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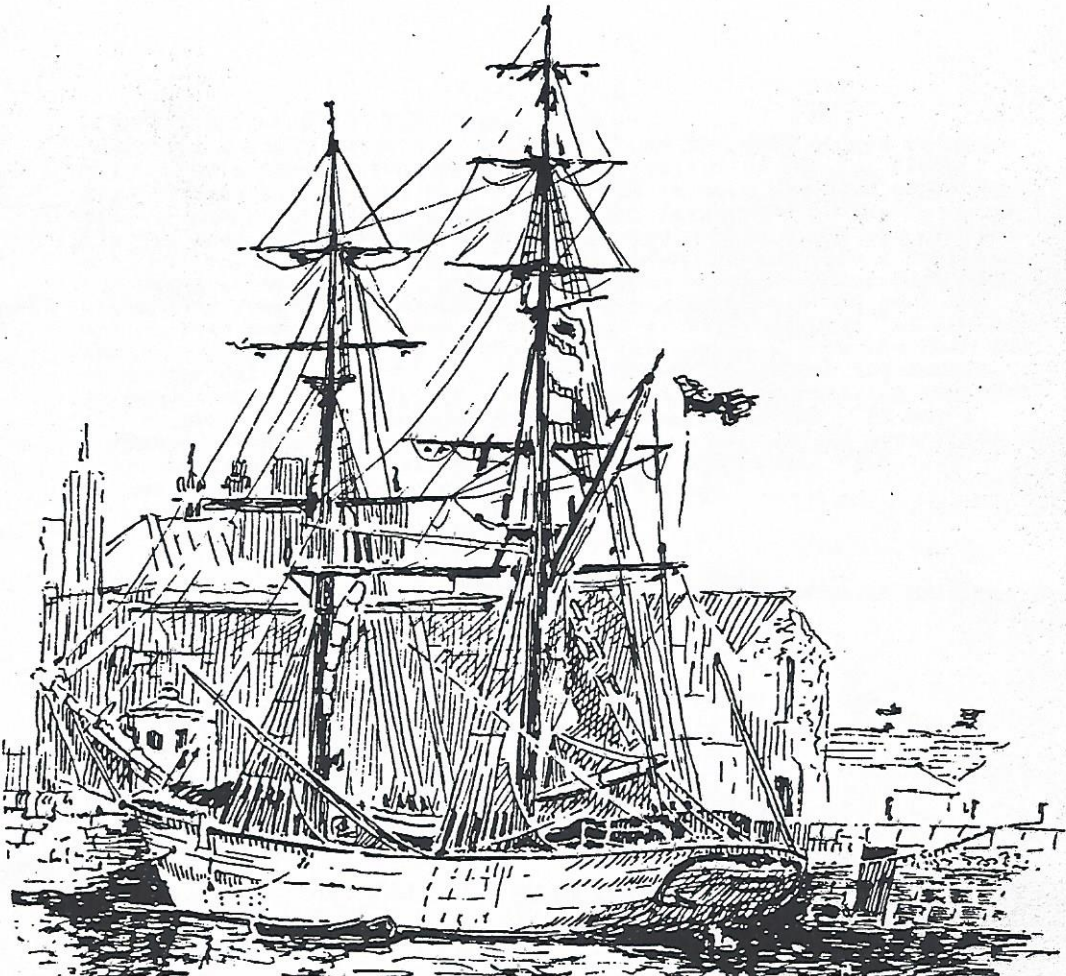
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LORD JIM was on P.23 Feb: Issue 1988).

"Jack and I sailed together on LORD JIM, an 85' gaff rigged schooner which made a passage from Tauranga, New Zealand to Mar del Plata, Argentina in 1983. Jack was instrumental in designing and constructing an emergency tiller system which was fabricated in the Tauranga Slipway shop before we departed New Zealand. This foresight proved critical to the success of our voyage. LORD JIM suffered a complete knockdown on April 9th in severe conditions to the west of Cape Horn, sustaining substantial damage to her bronze worm steering gear (an arm sheared and gear jammed). This made it necessary to fit and use the tiller system for the remainder of the voyage around the Horn and on to Mar del Plata. The tiller arrangement used block and tackle to subdue the short difficult-to-control tiller and steering reminded me of nothing so difficult as driving a team of horses. It was a workable system, however, once you got accustomed to its peculiarities, it brought us safely to our voyage in Argentina. LORD JIM sailed about 8,000 miles, all told, in 74 days."

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