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Designer	George McGruer	Length waterline	35 ft 0 in / 10.67 m	Engine	Yanmar 4JH4THE (Rebuilt 2020)
Builder	McGruer & Co Ltd Clynder	Beam	12 ft 0 in / 3.66 m	Location	United Kingdom
Date	1970	Draft	8 ft 0 in / 2.44 m	Price	GBP 480,000
Length overall	55 ft 0 in / 16.76 m	Displacement	20 Tonnes		
Length deck	55 ft 0 in / 16.76 m	Construction	Teak on laminated afrormosia		

These details are provisional and may be amended

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BROKER'S COMMENTS

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REFITS 2014 - 2023

2023 - THE RIG SHOP, SOUTHAMPTON

- Masts un-stepped, undressed
- Standing rigging for both masts replaced
- 2 x Mizzen staysail halyards replaced
- Masts re-stepped
- 2 x Technora genoa sheets replaced

2023 - WILLETT MARINE, SOUTHAMPTON

Electrical/ Electronics

- New B&G; Halo radar and Vulcan 9 plotter
- New Victron Blue Smart IP22 12 V engine battery charger
- New engine start battery
- New Navionics battery
- Tidy up internal wiring
- Removal of all earth grounding to prevent ECD

Shipwrights

- Cleaned and repainted bilge under the mast
- Cleaned up keel bolts
- Fitted and commissioned gas stove with gas safe cert.
- New keel cooler
- Full external varnish
- Fit new 2 x Spinlock cam cleats and main sheet
- Prop guard applied.
- Windlass shot blasted and repainted.
- Serviced all Lewmar winches
- Keel sanded back and fully re-epoxied
- Antifoul system was applied to hull
- Rudder removed, inspected, cleaned and refitted
- 2 x New fenders
- 6 x New fender socks
- New 3 x window custom spray hood

Engineering

- Full engine service
- Heat exchanger removed and cleaned
- All seacocks serviced
- Fresh water tank super chlorinated and cleaned
- Instant hot water tap fitted to the galley sink

Safety

- Life raft and life jackets serviced

2020

- Cockpit sole bearers replaced
- Cockpit sole relayed
- 220 V Inverter installed Victron 3000 24 DC to 240 AC
- B&G; Navigation system updated to H5000
- Holding tank installed
- Genoa tracks removed fastenings replaced
- Portlights removed, serviced re-bedded
- All thru-hull fittings removed, serviced re-bedded
- Engine removed - rebuilt
- Cylinders re-bored and lined
- New pistons and rings
- Turbo rebuilt, new exhaust compensator, new mounts
- Steering pedestal repainted
- Steering gearbox removed inspected greased and remounted
- LPG system replaced; Nereus alarm system fitted
- Propeller removed greased
- Hydraulic stern gland removed and overhauled

2019

- Lewmar power pack serviced
- Hull recaulked below the water line
- Keel bolts removed inspected
- 2 x Floors replaced

2018

- Electrical overhaul
- Updated chart table
- Propeller overhauled by Darglow

2017

- Domestic battery bank replaced 6x 230 Ah ACM
- Galley worktops replaced in Corian
- Heads sinks and work tops replaced

2016

- Deck recaulked
- Coach roof re-decked

2015

- Varnish stripped and rebuilt
- Mizzen mast re painted

2014

- All standing rigging replaced

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HISTORY

Through the 1950s and 1960s, British yacht designers found various solutions in appeasing their clients' post-war demands for greater comforts and space by increasing hull volume while trying to keep an eye on looks. Arguably it was James McGruer of Scotland who achieved the greatest aesthetic harmony in this task by gaining volume via the American norm of increased beam; something perhaps infused from his 1930s training at the Herreshoff yard in Bristol, Rhode Island, and in his family yard's building of the Sparkman & Stephens- designed beamy 43 ft centreboard yawl FAIRWYN in 1957, followed immediately by his own interpretation of a beamy, full keel yawl, SULE SKERRY.

There followed down McGruer & Company's Clynder slipways a line of gorgeous and now legendary, beamy and long-ended James McGruer- designed cruiser-racer yawls: WESTWARD OF CLYNDER (1960), MARGUERITA HELENA III/ FRENESI (1961), COIGACH (1963), and culminating before James retired with the 48-footer RINAMARA of 1968 for repeat Irish client Peter Odium.

