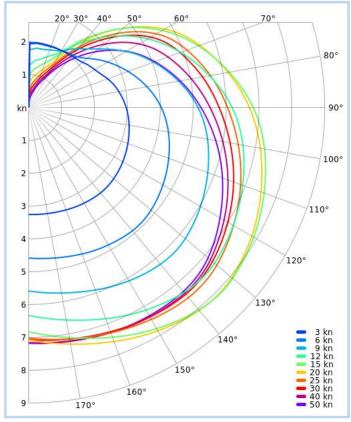




Trireme Olympias

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

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According to Homer, after Agamemnon and his heroes rescue his brother Menelaus' wife Helen from her Trojan seducer Paris, and sack Troy, Odysseus, king of Athica, has a tricky voyage home.

Odysseus' ship may well have been an early trireme, a sail-assisted craft-of-war featuring three banks of oars. In more recent times (1987 AD v 1st M BC), a replica of such an ancient trireme was built to drawings by naval architect John F Coates in collaboration with historian John S Morrison at the Tzakakos brothers' Keratsini yard – the Olympias.

And now (in 2020) SOLer Zorba777 has created a virtual version of the Olympias, with her speeds based on those achieved on sea trials for the Hellenic Navy. Her maiden outing on SOL, naturally, is Odysseus' tortuous journey home, where Penelope has faithfully waited on his return for twenty years, ten at war and ten at sea.

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