



LEEWIN II

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I first visited the **STS (Sail Training Ship) *Leeuwin II*** in Fremantle in 1994-95 when I attended the Australian Jamboree with 2 of my sons. She is a three-masted barquentine launched in 1986 and is currently operated by a private not-for-profit organisation that runs youth training voyages along the West Australian coast.

The ship's overall length is 55m and its beam 9m. The hull is welded steel with a teak deck. The main mast is 33m tall and, when fully rigged, the ship carries over 810 sqm. of sails.



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On my recent visit to Perth I couldn't resist going to see her again and, but for the shortness of my stay, I would have wished to go for a 3 hour day sail on her. On this voyage you can haul the lines to set her sails, take the helm and go aloft.

Bookings can be made at www.sailleeuwin.com or by phone (08)9430 4105.

Although I couldn't go aboard, I did visit the office where I was greeted enthusiastically, especially when I told them that I was a model shipbuilder. Immediately 3 models of Leeuwin II that are located in the office were shown to me



Other models are also on display, including VASA and an unidentified 74 gunner, but most impressive was a model "Shamrock" presented to the Ocean Adventure Foundation operating Leeuwin II by the parents of Captain Suzanne Vaughan, the youngest female appointed as an oil tanker captain, who tragically died at sea on her ship in 2008 aged 35. She had trained on the Leeuwin II.

