

Basic Detail Report



Antares

Vessel number

HV000450

Date

1958

Primary Maker

Roe Designs

Description

ANTARES was built by Bill Rogers who had been a shipwright with the navy. No documents survive to confirm the designer, which is said to be Roe designs. This could be the firm Saunders Roe from the UK; the hull has lines similar to a naval fast patrol boat, a type that this firm's marine division were once involved with in the 1940s and 1950s. The 15.84 m long hull is planked in 38mm oregon timber fastened to spotted gum frames, with a Queensland beech deck and a teak coachhouse. This was solid construction in line with their intentions to make ocean passages, and it was fitted with two long range fuel tanks. However Bill Rogers became ill before he and his wife Flo could begin their cruising plans, and they never made any long ocean voyages, keeping their travels close to Newcastle and the adjacent coastline. The Rogers kept ANTARES for over 50 years, and it was well known in the region. The current owner bought the craft from Bill and Flo Rodgers, and has made some minor repairs to the decking, otherwise leaving the craft in its original layout and construction. This includes the twin Cummins V6 diesel engines from 1955.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 15.85 m x 13.72 m x 4.57 m x 1.22 m, 22.36 tonnes (52 ft x 45 ft x 15 ft x 4 ft, 22 tons)