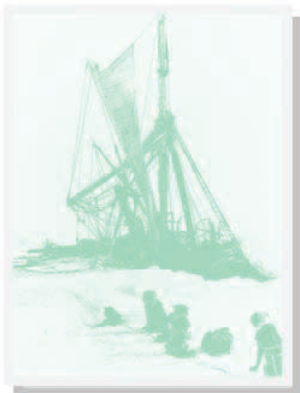


This year marks the 100th anniversary of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Having outfitted his ship, the *Endurance*, in England, he sailed for Argentina in the summer of 1914. On December 5th he set off for South Georgia Island and then moved on to the Weddell Sea, where the *Endurance* encountered ice floes. It was there that the vessel became locked in ice, and Shackleton gave the order to abandon ship. Thus began a fight for survival for him and his crew of 27 men.

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Victor Dyer
Library Director



The crushed wreck of the *Endurance*, late October 1915

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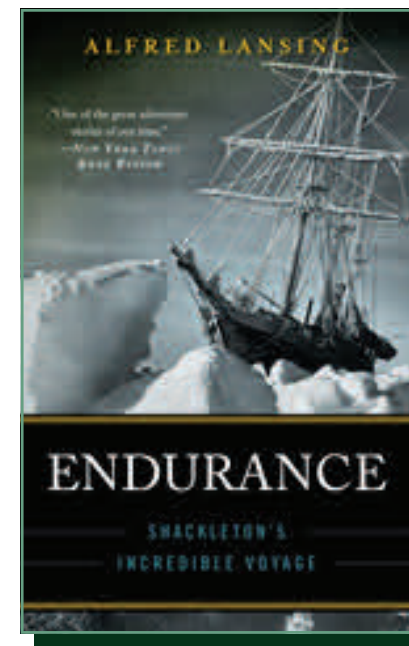
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Hull: Wood

Rig: Barkentine

Year built: 1912

Homeport: Plymouth, England

Flag: United Kingdom

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2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| March 18 | A lecture by Margaret Holtman on <i>Shackleton as Leader</i> . Ms. Holtman is one of the contributors to <i>Leading at the Edge: Leadership Lessons from the Extraordinary Saga of Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition</i> . | 7:00 PM | Collins Room |
| March 24 | A showing of the documentary film <i>The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition</i> . This film features the photographic record of the expedition as captured by legendary photographer Frank Hurley. The film is narrated by Liam Neeson. (97 minutes) | 6:30 PM | Collins Room |
| March 27 | <i>Penguin Explorer Program</i> presented by the staff of the New England Aquarium. Please call the Children's Room at 978-412-8713 to register your child for the age-appropriate program. | 2:30 PM
3:45
5:00 | Collins Room |
| March 28 | A public discussion of Lansing's book <i>Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage</i> led by Martha Mauser. | 2:00 PM | Collins Room |
| March 31 | <i>To the Ice</i> , a slide presentation by local photographer Mim Frost, with images from her two trips to the Antarctic, including Elephant Island, where Shackleton's crew waited to be rescued. | 7:00 PM | Collins Room |
| April 7 | A brown-bag discussion of Lansing's book with Martha Mauser. | 12 Noon | Ipswich Museum |
| | <i>In the Wake of Sir Ernest Shackleton</i> , a presentation by Bill Gette of Massachusetts Audubon Society focusing on the Antarctic animals encountered on the Shackleton expedition. | 7:00 PM | Collins Room |
| April 24 | Library Volunteers Annual Appreciation Breakfast with discussion of Lansing's book with Martha Mauser. | 8:00 AM | Invitation Only |

ALFRED LANSING

(1921-1975) was a native of Chicago. After serving more than five years in the Navy, he enrolled at Northwestern University, where he studied journalism. Until 1949 he edited a weekly newspaper in Illinois, later joined the United Press, and eventually became a freelance writer. *Endurance*, his first book, was published in 1959.