

Basic Detail Report



Ronita

Vessel number

HV000082

Date

1960

Primary Maker

Jeff Clist

Description

RONITA was launched in 1960 and built by Jeff Clist in Sydney. It was built at Clist's home in Dover Heights Sydney for Ron Cottee, who lived in the eastern suburbs as well. The yacht is planked in white beech and is 11.12 metres long. It is sloop rigged. RONITA sailed in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race and other east coast offshore races, as well as being a family cruising yacht for the Cottee family. The Tasman Seabird was designed as a robust vessel to suit the rough conditions that are often experienced around the Australian coast line, so it was well suited to both uses. Ron Cottee's daughter-in-law Kay Cottee who became the first lady to sail single-handed and complete a circumnavigation of the world non-stop learnt about ocean sailing on another Seabird built by her family the McLarens who were friends of the Cottées. In 2006 RONITA no longer races and it is used as a cruising yacht. Its robust construction has ensured it is still a good ocean going yacht.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 11.12 m x 7.53 m x 2.9 m x 1.43 m (36.48 ft x 24.71 ft x 9.51 ft x 4.69 ft)