

ZALEDA



Sail No: K2

Launch Date: 1966

Type: 7 Metre Cruiser Racer

Owner: Bill Hogg

Designer:	<i>J. McGruer</i>	Builder:	<i>McGruer, Clynder</i>
Construction:	<i>Mahogany</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>10.8m / 7.3m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.64m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.70m</i>	Displacement:	<i>5.9 Tonnes</i>

History

ZALEDA was designed by James McGruer as the first of the 7 Metre Cruiser Racers (five were built). The class was a sequel to the 8 Metre Cruiser Racers that had been a success on the Clyde in the 1950's and 60's. She was commissioned by Douglas Nisbet and built at the McGruer's Clynder yard between July & December 1965. McGruer's then exhibited her at the January 1966 Earls Court Boat Show where she was awarded the overall 2nd prize! She has been carefully looked after by her four owners. My uncle, Douglas Nisbet, from 1966 to 1975. Then Tim Godden on the Beaulieu River until 1991. Colin Tindal owned her for the next 5 years. She returned to the family in 1996 when purchased by the current owner.

After purchasing the yacht, ZALEDA had a major refit and was re-decked by the Silvers yard in the Gare Loch during the winter of 2000/2001. When McGruers finally went into administration in 2001 all the documents and drawings relating to the yacht's design and build were acquired. The guiding principle of her maintenance has been to retain her authenticity. She has acquired a fridge and heating system but much of the original equipment has been retained and refurbished such as her spars, anchor windlass and heads. She was launched unusually with a varnished hull and this has also been retained.

She is kept on the River Dart but has made two extended trips to the West Coast of Scotland, 2000 to 2006 and then 2009 to 2012.