

# OLAF T. ENGVIG

*Maritime Historian, Consultant, Ship Restorer and Preserver, Diver, Author, Lecturer, Skipper*

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**Olaf T. Engvig** is a maritime historian, photographer, author of numerous books, and consultant to maritime museums in Norway, Sweden, the U.K. and U.S. He's an international expert on the history of shipbuilding, including the use of iron and steel. His main passion is the restoration and preservation of historic ships, and he's been instrumental in restoring many unique old vessels. Engvig constantly seeks to keep maritime history alive for future generations to appreciate.

Olaf Engvig's roots are in Rissa, Norway, where Johan Bojer wrote his book "The Last of the Vikings" (Den Siste Viking). Engvig learned to square sail from Jakob Kvithyll, the skipper Bojer described in his book.

He has been the editor of several magazines in Norway, and a leader of marine archaeological expeditions and excavations. In addition, he was the founder and CEO of a ship wharf specializing in restoration of historic ships.

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## EXPERIENCE

- 2000 - 2016 **Researcher:** Project work on Pacific Coast's "Scandinavian Navy."
- 2004 **Saved:** Salvage and tugboat OSCARSBORG, built in 1974.
- 1988 - 1993 **President and CEO:** Veteranskijsreparasjoner A/S, Norway. This was a ship yard specializing in restoration of historic ships.
- 1988 **Saved:** Last A/S S/T T-276 CAILIFF / BORGES, built in 1942.
- 1983 - present **Master Mariner:** Skipper of HANSTEEN, VÆRDALEN, etc.
- 1983 - 1986 **Editor:** "Frivakt" - Maritime magazine, Oslo, Norway.
- 1979 - 2016 **Owner and restorer:** Lumber schooner VÆRDALEN, built in 1891.
- 1979 **Saved:** Last Nortraship cargo vessel HESTMANDEN, 1200tdw, built in 1911.
- 1978 - 1993 **Owner and restorer:** Survey vessel HANSTEEN, built in 1866.
- 1978 **Co-founder:** Nordisk Morris Minor Klubb (NMMK).
- 1976 - present **Square-sailer:** Viking type longboats on the coast of Norway, North Sea, USA.
- 1976 **Marine Archaeologist:** Norwegian Maritime Museum: identification, registration and drawing of the Bøle-wreck, a medieval ship built about 1250.
- 1975 **Excavation Observer:** Norwegian Divers' Association: Excavation of ship PERLEN, built in 1750, Trondheim, Norway.
- 1974 - 1978 **Chairman of the Marine Archaeological Committee** of the Norwegian Divers' Association (NDF) of Norwegian Sports Association (NIF).
- 1974 - present **Maritime historical consultant and marine archaeological consultant:** Norwegian Maritime Museum and Trondhjems Maritime Museum, Norway; Stockholm Maritime Museum and Gotenburg University, Sweden; York Archeological Trust, England; Åland Maritime Museum, Finland; US Park Service, San Francisco, USA.
- 1974 - 1975 **Lecturer, marine archaeology:** In Norway; Dalarna, Stockholm and Lund, Sweden; Mariehamn, Åland; Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1974 **Marine archaeologist:** Warship BELONA, Øreggrund, Sweden.

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### Experience *(continued)*

- 1974           **Expedition coordinator:** Swedish Radio-TV 1, Color video film of VOC ship AKERNDAM (built in 1725, excavating one ton gold and silver) at Runde, Norway.
- 1974           **Assistant curator and Excavation leader:** Assembled exhibitions in the new building of the Norwegian Maritime Museum, Oslo.
- 1974           **Excavation leader:** Norwegian Maritime Museum, Frigate LOSSEN, lost in 1717 off Norway.
- 1973 - present   **Lecturer:** Marine archaeology and maritime history, square sailing, topics from books.
- 1973           **Expedition leader:** Gothenburg University: Survey, Cape Kiti, Cyprus.
- 1973           **Excavation leader:** Wreck from ca.1630, Dimulvik, Norway.
- 1973           **Chief diver/photographer:** Swedish Maritime Museum, Stockholm. Excavation of wreck at Jutholmen, Dalarø, Sweden.
- 1972 - present   **Non-fiction author:** Numerous books, book chapters and articles in Norwegian and English on marine archaeology, ships, maritime history and other subjects.
- 1972 - present   **Journalist:** Numerous articles published on general history, maritime history, sociology, cultural issues, nonprofit organizations and other topics.
- 1972           **Assistant leader:** Gothenburg University, Survey at Cape Kiti, Cyprus.
- 1972           **Assistant curator:** Norwegian Maritime Museum.
- 1971           **Assistant leader:** Norwegian Maritime Museum expedition, South Coast, Norway.
- 1970           **Assistant leader:** Norwegian Maritime Museum Harbor Excavation, Møvig, Norway.
- 1970 - present   **Photographer:** Published in Reader's Digest and other publications.
- 1969           **Chief diver:** Norwegian Maritime Museum excavations of Galiot STADT HARLEM, built in 1676, Kvitsøy, Norway.
- 1962 - 1969      **Laboratory Engineer:** NERA Networks, Oslo, VHF-radio developer/controller.
- 1957 - 1962      **Radar Specialist:** NATO, NIKE HERCULES-systems electronics, USA and Norway.
- 1953 - 1956      **Seaman:** Norwegian merchant ships, worldwide trade.

