

# Basic Detail Report

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## Miss Ally

### Vessel number

HV000248

### Date

1948

### Primary Maker

Lars Halvorsen Sons Pty Ltd

### Description

MISS ALLY was originally called SEA EFF and was commissioned from Halvorsen's by prominent Sydney hotelier Claude Fay. The name was a play on his initials. MISS ALLY was job number 892 at Halvorsen's Ryde yard on the Parramatta River, NSW, and was delivered to the owner in mid-April 1948 at a cost of 768 pounds. This was Fay's second Halvorsen vessel, his original craft a much larger motor cruiser of the same name SEA EFF, which is now known as LYNDALL II (HV000110). The carvel planked hull is 5.49 m (18 ft) long and the boat is now fitted with a 22 kW Renault diesel engine. The wooden structure used spotted gum, Oregon and Queensland maple timbers. MISS ALLY was used as a recreational launch for fishing and day cruising around Sydney Harbour. Fay had it moored down at the Spit Bridge on Middle Harbour, and was originally fitted with a Morris 'Vedette' petrol engine. This was replaced with the Renault in the early 1980s. In the late 1980s it was sold from the Fay estate to Dr Phillip Whistler, who took it to Lord Howe Island. It was moored at Lovers Bay on the island's lagoon. In 2005 it was shipped back to the mainland for rebuilding and sold to retired shipwright Bill Griffiths. He worked with his son, over an 18 month period to restore the craft to good condition. It was renamed SUZIE by Griffiths, after his wife's name. In 2009 it was sold again and renamed MISS ALLY after the new owner's wife. Since it was launched most of the original structure has remained intact, but a duck board had been added at the stern. The current owner plans to remove many of the more recent plywood additions to the fitout and replank the deck to keep the craft in excellent condition for years to come.

### Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 5.49 m x 1.83 m x 0.61 m (18 ft x 6 ft x 2 ft)