

Basic Detail Report



Le Cygne

Vessel number

HV000537

Date

1922

Primary Maker

Fred Moore

Description

LE CYGNE was built by Fred Moore for Mick Anderson of Devonport. It is 9.0 metres long, and carvel planked in 7/8in (22 mm) Huon pine over steam bent blackwood frames. Tasmanian oak was used for most of the longitudinal structure. It was launched with a raised deck extending almost 2/3rds the length of the hull, and cabin top over the aft cockpit. It was later modified by Tasman Moore to include saloon cabin over the raised deck area and a flying bridge steering position, but the date for this work is unknown. Anderson used LE CYGNE on the Tamar River until 1940 when ownership passed to Basil Willis at Devonport. During the Second World War it was understood to be on the register of volunteer boats for the Naval Auxiliary Patrol and painted grey. One surviving record from the war notes a vessel CYGNET, with very similar dimensions to LE CYGNE, so its most likely it did serve in some capacity. Le Cygne stayed at Devonport for three decades then returned in 1970 to the Tamar River owned by Alan Bell. Bruce Talbot bought LE CYGNE in 1976, and in 1981 it was sold again and returned to Devonport with the new owner Len King. It came back to Launceston for a third time with Brian Lehner in 1983, and in 1985 went to Robin Yates. The current owner bought LE CYGNE in 1993 and shipped the launch over to Port Phillip. LE CYGNE remains in excellent condition, with a BMW marinised Hatz industrial diesel engine replacing the original motor. The original interior and superstructure as built by both Fred and Tasman Moore remains complete and LE CYGNE serves as an excellent example of their craftsmanship.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 9 m x 2.7 m (29.53 ft x 8.86 ft)