

# Basic Detail Report

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## Kahana

### Vessel number

HV000145

### Date

1949

### Primary Maker

Charles Larson

### Description

KAHANA is not the vessel's original name. The 11.66 metre yacht is registered in 1953 as SEA DRIFT, but the British Register of Australian Ships entry has the name crossed out and replaced with KAHANA. The owner who registered the yacht, Mr. B.E. Keen was also unaware of the builder or designer. This is later recorded in 1970 on register papers by the owner at the time, Fred Watter, as having been Charlie Larson and Mr. Campbell respectively. However later information indicates

Campbell worked for Larson as a shipwright or boat builder. Larson worked out of Wharf Road, Gladesville NSW and is known for building sturdy sea going yachts. KAHANA is a good example of a big robust ocean going yacht, built in Oregon, celery top pine and spotted gum. It has a canoe stern, and is rigged as a ketch. The shelter over the cockpit appears to have been added on to the original lower cabin. The deep-keeled hull shape gives the yacht a large living area below decks, with plenty of headroom. The design is most probably the work of Larson as well. He was a great follower of Colin Archer's work, and is known to have held at least one set of plans for an Archer design. It is quite possible the ideas for the shape and arrangement of this design came from the Archer information he had collected. KAHANA has always been a cruising yacht and has explored the east coast of Australia from Queensland to Tasmania in recent years.

### Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 11.66 m x 14.02 m x 3.43 m x 1.6 m (38.25 ft x 46 ft x 11.25 ft x 5.25 ft) Registered Dimensions: 16.17 tons x 10.84 tons