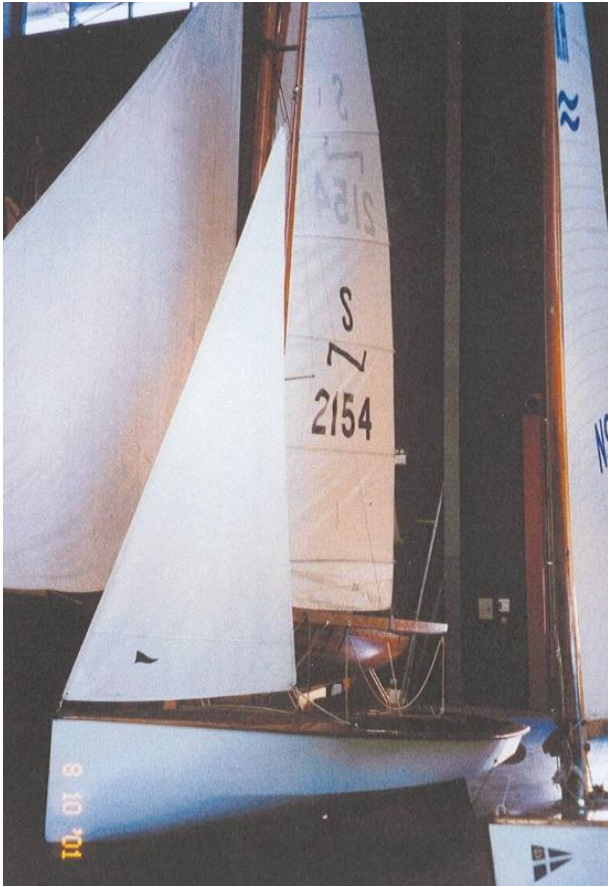


Basic Detail Report



Cosi Fan Tutte NS 2154

Vessel number

HV000478

Date

mid 1960s

Primary Maker

Norman Joel

Description

COSI FAN TUTTE was built for its first owner Peter Kennedy, a solicitor, who as well as racing it also sailed it off the coast near The Entrance north of Sydney on his holidays. Its second owner was Dr Russell McDougall from Northbridge and records that survive include a measurement certificate for COSI FAN TUTTE (sail number 2154) and dated April 1968. McDougall's address was Sailors Bay Rd Northbridge, so he was less than one kilometre away and just up the hill from the Northbridge

Sailing Club on Sydney's Middle Harbour, the club where the class was created and where he raced it. Club member, CSIRO meteorologist and keen amateur boat designer Frank Bethwaite was a prime mover behind the class, and once the Northbridge Senior as it was first called was established he produced many designs for the class over a long period of involvement. COSI FAN TUTTE is 4.27m long and 1.83 m wide (14 feet by 6 feet) with 9.3m² (100sq ft) sail area, the basic restrictions for the class. Its shape is a simple veed hull planked in Bruynzeel marine plywood, with good all-round qualities and none of the extreme features which appeared from the 1970s onward. It is a typical hull envisaged by the class founders, able to be built in moulded plywood and fitted with buoyancy tanks. It also has an early timber version of Bethwaite's over-rotating mast designs, where the wing-section spar sat on a pin and was able to be rotated into the wind direction to improve airflow over the mainsail. It is not known if this is the original mast or one added at a later date. The boats in the Northbridge Senior Class were designed to appeal to the very 60s combination of husband and wife, but this soon became two adults, and then a parent and child combination as well. The simple sail combination and light plywood construction gave performance at an economic price and the class was soon a national success. COSI FAN TUTTE's builder Norman Joel came from a family with strong Middle Harbour sailing connections, especially the patriarch Tom Joel and his boatshed on Balmoral Beach. Norman built COSI FAN TUTTE as one of just two NS 14s he recalls making at that time. Norman worked alone from his garage in Cromer NSW, and built examples of the many other classes of small plywood sailing dinghies that existed at the time. Together the many classes produced a steady flow of orders. There is no record of COSI FAN TUTTE's results while it was owned by McDougall,

and he eventually sold it one of the most well known sail makers for NS14s, Moths and other local craft in Sydney, Garry Fogg. He used COSI FAN TUTTE as a 'knock-about' boat for Pittwater, and it carries a suit of his sails. In 2001 COSI FAN TUTTE was gifted to the Sydney Heritage Fleet by Gary Fogg and remains in their collection of small craft that raced on Sydney Harbour.

Dimensions

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