When James's son, George, stepped up to the drafting board after RINAMARA's launch, he inherited a wonderful provenance of well-proven excellence for inspiration; and to build his creations, a highly skilled workforce admirably managed by members of his family.

Straight out the blocks - with further influence perhaps from his father's 67 ft International 13.5-Metre Cruiser Racer yawl STORNOWAY of 1963, and the McGruer-built Sparkman & Stephens 52ft sloop GABRIELLE III (now TINTOO VI) of 1967 - George designed this masterpiece ketch, again for Dublin Bay owners known to the yard through previous ownership of the McGruer 8-Metre Cruiser-Racer NAMHARA. And a further two near sisters followed into the early 1970s: CERESIO (now TALISKER MHOR) and GLORY B IV (now BORDER LEGEND). With these fine ketches, George McGruer added his own je ne sais quoi, unfettered by the radical influences of the IOR Rating Rule, yet thoroughly modern yachts - perhaps the true predecessors of what we now know as 'Spirit of Tradition'.

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CONSTRUCTION

- Carvel teak planking silicone bronze fastened to laminated afrormosia frame
- Lead keel
- Teak laid deck on plywood substrate
- Teak superstructure
- Teak cockpit

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DECK LAYOUT, EQUIPMENT AND GROUND TACKLE

- GENERAL
- Stainless steel stanchions; chromed bronze bases
- Stainless steel pushpit and pulpit
- Varnished teak bulwark and capping
- Varnished teak covering boards & king planks
- Teak laid deck
- Deck/ cockpit winches hydraulic via Lewmar commander power pack
- FROM AFT
- Varnished teak pushpit seat with carved leading edge
- Chromed fairleads on taffrail port and starboard
- Chromed mushroom vent
- Lewmar mizzen sheet block
- Mizzen boom gallows
- 1 x Lewmar 40 winch: mizzen sheet
- 2 x Lewmar 58 winches aft of cockpit: symmetrical spinnaker guys
- Simrad AP 25 autopilot in varnished teak box
- Yanmar engine panel
- Battery isolator
- 1 x Lewmar 48 winch: mainsheet
- Mizzen mast position
- SALOON DECKHOUSE
- Teak uprights; laid teak roof
- Alloy hatch to port aft
- 1 x Lewmar 48 winch: mainsheet to port
- Lewmar mainsheet traveller
- Sliding varnished teak companionway hatch
- Raw teak grabrails port and starboard
- Alloy hatch over passage cabin
- MID DECK

- Chromed/ teak mooring cleats port and starboard
- Genoa cheek blocks on teak bases port and starboard

DEEP COCKPIT

- Teak coamings
- Varnished seat aft (extension of aft deck)
- Lazarette and gas bottle locker under
- Port and starboard trimmer seats; lockers under
- 2 x Lewmar 58 primary winches: genoa or spinnaker sheets
- 'Hamble' ship's wheel
- Ritchie steering compass on pedestal binnacle
- Engine control

At forward bulkhead

- Double door companionway offset starboard; hinged washboard
- B&G Wind, depth, speed analog readouts at fwd bulkhead
- B&G H5000 above
- Furuno GPS/ radar plotter

- Chromed ventilators positions
- 8-Person canister liferaft on teak chocks
- Alloy hatch
- Varnished teak Dorade boxes port and starboard
- Storm jib tracks port and starboard of Dorade boxes
- Genoa tracks with 2 x cars at port and starboard rail
- Panama spring fairleads

Main Mast Position

FOREDECK

- Spinnaker and jockey pole chocks port and starboard
- Raised teak and plexiglass forehatch
- Boathook in teak chocks
- Chromed mushroom vent
- Chromed/ teak mooring cleat
- Chromed Panama fairleads port and starboard
- 2 x Bow rollers

GROUND TACKLE

- PNP Duerr 'Torkmaster' hydraulic windlass
- Warping drum and chain gipsy
- 2 x CQR Anchors
- 100 m 10 mm Anchor chain
- 50 m Braided anchor warp

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ACCOMMODATION AND DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT

FROM AFT

- 3 x Steps down
- Raw teak cabin sole
- Tool box and oilskin locker to starboard
- Safety gear

