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CETEWAYO







Sail No: K1034 Launch Date: 1957

Type: One-Off 35' Design
Owner: David Murrin

Designer:	Laurent Giles	Builder:	Morris & Lorrimar
Construction:	Carvel Teak & Mahogany	Sail Plan:	Bermudan Sloop
LOA/LWL:	14:55 / 11.5m	Beam:	3.38m
Draft:	2.51m	Displacement:	17,691kg

History

In 1955, Laurent Giles designed Zulu a 7/8 fractional Bermudan sloop, which was built on speculation by Morris and Lorrimar on the Clyde, using teak below the waterline and mahogany for the topsides on oak frames. Upon completion, Zulu was sold to Sir Henry Spurrier, launched in 1957 and was raced on the Clyde. In her first season, gained five firsts and only being out of the prize list once.

From Sir Henry Spurrier, ownership then passed in 1962 to Brian Stuart who owned Zulu for almost two and half decades, when he commissioned a new yacht and renamed the old Zulu, CETEWAYO. Displaced and unused for a few years, CETEWAYO languished on a buoy in Gosport waiting for a new owner. Unfortunately, it was Humphrey Polson who put a deposit on CETEWAYO, then persuaded the Campers staff to give him the keys and sailed off with his new love into the sunset. By chance the manager of the Gosport Campers yard was working in Pembroke Dock several months later where, he rounded a creek to find CETEWAYO moored on a buoy. There followed a long legal battle in which Polson paid back increments to Brian Stuart, until he forced Mr Polson to sell the vessel. Sifting through a copy of Yachting World in 1989, David Murrin saw CETEWAYO for sale for £25,000, and was struck by her perfect and beautiful hull form. Two days later, David was under said hull with his brother, charmed by what was obviously a beautiful boat despite being in need of huge amount of work. Undeterred, the 26 year old purchased her and in a dramatic twist, had to pay off the outstanding mortgage to Brian Stuart and then enter into an agreement with Polson to put her back together, as the he owned the only classic boat yard on the river.

Since then David has continuously optimised and upgraded CETEWAYO into a highly competitive classic racer. The most recent addition in 2015 being the design and construction of a new Douglas Fir mast that was 2m taller than the original, allowing the old genoas to be replaced with jibs with narrower sheeting angles. Over the years CETEWAYO has won many trophies within the Classic fleet as well against modern yachts on IRC handicap. CETEWAYO continues to turn heads with her beauty and is currently available for corporate charter in the Solent. www.zuluyachting.com