



SYRTOS SALAMINOS (Kamakáki)
(Salamína, Greece)

Source: Syrtós Salaminós (seer-TOHS sah-lah-MEE-nohs) is a dance for women from the island of Salamína which is near Athens. It is usually done to the song Kamakáki (harpoon or spear).

Bibliography: Greek Folk Dances, M. Vouras and R. Holden (New Jersey, 1965)




Music: Dora Stratou LP #1
RCA Victor LPMG 9 2/4 meter  or 

Formation: W in a broken circle with a front chain hold; i.e., hold hds of person next beyond neighbors on either side.





Characteristics: This is a light, lyrical island dance. The steps are very slightly bouncy. The feeling is happy.

Meas Cts





Pattern

I		Step sdwd to R on R ft.
II		Step across in front of R on L ft.
III		Facing ctr, step sdwd to R on R ft.
		Touch L ft in front of and slightly R of R ft (leaning L).
		Step sdwd to L on L ft.
		Touch R ft in front of and slightly L of L ft.

VARIATION I

I		Step sdwd to R on R ft.
		Step across in front of R ft on L ft.
		Step next to L ft on R ft.
II		Step in LOD on L ft.
		Step in LOD on R ft.
		Step next to R ft on L ft.
III		Step sdwd to R on L ft (facing ctr).
		Touch L ft in front of and slightly L of R ft (leaning L).
IV		Step sdwd to L on L ft.
		Touch R ft in front of and slightly R of L ft.

VARIATION II

I		Step sdwd to R on R ft.
		Step next to R on L ft.
II		Step sdwd to R on R ft.
		Touch L ft next to R ft and slightly fwd.
III		Step sdwd to L on L ft.
		Step next to L on R ft.
IV		Step sdwd to L on L ft.
		Touch (or slight swing) R ft next to L ft and slightly fwd.

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