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Location: Rockland, Knox County, Maine

Official Number: 136784

Date of Construction: 1900 (Bethel, Delaware)

Rig/Type of Craft: Three-masted, gaff-rigged Chesapeake Ram Schooner (centerboard)

Trade: Cargo (original); passenger cruises (present)

Material: Wood

Principle Dimensions: Length: 127.5' (overall)
Tonnage: 208 tons (gross); 178 tons (net)
Beam: 23.8'
Draft: 8.6' (centerboard up)

Propulsion: Sail

Builder: George K. Phillips Co.

Present Owner/Use: Kip Files and Paul DeGaeta; passenger cruise ship ("Windjammer")

Significance: According to the National Historic Landmark nomination, "the three-masted Chesapeake ram schooner *Victory Chimes* was launched in April 1900 from the Bethel, Delaware yard of George K. Phillips Co. as the *Edwin And Maud*, named for two children of her first captain, Robert Riffin. *Victory Chimes* not only exemplifies the nineteenth and early-twentieth century development of large American wooden schooners intended primarily, though not exclusively, for the coasting trade on both east and west coasts, but she is the only surviving example of the 'Chesapeake ram' type and one of only three surviving examples of a three masted schooner in the United States. At 132 feet she was slightly larger than the average 'ram,' and today she is the largest member of Maine's fleet of windjammers, which carry passengers along the coast during summer months."¹

¹ See Nicholas Dean, "*Victory Chimes*," National Historic Landmark Nomination, January 1997.