

Basic Detail Report



Enterprise

Vessel number

HV000801

Date

1957

Primary Maker

Lars Halvorsen Sons Pty Ltd

Description

ENTERPRISE is a classic 36 ft Halvorsen cruiser. It was built by Lars Halvorsen and Sons for their burgeoning post war fleet and was launched on the 3rd of December 1957. It is one of the few Halvorsen boats to be fully splined. ENTERPRISE spent 46 years at the Halvorsen boatshed in Bobbin Head and was bought in 2003 by Peter and Karen Hosier. As a hireboat in Bobbin Head, ENTERPRISE travelled along Cowan Creek and into the Pittwater and Hawksbury River regions. The 36 footer was marketed by the Halvorsens to accommodate 9 people, with 7 single berths and a double - and an official license to carry twelve people. The vessels were available for short and long term periods, many hired out for weekend getaways as relatively easy craft to operate with few restrictions. An early Halvorsen pamphlet details the flexibility of the hireboat experience: 'Escape to unspoilt bays and foreshores. Every day will bring new adventures. It's all yours in any amount on your Halvorsen Holiday'. All cruisers like ENTERPRISE were carvel planked with robust construction in order to withstand their sometimes rough use by those with little or no boating experience. At the time of purchase by the Hosier's in 2003 ENTERPRISE - alongside TOORONGA and PETER GYNT - was one of the last 36 footers remaining at Bobbin Head. The vessel was in poor condition after many years of use in the hire fleet. Since 2003 a near complete restoration was carried out, inclusive of comprehensive repairs to the deck, hull, topsides and a new bowsprit. The teak cabin and Queensland maple interiors were restored by hand in 2005, and new chromework added to the external fittings. Boot topping was carried out on the underwater hull in 2016, with further repairs to the transom in 2018. ENTERPRISE took part in the Halvorsen show at the Australian National Maritime Museum in 2006 and featured alongside other Halvorsen vessels at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in 2015. The vessel remains in excellent condition, and is a perfect example of a classic Halvorsen 36 footer still in operation.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 10.97 m × 0.91 m (36 ft × 3 ft)