

## CARESSA



**Sail No:** K2300  
**Launch Date:** 1966  
**Type:** Prior 37  
**Owner:** Ian Welsh

<b>Designer:</b>	<i>Alan Buchanan</i>	<b>Builder:</b>	<i>RJ Prior &amp; Sons, Burnham on Crouch</i>
<b>Construction:</b>	<i>Mahogany</i>	<b>Sail Plan:</b>	<i>Bermudan</i>
<b>LOA/LWL:</b>	<i>11.3m / 8.08m</i>	<b>Beam:</b>	<i>3.08m</i>
<b>Draft:</b>	<i>1.8m</i>	<b>Displacement:</b>	<i>8 Tonnes</i>

### History

Prior's yard worked very closely with Alan Buchanan in the 50's and 60's producing a succession of successful racing and cruising designs including Taiting and Vashti. Their combined experience and knowledge was distilled into the Prior 37, of which 7 were built. Of these 7, six are still known and sailed regularly which says something for such a thoroughbred, enduring design inspired by Vashti but with more volume, the Prior 37 is another thoroughbred from the stable of Alan Buchanan.

CARESSA'S lines, beautiful, light and graceful belie her long, deep keel which is lightened by her swept stern and fine bow. Beautifully maintained and lavished with exquisitely varnished teak superstructure, she is the pinnacle of timber yacht construction in the UK before plastic became the norm. She is so well mannered under sail that only the lightest of touch on the helm is required. Teak deck, bronze fittings and a long, deep cockpit make her a superb cruiser/racer ready for a Channel crossing or classic yacht racing around the Island or on the Orwell.