Cisne Branco

Cisne Branco is a tall ship of the Brazilian Navy based at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, though she travels worldwide.

Cisne Branco ("White Swan") is a full-rigged ship built in Amsterdam, Netherlands by Damen Shipyard. Her keel was laid on 9 November 1998, and she was christened and launched on 4 August 1999, delivered to the Brazilian Navy on 4 February 2000, and commissioned as a Brazilian naval vessel on March 9, 2000.

Cisne Branco is the third Brazilian Navy sail-training yacht to carry this famous name. The first *Cisne Branco* was the classic 15-metre wooden yacht *Tritonia* (79 ft), which was designed by the legendary naval architect Alfred Mylne, and built by Alexander Robertson and Sons Ltd (Yachtbuilders) in 1910. The yacht arrived in Brazil in 1978, and after extensive repairs undertook an extended 8 month voyage across the Atlantic. The second *Cisne Branco* (83 ft), which had an aluminium hull, was used by the navy between 1980 and 1986 after which it was passed on to a naval college.

Cisne Branco made her maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to Brazil, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Brazil by the Portuguese Admiral Pedro Álvares Cabral. The ship's project is inspired by the design of the 19th century clippers. *Cisne Branco* is normally used in national and international representation activities to showcase the Brazilian Navy and Brazilian culture. As well, she is used as an instructional sailing ship by the cadets of the Brazilian Naval School, Academy of Merchant Marine, and other naval schools.

In 2010 she participated in Velas Sudamerica 2010, a historical Latin American tour by eleven tall ships to celebrate the bicentennial of the first national governments of Argentina and Chile.[1]

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Career (Brazil)	
Name:	*Cisne Branco*
Operator:	Brazilian Navy
Builder:	Damen Shipyard
Laid down:	1998
Launched:	August 4, 1999
Nickname:	*Cisne Branco* (White Swan)
Fate:	training ship
General characteristics	
Length:	74 m (249 ft)
Beam:	10 m (34 ft)
Height:	46 m (152 ft)
Draft:	4 m (15 ft)
Sail plan:	15 sails
Speed:	max 11 knots (20 km/h; 13 mph) engine, 17.5 knots (32.4 km/h; 20.1 mph) sail
Crew:	72

References

1. ^ "Velas Sudamerica 2010" (http://www.velasudamerica2010.com//).

External links

- Brazilian tall ship Cisne Branco at Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2009 Festival (photos). (http://mattjacques.photoshelter.com/gallery-image/Tall-Ships-Nova-Scotia-2009/G0000Qy.nfF.c.dg/I0000vsOduugy3Qc/C0000YX4vwjgZwyQ)
- Navio Veleiro "Cisne Branco" (https://www.mar.mil.br/u20/)