



## Modern-day caravels

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Repeating the epic of the ideas of 1565, on February 20, 2015 (1<sup>st</sup> leg), five "modern-day caravels" (the same number of caravels brought by Estácio de Sá 450 years ago) left Bertioga, tasting the waves and the wind to sail the waters of the South Atlantic en route to Guanabara Bay. At 7:30 on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> leg), the sailing ships captained by the Brazilian Navy's *Cisne Branco* training ship appeared in front of a huge crowd occupying the exact place where, in 1565, Estácio de Sá landed his five ships, in the marshes between Morro Cara-de-Cão and Sugarloaf.