



Dry Dock One

Fact: USS *Constitution*, famously known as “Old Ironsides,” was the first ship to enter Dry Dock One.

Designed by Loammi Baldwin, Dry Dock One opened in 1833 and transformed the way ships were built and repaired, greatly increasing American sea power.

The frigate USS *Merrimack* was repaired here in 1856, six years before the Confederacy transformed her into the ironclad CSS *Virginia*. The *Virginia* would soon meet another ship repaired in Dry Dock One, USS *Cumberland*, at the 1862 Battle of Hampton Roads.

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