

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GIBBS**, naval architect and engineer. Receiving his formal training in the liberal arts and law, his interest in the sea and ships soon brought to him a competence in marine design unsurpassed in his generation. Officially recognized for his work in shipping in World War I, awarded the President's Certificate of Merit for his contribution in World War II, holder of the Franklin Medal, these honors and other distinguished awards attest to his brilliance as designer, engineer, and executive. Paraphrasing Galsworthy to express the genius of the naval architect: "By Art alone can true harmony in a ship be fostered, true Proportion revealed, and true Equipoise preserved." Bowdoin, long associated with the rugged Maine coast and powerful sea, numbering among her sons and neighbors men who have built and sailed generations of ships, appropriately honors him.

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