NAVIGATION AREA TO STARBOARD

- Wooden navigator seat
- Chart table; stowage under
- B&G Plotter
- B&G Repeaters
- VHF Radio
- Ship's isolator panel outboard; stowage over
- 1 x White light

GALLEY TO PORT

- 2 x Stainless steel sinks
- Mixer tap
- Top loading refrigerator
- Broadwater 4 x Burner hob with oven
- Plate racks
- Lockers under and outboard
- 4 x Spot lights
- Deckhead hatch

SALOON

- U-shape seating to port; lockers under
- Pilot berth outboard
- Saloon table
- Settee to starboard between sideboards; lockers/ drawers under
- Pilot berth outboard
- Fusion stereo in cabinet
- Drinks locker to starboard

- Book case
- Chelsea clock and barometer
- Berth to starboard; lockers/ drawers under
- Banquette
- 2 x Opening ports
- 2 x Reading lights
- 1 x Bulkhead light

PASSAGE FORWARD

Bathroom compartment to port

- Vacuum flush WC to port
- Sink with mixer tap
- Shower
- Bulkhead light
- Hatch in deckhead
- Hanging locker to starboard

FORWARD CABIN

- Berth to starboard; lockers/drawers under
- Hanging locker
- Banquette
- Berth to port
- Hanging locker
- Banquette
- Sink; hot and cold taps
- Mirror
- 2 x Opening ports
- Bulkhead lights
- 2 x Reading lights
- 1 x Deckhead light
- 2 x Electric fans

FO'C'SLE

- 2 x Deckhead lights
- 2 x Reading lights
- Deckhead hatch fwd

MOVING FORWARD

- Down 2 x to passage cabin
- Berth to port; lockers/ drawers under
- Chart locker
- Banquette and folding table

- Locker to port with Tektank
- Sheet and warp stowage to starboard
- Ice maker
- Large locker/ workshop amidships
- Anchor and chain locker forward
- 1 x Deckhead light
- Forehatch in deckhead

BEDDING

- 2 x Sets Marine Bedding Company Egyptian cotton linen per bunk (2019)

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RIG, SAILS AND CANVASWORK

RIG

All standing rigging 2014

Main mast

- Keel stepped, 2 x spreader painted aluminum (2010)
- 2 x Anderson 28 2-speed winches
- 1 x Barient 48 2-speed halyard winch
- 1 x Lewmar 50 2-speed halyard winch
- Harken vang
- 5 x Rope clutches
- Spinnaker pole track leading edge
- Harken hydraulic furling headstay
- Inner forestay for storm jib; used in conjunction with check stays
- Tri-colour, anchor light, steaming light
- Spreader deck lights
- Windex inc. VHF aerial

Mizzen mast

- Deck stepped, painted aluminium
- 2 x Mizzen staysail halyards
- 1 x Lewmar 16 halyard winch
- 1 x Anderson 18 2-speed mizzen staysail winch

The following have all been painted to match the rig:

- Furuno Radar
- External Iridium aerial
- B&G GPS aerial
- Furuno GPS aerial
- AIS GPS aerial
- 4G Digital yacht aerial
- Air horn (operated from helm pedestal)

Poles

- 2 x Painted spinnaker poles
- 1 x Painted jockey pole

SAILS

- North Marathon 3DL genoa, mainsail and mizzen (2014)
- North asymmetric spinnaker A1.5
- One Sails symmetric spinnaker S4 (2014)
- North storm jib
- North trysail
- GP Sails cruising tri-radial genoa (2018)
- GP Sails mizzen staysail (2019)
- GP Sails mizzen staysail (2015)

CANVASWORK

- 2 x Large sun awnings
- Sprayhood
- Mainsail boom covers
- Cover for liferaft canister
- Mosquito net when ajar cover for forehatch

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MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND TANKAGE

MECHANICAL

Engine

- Yanmar 4JH4THE (Rebuilt 2020)
- 2200 hrs

Drive Train

- Hydraulic stern tube to lubricate shaft and reduce noise
- Feathering Max prop (overhauled by Darglow 2018)

Steering system

- Whitlock Cobra direct drive.
- Auto pilot: Simrad AP25 double ram linear drive

ELECTRICAL

AC

- 2 x Shore power rings:
- 1 x 110v with inverter charger
- 1 x 230v with Mastervolt charger and Victron Inverter.

