

Basic Detail Report



Dampier

Vessel number

HV000315

Date

1959

Primary Maker

M.H. Horton

Description

The 13.72 m long DAMPIER was carvel planked in jarrah and powered by a 70kw (90hp) GM diesel. The hull was designed by M H Horton to the specifications of the Harbour and Lights Department, and built by their staff at Fremantle, WA. The machinery was fitted by the Fremantle Harbour Trust. DAMPIER was built to be a very capable sea boat, and was intended to go on patrol in all weathers and all seasons. It was fitted with refrigeration and accomodation for four crew, and its principal role was to inspect and patrol crayfishing in the north during winter, and the south during summer. DAMPIER was launched on 4 November 1959 in a ceremony attended by the Minister for Fisheries and other senior figures from the Department. A report in the Department's monthly bulletin noted they were 'truly proud' of their achievement and it was hoped the craft's skipper would have the same resourceful spirit of the vessel's namesake, the English explorer and buccaneer William Dampier. DAMPIER remained with the Department of Fisheries until the late 1970s. After retirement it became a Naval Reserve training vessel for a period. In 2009 it was in private ownership, operating as a recreational launch and motor sailer.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 13.72 m x 12.89 m x 3.66 m x 1.25 m (45 ft x 42.3 ft x 12 ft x 4.1 ft)