

# Basic Detail Report

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## Ranger

**Vessel number**

HV000034

**Date**

1933

**Primary Maker**

CAM Fisher and Sons

**Description**

RANGER is just over 7 metres long and was built in 1933 by Billy Fisher at La Perouse, to a design by Cliff Gale, who was a self-taught boat designer. It was his last boat and has remained with the family. RANGER has been raced continuously by the Gales with the SASC since 1936, never missing a season. The design represents the classic

raised deck style of craft that has been popular throughout Australia. It is also an excellent example of traditional plank on frame construction using the best available local materials. The shape and construction methods both show the influence of Australian workboats. Cliff Gale had previously owned the JUNE BIRD, an early Sydney Harbour design that was heavily influenced by the Victorian cuta boat. The high peaked gaff rig has been optimised with modern sail cloth and even a carbon fibre yard. There is close competition and friendly rivalry amongst all the RANGER class boats and each year they have a 'World' series with many top skippers invited to sail on the boats. In 2006 RANGER is maintained in top condition and is one of the feature yachts in classic sailing regattas and events on Sydney Harbour.

**Dimensions**

Vessel Dimensions: 7.42 m x 2.87 m x 1.37 m, 3.64 tonnes (24.33 ft x 9.42 ft x 4.5 ft, 3.7 tons) Engine dimensions: 16.5Kilowatts, 3 No. (22.13Horsepower)