

Basic Detail Report



Sam Male

Vessel number

HV000657

Date

1957

Description

SAM MALE may have been built by Kevin Buckeridge (who built D.McD) but there has also been the suggestion that Doug D'Antoine (who built Ancel) may have built Sam

Male as well. Streeter and Male records show payments to both builders in connection to the vessel but it is known that they did not work with one another. The hull was planked in jarrah. The hull followed the traditional shape with a shallow rise to the floor and strong bilge section below the waterline, a straight keel, overhanging counter stern and spoon bow. This hull form became standard on Broome pearling luggers, in particular the many vessels built in the 1950s before construction of the type came to an end. Streeter and Male were also one of Broome and pearling's oldest companies in the north west of the state. It was launched as Kimberley Male and registered as No 3 in 1958 O/N 196882 at Fremantle with the builder recorded as AS Male- Arthur Streeter Male. It is carvel planked, and has a flush deck with a raised bulwark forward. There is a high cabin over the forward accommodation area which may have been an addition to the accommodation forward as an improvement for European crew members. During its working life it was registered as B4 at one point. Initially Sam Male would have worked the fields in a traditional manner, using its Lister diesel to get to and from the fields, and then operating under sail drifting across the pearling beds as the divers worked their way slowly along the ocean floor. It was one of the ten pearling luggers still operating out of Broome in 1973. Around this period it was likely to have been used to harvest Mother of Pearl for Pearls Pty Ltd's new cultured pearl farming at Kuri Bay. Pearls Pty Ltd was formed as a consortium including Streeter and Male, Brown and Dureau Ltd, Otto Gerdau Company, and Nippon Pearl Co. It was purchased by the Shire of Broome in 1977 from Streeter and Male, decommissioned and placed on Male Oval. At this point it was renamed Sam Male. In 1990 it was removed for restoration and in 1999 relocated to a park beside D.McD. at Pearl Luggers in Dampier Terrace. The display is centred on the two original pearling luggers with a replica tidal jetty. Prepared with assistance from the Register of Australian and New Zealand Ships and Boats compiled by Mori Flapan; www.boatregister.net