DC

- 1 x 12 V Engine starting battery
- 1 x 12 V Systems battery (eg for B&G system)

TANKAGE/ PUMPS

- Fuel: 190 US Gal / 720 L
- 3 x Fresh water tanks (Capacity TBA)
- 2 x Filled from deck
- 1 x Filled from watermaker, then by gravity to others
- Tek-Tank black water holding tank forward (16 US Gal / 60 L)
- Little Wonder 24 V watermaker (New membrane 2019)
- Electric fresh or salt water vacuum heads pump (2020)

OTHER

- U-Line ice maker 110v
- Eberspächer Airtronic heater

- 24 and 12 V
 - 6 x 230 Ah 24 V AGM domestic battery bank (2017)
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NAVIGATION, ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS

NAVIGATION & ELECTRONICS

- Ritchie steering compass on pedestal
- Furuno Navnet 3D with radar
- B&G H5000 complete system
- Mast head unit, twin speed logs, integrated with
- B&G Vulcan 9 Chartplotter at chart table

- AIS view at Furuno Navnet in cockpit, B&G Vulcan at chart table & H5000 FFDs

COMMUNICATIONS

- Standard Horizon DSC VHF radio; handset in cockpit
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SAFETY

- 2 x Electric bilge pumps with float switches
- 2 x Manual bilge pumps
- 3 x Kru auto inflate lifejackets; AIS transponders; overhead spray hood
- 6 x Seago manual inflate lifejackets
- 1 x Plastimo throw line
- 1 x MOB Jonbuoy module
- 1 x 8-Person Ocean Safety liferaft

- 1 x Offshore flare pack (expires end 2020)
 - 1 x EPIRB McMurdo G5 smart finder
 - 1 x Emergency VHF antenna
 - 1 x Hydraulic wire cutter
 - Day shapes: anchor ball, motor-sailing cone
 - Nereus alarm system
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OTHER EQUIPMENT

- Zodiac classic 4 m tender with aluminum floor (2016)
- Mariner 9.9 outboard motor (2016)

- Swim ladder
 - Mooring warps
 - Fenders with covers
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IMAGE CREDITS

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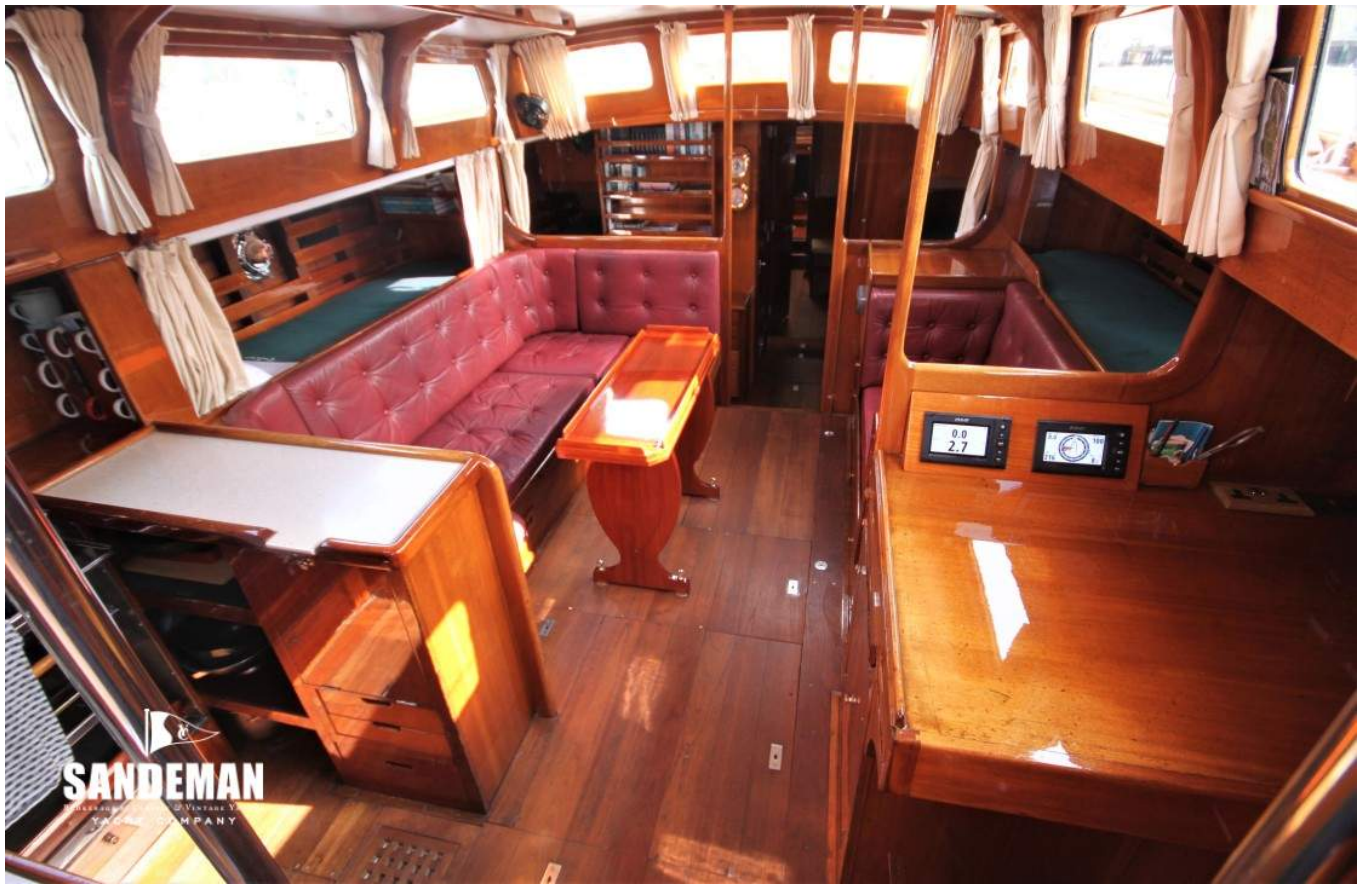










