

Circomphalus strigillinus (Dall, 1902)
Empress Venus

Class Bivalvia
Family Veneridae

Classification according to Turgeon *et al.* (1998)
References used: Description from Abbott (1974)

Diagnostic characters: 1 ½ inches in length, externally very much like a small *Mercenaria campechiensis*, but not as elongate and with more distinct, concentric riblets. Internally, it is distinguished easily by the extremely small, if not absent, pallial sinus, by the very thick margin of the shell, and in the left valve by the presence of a buttonlike anterior lateral "tooth." Exterior whitish.

Habitat: Dredged occasionally from 36 to 183 m.

Range: Off South Carolina to Brazil.

