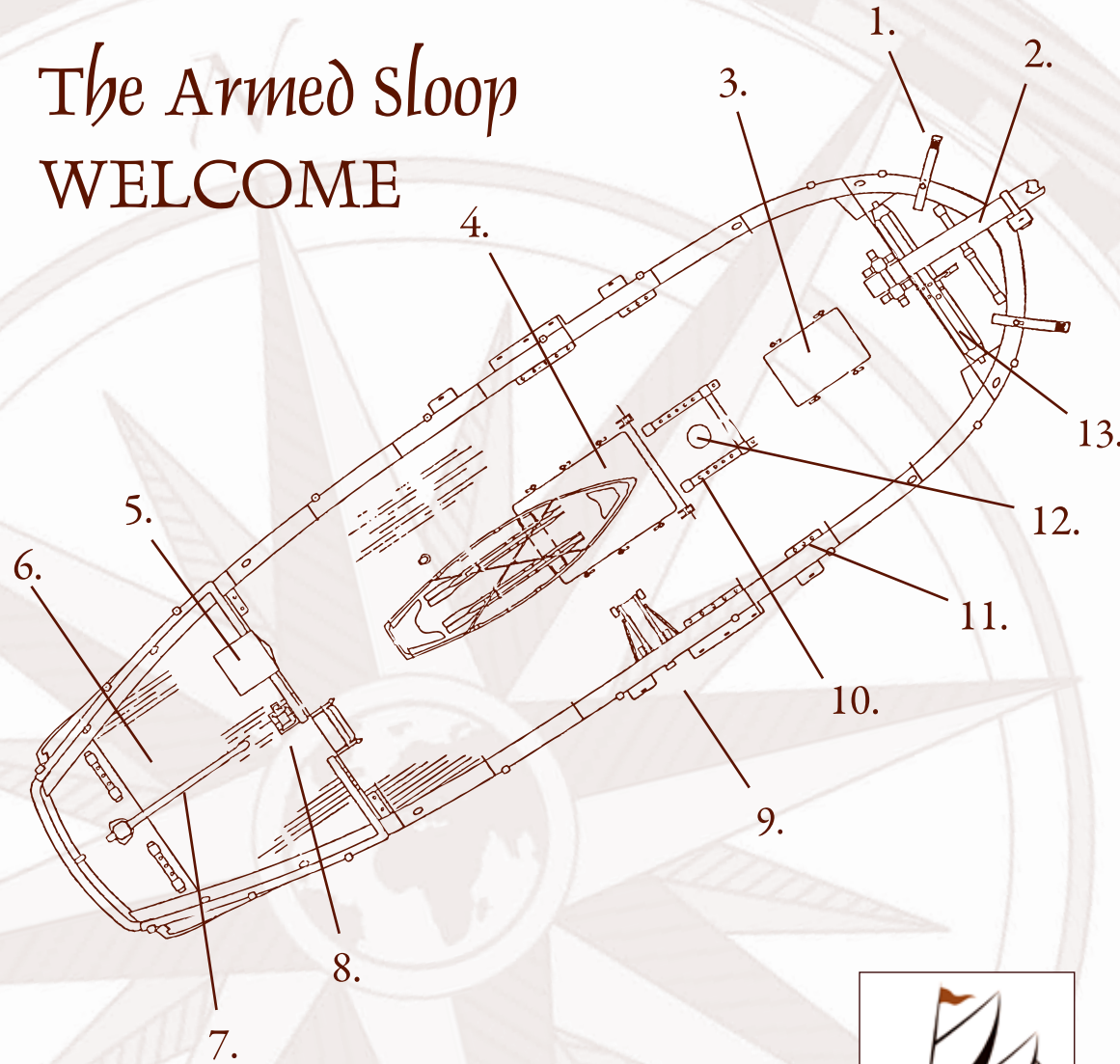


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The Armed Sloop WELCOME



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| 1. Cathead | 8. Binnacle |
| 2. Bow Sprit | 9. Cannon |
| 3. Crew Quarters Hatch | 10. Fiferail |
| 4. Cargo Hatch | 11. Belaying Pin Rack |
| 5. Captain's Quarters | 12. Mast |
| 6. Poop Deck | 13. Capstan |
| 7. Steering Tiller | |



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Welcome Aboard The Armed Sloop WELCOME

The sloop WELCOME was originally constructed in 1774 at Michilimackinac, by John Askins, as a private trading vessel. Askins came to America as a member of the Highland Regiment shortly after the British conquest of Canada. He served in the Seven Years' War (1756-1763), and on its termination remained here to enter into a trading partnership with Major Robert Rogers. Although the partnership soon failed, Askins entered aggressively into the Indian trade and was soon one of the leading merchants of the Upper Country with his operations extending from Montreal to the east to the farthest reaches of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. He built the sloop WELCOME to facilitate his trading business. Askins was the first person who performed the feat of moving a vessel (WELCOME) from Lake Michigan into Lake Superior.

On June 27, 1778 the sloop was purchased by the British military for £ 900 and was converted to an armed sloop. The crew consisted of twelve sailors and twelve soldiers. In 1779 the sloop, WELCOME, commanded by Lieutenant George Clowes was sent to St. Joseph to support British forces who wrongly believed that George Rogers Clark would lead an invasion of rebels from Illinois.

About WELCOME

The British continued to occupy the fort at old Michimackinac through the early part of the American Revolution. In 1780 Commandant Patrick Sinclair used the sloop, WELCOME, to move the fort from old Michilimackinac to Mackinac Island. During 1780, the WELCOME made many trips between the mainland and Mackinac Island to help move people and goods. The original logbook of these trips still exists. Late in 1781, the sloop was lost in a storm. Its final resting place remains a mystery although it was likely in the Straits of Mackinaw.

The replica WELCOME was built by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission at Fort Michilimackinac for the 200th anniversary of Independence Day. It served as a window to the past for many years, allowing visitors the chance to see a facet of American history often forgotten.

In December of 1992, the Maritime Heritage Alliance in Traverse City, Michigan became her custodian. Our primary goal is to rebuild the replica, make her seaworthy, and continue our mission of preserving and interpreting Great Lakes maritime history. MHA became the proud owners of WELCOME on Sept. 22, 2006.

The Armed Sloop WELCOME



1.	MAIN SAIL	Sparred Length	87 feet
2.	MAIN COURSE	Length on Deck	55 feet
3.	MAIN TOP GALLANT	Beam	16 feet
4.	STAY SAIL	Draft	7 feet
5.	JIB	Height of Masts	73 feet
		Gross Tonnage	50 tons
		Maximum Sail Area	3047 square feet

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