

# Basic Detail Report

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## Marlene

### Vessel number

HV000733

### Date

1920-1930

### Description

MARLENE is carvel planked, with a vertical stem and stern profile. The 6.6m long craft was built by Fred Carnaby in

Nedlands on the Swan River in WA, where he and later his son had a boatshed. As well as building boats he operated a fleet of hire and charter craft, a trade some of the other builders managed as well to gain further income. The hire yachts were known as the Star Class. MARLENE was a yacht built for a private owner. It has a sloop rig with a gunter mainsail. It was fitted with side decks and a foredeck leaving a large open cockpit. This was a simple and easy to handle craft and well suited to the Swan River. The hire boats were licensed to carry 24 people, a significant load, but MARLENE probably sailed with a much smaller crew. Fred Carnaby built a number of these craft, and all were of similar dimensions. He inaugurated racing amongst them in the early 1920s and they attempted to start a club around them in the mid-1920s. The plan was to build clubrooms but the Subiaco Council would not give permission, so the club eventually folded after a short period. His hire craft opened up sailing experiences for many people who could not afford a vessel. MARLENE remains sailing with the same gunter sloop rig it used when it was first launched. It is a near sister yacht to HEBE (HV000614) which is also still sailing on the Swan River.

### Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 6.71 m × 6.71 m × 0.91 m, 2.03 tonnes (22 ft × 22 ft × 3 ft, 2 tons)