

SHANTIH OF COWES



Sail No: GBR1523R
Launch Date: 1946
Type: Auxillary CB Sloop
Owner: Jason Fry

Designer:	<i>Philip Rhodes</i>	Builder:	<i>Hubert Johnson, USA</i>
Construction:	<i>Carvel on white oak</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Sloop</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>12.2m / 8.38m</i>	Beam:	<i>3.25m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.37m/2.29</i>	Displacement:	<i>9.98 Tonnes</i>

History

Built by Hubert Johnson, Bay Head, New Jersey, to a bespoke design by Philip Rhodes, little is known of her history until SHANTIH was acquired in the 80s by the Wooden Boat Company, Camden, Maine in 1993. The proprietors of the Wooden Boat Company brought her back to life and used her as day charter boat in the area of Penobscot Bay, where she achieved some race successes at the Eggemoggen Reach Regatta.

Between 1988 and 1992 SHANTIH was dismantled piece by piece. All new frames, floors, centre board, trunk, stem, horn timber and transom became a new structure to which the original ballast keel & deadwood were bolted. A new deck frame came next and the sheer plank followed. Teak covering boards, grubs and king planks were installed. Then came the quarter sawn white pine sprung deck. The cabin trunk is solid mahogany with ash beams, cedar & Dynel top with teak trim. A new boom & clubfoot was made, with extensive rebuilding of the mast. She was finished off with a new raised panel interior.

At the end of the decade she came to the UK and was moored on the Deben River in Suffolk, where she was a sometime member of the BCYC and regular participant in the Suffolk Classic Yacht Regatta, where she won the Safir trophy for yachts which were well fitted out and in original condition. SHANTIH now resides in Cowes under the ownership of the Fry family, having undergone a modest refit during 2014.