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Allen County Model Ship

Allen County Museum
620 Market Street
Lima, OH 45801

When the Allen County Museum brought its model of a ca. 1907 German passenger liner to the ICA for treatment, the ship was suffering from a variety of problems including a layer of abrasive dirt, corrosion on its cast metal components, missing elements, and a defunct internal lighting system.

ICA paintings and objects conservators surface cleaned the model, set down lifting paint, and removed old inpainting that had discolored over time. New inpainting was applied and corrosion was removed. Broken rigging and railings were fabricated and replaced, as was a missing staircase.

Most importantly, the old wiring and lighting system, which had given off damaging heat inside the ship's hull, was retrofitted with much cooler cold cathode fluorescent lamps.