

DANEGELD



Sail No: GBR1104
Launch Date: 1958
Type: One-Off
Owner: Robert Veale

Designer:	<i>David Cheverton</i>	Builder:	<i>Cheverton Yard, IW</i>
Construction:	<i>Mahogany on elm</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan Sloop</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>10.8m / 7.31m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.95m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.74m</i>	Displacement:	<i>8 Tonnes</i>

History

DANEGELD was conceived and built in 1958 by David Cheverton for Bobby Lowein, a well known Cowes sailor. The funds to build DANEGELD came from Bobby's Danish wife Karin, hence the boat's name. Lowein's brief to Cheverton was to "build me a yacht that will look well, sail well, be easily handled by two men, yet will sleep five." DANEGELD, with her long overhangs, was hailed by the yachting press as one of the "nicest and most shapely vessels produced in this country" and "something of a wonder boat." In her first full season in 1959, from 22 starts, she gained 15 first places, two seconds and four thirds, or 21 places – "an outstanding result for a racing-cruiser's first season afloat". This included winning Round the Island Race outright and her class in the Fastnet. That year DANEGELD was made Yacht of the Year and Bobby Lowein was made Yachtsman of the Year for: "DANEGELD racing successes".

In 1997 she passed to Robert Veale the present owner, and he began an extensive restoration in Cowes carried out by Eddie Richards. Eddie was an apprentice at the Cheverton Yard in Somerton, Cowes when DANEGELD was built in 1958. The hull was basically sound but her interior was stripped since as, it was never completed because the DANEGELD ran out! She has been returned, as near as possible, to her original condition. Worn planks were replaced and the deck refastened. Weight, in the shape of a heavy diesel engine and fuel tanks in the long counter with compensating ballast in the bow, were removed and she is now back to her designed marks. Having passed her sixtieth birthday, DANEGELD's future is secured.