### MAIN PUBLICATIONS

- 2013           *Legends in Sail.* THEMO Publishing, Los Angeles (LA).
- 2012           *Legendariske Skuter.* Pirforlaget, Norway.
- 2008           *Gamle Dampen Rutebåter i Trøndelag.* Tapir Akademisk Forlag, Norway.
- 2008           *Slepebåten Oscarsborg.* (Tug OSCARSBORG) Tapir Akademisk Forlag, Norway.
- 2006           *Viking to Victorian: Exploring the Use of Iron in Ship Building.* THEMO Publishing, LA.
- 1998           *Making a Difference: A Guide to Fundraising and Nonprofit Management.* THEMO Publishing, San Francisco.
- 1997           *Shipping and Culture: Norwegian Fish Club of San Francisco 1914-1996.* The Fish Club, San Francisco.
- 1983           *Kystens historie i kart og beskrivelser.* Norges Sjøkartverk, Stavanger, Norway.
- 1981           *Skoleskipene.* (*The Sea Cadet Ships*) Gyldendal Forlag, Norway.
- 1978           *Innsjødampen.* (*The Inland Steamers*) Adressas Forlag, Norway.
- 1977           *Gamle Dampen.* (*The Old Steamers*) Adressas Forlag, Norway.

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### Main Publications *(continued)*

- 1975 ***The Cape Kiti Survey, Hala Sultan Tekke 2.*** Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology, Volume XLV, Gothenburg University, Sweden.
- 1975 ***Kontraeringsstoppen 1948-50.*** Dissertation, University of Oslo, Norway.
- 1973 - 1984 **Several reports** on marine archaeological expeditions and excavations.
- 1973 - 1974 ***Etterkrigshistorie, Vol. 2 & 3.*** Universitetsforlaget, Oslo, Norway.
- 1970 - present **Maritime articles and book chapters** in Norwegian, English, American, Swedish, French, Dutch and Canadian publications.

### AWARDS, GRANTS

- 2015 **Outstanding Scandinavian Award**, granted by Scandinavian American Cultural and Historic Foundation, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California, USA
- 1993 **Gold Medal of Merit from His Majesty King Harald V of Norway** for restoring historic vessel S/S HANSTEEN, built in 1866.
- 1987 **The CHRISTIAN RADICH Award** for promotion of sail and tall ships.
- 1980 - present **Multiple grants** from the Norwegian Nonfiction Writers and Translators Association.
- 1979 **The Saint Olaf's Medal from His Majesty King Olav V of Norway** for promoting Norway abroad.
- 1978 **Marine Archaeological Award** from the Norwegian Divers' Association.
- 1975 - 1985 **Several Grants** for research in marine archaeology, ships' history, shipbuilding and maritime history.

### EDUCATION

- 1982 - 1983 **Oslo Sjømannsskole**, Oslo, Norway: Master's Exam and Governmental License.
- 1970 - 1975 **University of Oslo**, Cand. Philol., Maritime history (graduate degree).
- 1969 -1970 **Norwegian Maritime Museum**, Oslo, Marine archaeology.
- 1966 - 1969 **University of Oslo**, Cand. Mag., Political science, history, sociology (undergraduate degree).
- 1963 - 1974 **CMAS \*\*\* , 1ST CLASS Divers' Certificate**, Norwegian Divers' Association (NDF).
- 1958 - 1959 **Redstone Arsenal, AL. Fort Bliss, TX:** NATO, OGMS: Electronics, missile guidance.
- 1957- 1958 **Royal Norwegian Army**, Stavern, Norway: Guided Missile School.
- 1953 **Bark STATSRAAD LELMKUHL:** Bergen, Norway: Sea Cadet (deck).