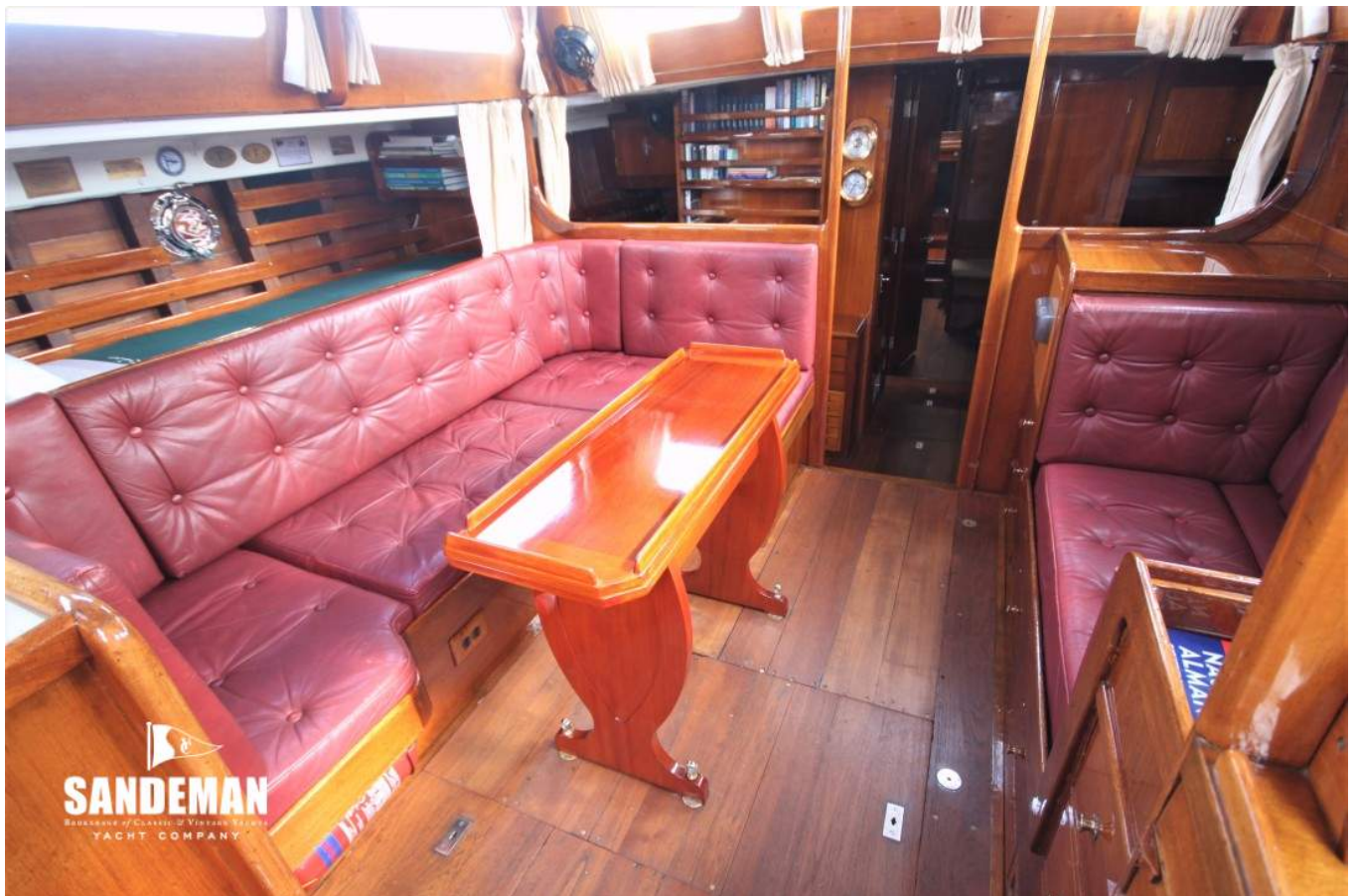


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