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The Mariner's Church is a Greek Revival structure of brick and granite trapezoid in shape, with the facade on an angle to the sides to conform to its Fore Street building site. The building's appearance now is very much as it was originally, and stands three and one half stories high. The front on Fore Street is 82' 6"; the side on Moulton Street: 70' 6"; the Market Street side; 54'; and the rear: 61' 6". The building has an unusual amount of light on all stories largely attributed to the front two rows of twelve each of large arched windows on the second floor and large rectangular windows on the third floor, and a large fan window in the pediment. The front sides have unusual granite rounded corners, and the entire front is built of Thomaston granite.

The brick sides have windows of twelve over eight panes and there are three rows of eight each on one side and three rows of six each on the other side, plus a row of daylight basement windows, all with granite lintels and sills. At one time prior to 1858 and the construction of Commercial Street, the back of the building faced the water with the rear almost on the wharfs, and the rear basement contains a sea wall.

The split level basement, completely restored, houses brick and stone walls and exposed beams, including one unbroken seventy foot beam. The first floor consists, as it was designed for, many small shops and businesses. The second floor consists of a large central front meeting room surrounded by shops and offices. On the third floor is what was or fill ginally the room of worship, or chapel -- a large (40' x 65') room with the cathedral ceiling and smaller rooms on either side.

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The Old Mariner's Church is modeled after Fanuel Hall in Boston and East India Hall, Salem, Massachusetts; and was the first Greek Revival building in Portland. It also for many years was Portland's largest building, built in 1828-29 at a cost of \$18,000 for the site and \$33,000 for the construction. Its concept was that of a place of worship and education for seamen of the port city. The ground floor was designed to house shops for merchants whose rent would support and maintain the building. The building became, and remains still, an important center of activity in the Old Port area of the city. It does in fact retain many of its original functions, containing a meeting room for area merchants, besides store front shops including a learning center and showroom for the handicapped, a local food cooperative and a shop displaying and selling crafts of local artists. The completely restored basement houses a fine restarant which has taken away none of the original decor.

The church was one of the few commercial buildings in the city to survive the fire of 1866 which destroyed much of Portland. The church has been significant historical, religious, political and social activity as many of the seamen's and ship associations, unions and clubs (See Continuation Sheet)

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