

HUFF OF ARKLOW



Sail No: K691
Launch Date: 1951
Type: Flying 30
Owner: Anthony Barney

Designer:	<i>Uffa Fox</i>	Builder:	<i>John Tyrell & Sons</i>
Construction:	<i>Mahogany</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>13.73m / 9.14m</i>	Beam:	<i>1.90m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.75m</i>	Displacement:	<i>8.9 Tonnes</i>

History

Designed by the late Uffa Fox, mentor of sailing to the Royal Family and built by Jack Tyrell and Sons of Arklow for Mr. Douglas Heard, she could lay claim to a series of revolutionary innovations. HUFF OF ARKLOW was the world's first ocean going yacht to be designed to the concept of the "Fin and Skeg" configuration, a design which is universal today. For this reason, the HUFF OF ARKLOW could be said to be the Grandfather of the modern-day racing yacht and America's Cup boats. She was the first masthead rig sloop, and the first ocean going yacht designed to plane, based on Uffa Fox's highly successful "Flying Fifteen" dinghy. She is built on two moulded skins of mahogany with the outer skin running fore and aft, whilst the inner skin runs diagonally. This gives the vessel its great strength. "HUFF OF ARKLOW" was also noted for her speed. On her trip to Iceland in 1960 she recorded a speed of 23 knots and, for that voyage she was awarded the Faulkner Cup, which she won again in 1962 for her trip to the Azores.

Following Huff's purchase by Anthony Barney in 2019 Huff was taken to Mark Rolt's Classic Boat yard in Bristol for what was expected to be a simple refurbishment and service. However, once a detailed examination was completed it was found that earlier work had included a large amount of epoxy being used to fill damaged areas of the hull. The epoxy was removed, much of it simply falling out, and fresh timber scarfed in. On the top sides areas of extensive rot in the dog house and surrounding deck had been covered with plywood. The extent of the rot necessitated a completely new dog house and hatch and the removal of areas of decking, replacing rotten timber and bedecking. The rebuilt doghouse has followed the original design and appearance, new bespoke windows have been manufactured and fitted again following the original design which was much more aesthetic than the dog house which had been constructed after the fire in the late 70's.

The stanchions have been removed to improve the line of the boat and give less windage since it is intended to day race the boat in the Mediterranean Panerai Classic regattas with only the occasional overnight passage

The hull will be refinished in white, again following the original colour scheme with a bright red finish below the waterline.