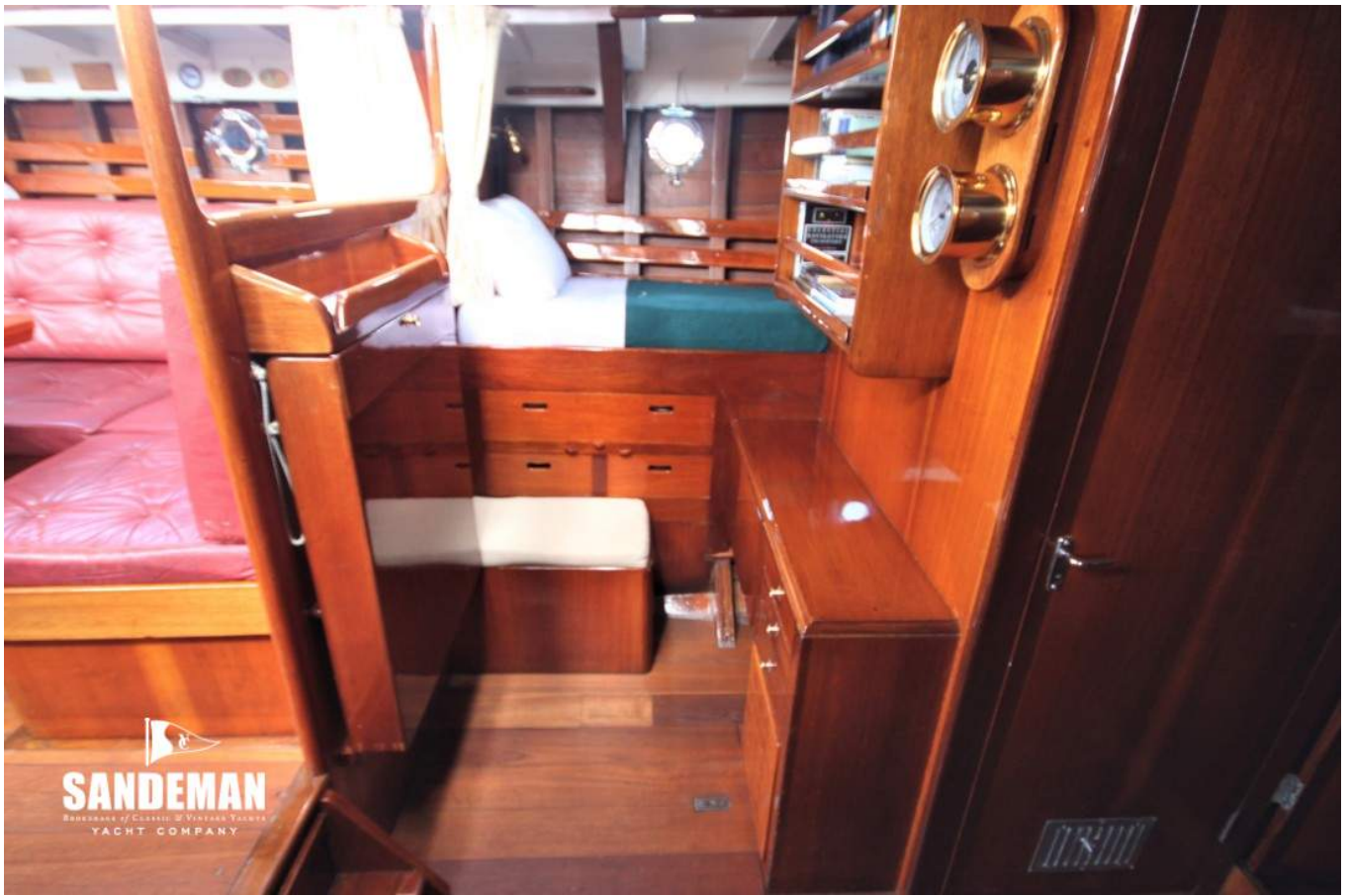
















