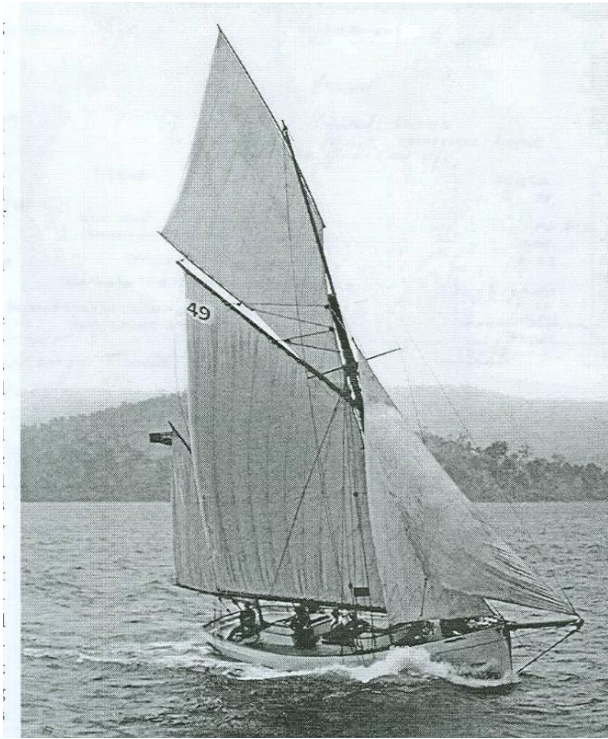


Basic Detail Report



Parappa

Vessel number

HV000429

Date

1915

Primary Maker

EA Jack

Description

PARAPPA was built for cray fishing around southern Tasmania for Ned and Jack Pulfer. The name means 'dolphin' in Tasmanian Indigenous language. Carvel planked in Huon pine and rigged as a yawl with a small auxiliary engine, it was sail powered at a time when the engine was just beginning its rapid rise to become the

dominant means of power. As a sailing boat it won the fishing boat race in the annual Hobart Regatta of 1921. William Bowtell, a fishmonger from Hobart owned it from 1921 to 1936. From 1936 until 2004 PARAPPA was owned by four generations of the Jager family at Southport and Dover in south east Tasmania. During their ownership a wheelhouse was added, and by 1946 the gaff rig had been modernized to Bermudan. Then the deck was raised and a new wheelhouse installed in 1964 to make it more seaworthy offshore of Maatsuyker Island where they had located a good area for cray. Finally a third wheelhouse was added in 2002. It changed from tiller to wheel steering when the first wheelhouse was added, and went through no less than 12 changes of engine, gradually moving from a petrol powered auxiliary engine delivering 7.5 kw up to 75 kw of diesel power, by which time the sails and their masts were no longer fitted and it was a motor vessel. PARAPPA is being overhauled and preserved by its new owner on the principle of maintaining the integrity of the vessel as it exists and therefore keeping the record of changes that have occurred since 1915. In this way it can continue to tell a remarkable story of survival due to continued use and adaptation to changes.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 15.85 m x 13.72 m x 3.81 m x 1.83 m, 25 tonnes (52 ft x 45 ft x 12.5 ft x 6 ft, 24.6 tons)