

Basic Detail Report



Gargarle

Vessel number

HV000372

Date

1950

Primary Maker

Maritime Services Board of New South Wales

Description

Different designs for the 'G' class workboats were used depending upon the requirements of the MSB, and it is thought at least ten sister boats, about 11 metres long, were built to the same design as GARGARLE. They were heavily constructed to suit a potentially tough working life, coming alongside wharves and vessels many times each day, in all weathers. The craft carried passengers, supplies or small cargo items, did the pay run, pushed and pulled small barges and handled lines from ships when required. They were versatile and unpretentious, simply doing their work on a daily basis. One specific task was acting as a ferry between Circular Quay and Goat Island for the people who lived and worked on the island. GARGARLE was retired from the MSB in 1993 when they moved their base onto the mainland. GARGARLE remained at Goat Island which became part of Sydney Harbour National Park when it was taken over by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services. Once again it was used to carry people between Goat Island and the Quay as well as around the various foreshore and island areas in the Sydney Harbour National Park. In 2009 GARGARLE was in good condition and powered by a Thorneycroft diesel engine installed in the mid 1990s. This replaced a 40 kw Clae Bedford, which had in turn replaced what was probably a Ruston 4 cylinder diesel, the type of motor typically installed on the 'G' class launches.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 10.97 m x 2.74 m x 0.64 m (36 ft x 9 ft x 2.1 ft)