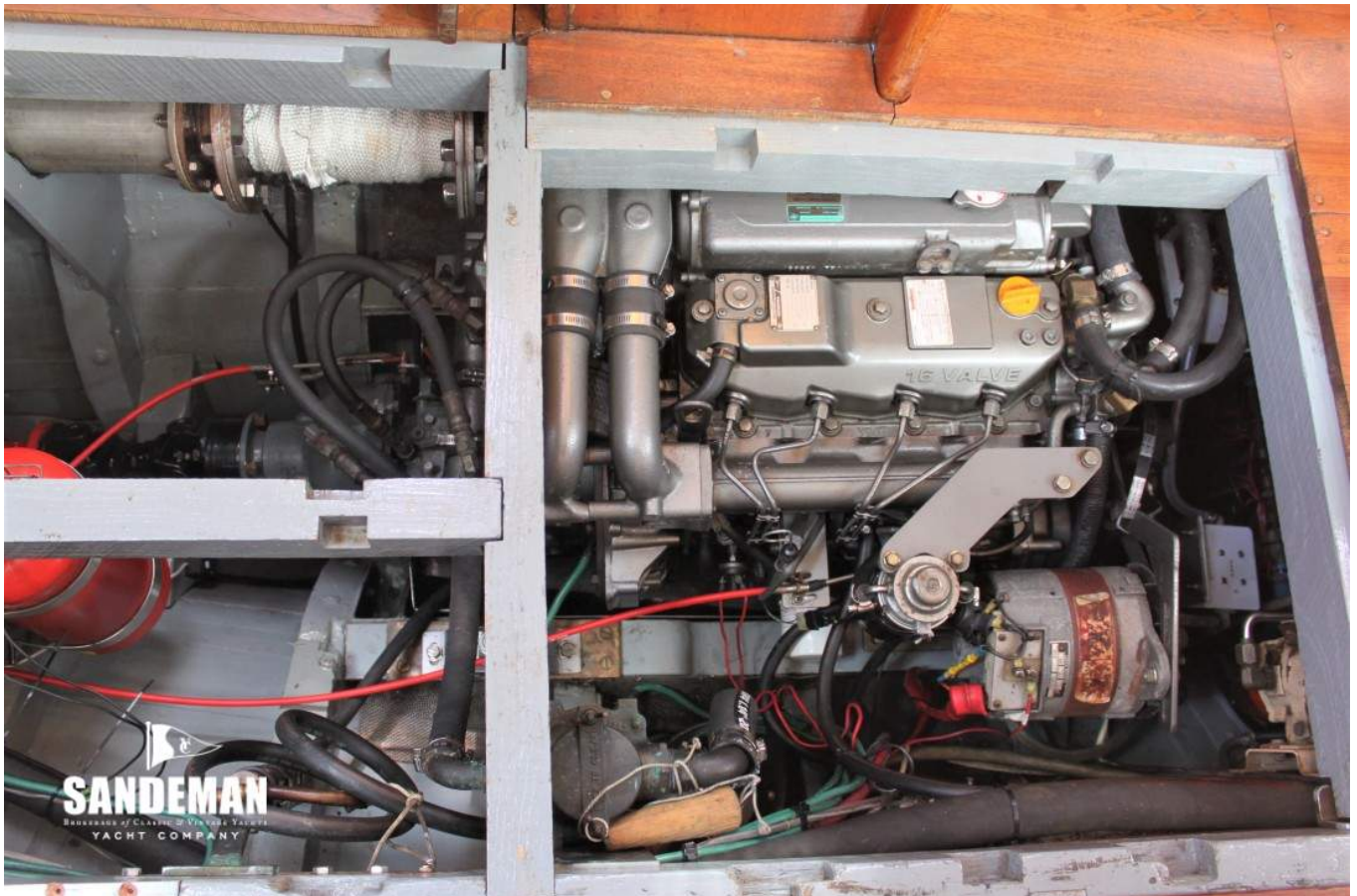


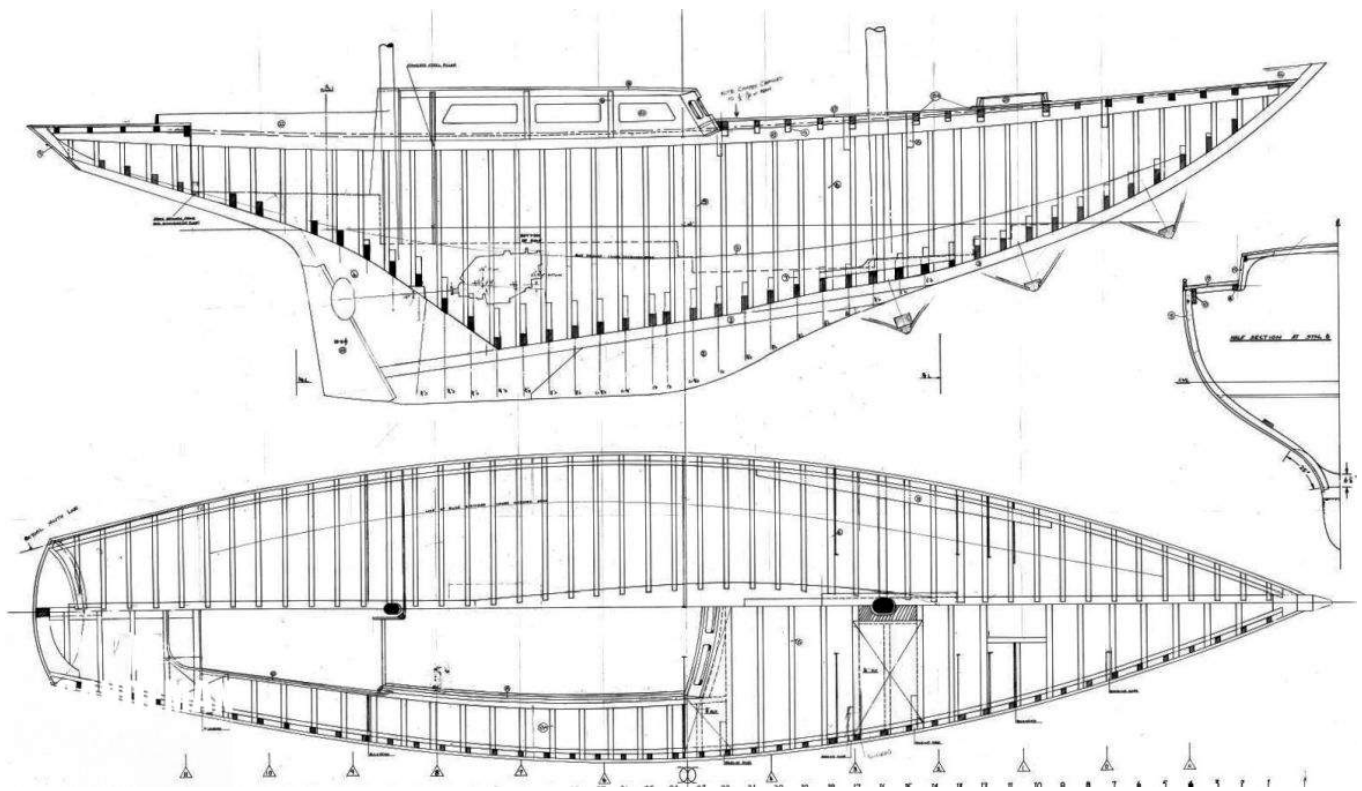












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