

Basic Detail Report



GyMEA

Vessel number

HV000375

Date

1922

Primary Maker

J Hayes & Sons

Description

GYMEA was commissioned by Reginald Carter, soon after the first Forster Cup series was held on Sydney Harbour in early 1922. CORELLA, EOJ and BOOMERANG, the three sisterships designed earlier by Peel had performed well in the Cup races. They were also built at J Hayes & Sons yard, and had a relatively short bow overhang. GYMEA's shape followed designs of other builders competing for

the Cup in 1922 - INEZ, LAKATOI, CHERRY TOO and the winner GUMLEAF - which all had longer bow overhangs. A detailed description of GYMEA's scantlings has survived in a copy of its measurement certificate which shows it planked in New Zealand kauri and Australian cedar on mountain ash frames, with a blue gum keel. GYMEA was launched later in 1922 and Reg Carter raced it until 1925 when he sold it to well known Sydney yachtsman AC Saxton. Saxton died in a yachting accident in 1926 and GYMEA was sold to WH Powell of Largs Bay in South Australia, helping to boost numbers in the fleet in that state. Powell raced it until 1945, winning the Queen of the River at Port Adelaide in 1927. After 1945 it changed hands twice before Stan Medwell is recorded as the owner in 1948. He continued racing GYMEA at the Port Adelaide Club and the South Australian Yacht Squadron until the late 1970s. During its time in SA it won the Queen of the River on 19 occasions. Racing records show that GYMEA sailed in the Forster Cup for South Australia in 1927, 1933, 1947 and 1949. It was one of five 21s in the South Australian fleet. New owner and grandson of Medwell, Olympic sailor Chris Pratt, took GYMEA from storage in SA to Perth, Western Australia in the late 1990s where he had it rebuilt to sailing condition. It is one of only two or three of the class still sailing with a traditional rig. Pratt and GYMEA returned to SA in 2001 and joined the fleet of old 21s racing at Goolwa. It was twice the fastest 21 in the Milang to Goolwa Race. In 2009 new owners moved GYMEA to Sydney Harbour.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 7.62 m x 6.4 m x 2.33 m (25 ft x 21 ft x 7.66 ft)