

# LUTINE OF HELFORD



**Sail No:** 908

**Launch Date:** 1952

**Type:** Bermudian Yawl

**Owner:** James Youngman

<b>Designer:</b>	<i>Laurent Giles</i>	<b>Builder:</b>	<i>Camper &amp; Nicholson</i>
<b>Construction:</b>	<i>Carvel</i>	<b>Sail Plan:</b>	<i>Yawl</i>
<b>LOA/LWL:</b>	<i>17.8m / 12.6m</i>	<b>Beam:</b>	<i>4.14m</i>
<b>Draft:</b>	<i>2.57m</i>	<b>Displacement:</b>	<i>26.5 Tonnes</i>

## History

LUTINE OF HELFORD, one of the most famous of English yachts was designed by Jack Laurent Giles for Lloyds Yacht Club and built by Camper and Nicholson in 1952. In the 1950s racing in America was highly competitive and Lloyds Yacht Club wanted a yacht to compete with the Americans on their terms. She was therefore designed to the CCA rules rather than RORC.

With exceptionally sweet, very traditional lines - a relatively short bow overhang and well-balanced counter stern, ample freeboard and the sheer renowned of her designer, she is a dry boat capable of putting in fast times even in a sea. Found near derelict in 1999, LUTINE underwent a major rebuild to be re launched in 2001 for the America's Cup Jubilee Regatta, where she came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class One.

In the rebuild, the hull was stripped completely and the deck removed. Only the planking and the back bone remained of the original hull structure. The dog house and trunk cabin, small skylights either side of the mast, large skylight forward of the mast over the owner's cabin with chromed vents on Dorade boxes each side and fore hatch were all rebuilt to precisely the original designs working from the original plans, all in varnished teak with lights in chromed bezels. A minor change was made to the dog house where the original 2 large windows were changed to 3 smaller ones for greater security.

Since her refit she has also proved to be very easily handled – regularly sailing 2 handed only, although usually racing with a full crew. In 2014 the hull was completely repainted and the bright work stripped to bare wood and varnished. The current Owner, James Youngman and his family sail her regularly, cruising the coast and Brittany as well as competing in classic regattas in the Solent