

VIGILANT



Sail No: K1/22

Launch Date: 1930

Type: 22sqm Skerry Class

Owner: Phil Thomas

Designer:	<i>Uffa Fox</i>	Builder:	<i>Uffa Fox</i>
Construction:		Sail Plan:	
LOA/LWL:	<i>10.54m / 7.77m</i>	Beam:	<i>1.95m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.31m</i>	Displacement:	<i>2 Tonnes</i>

History

VIGILANT was one of Uffa's early ventures into keelboat design. Built in 1930, she is based on the 22 Square Metre Skerry Cruiser rules. She is of very light construction, so much so that the Q Class which raced on the Solent refused to allow her to compete.

Compared to the international 6 metre yacht, VIGILANT is of about the same size, with half of the sail area, and half the displacement.

Uffa cruised VIGILANT to Sweden to race in the Royal Swedish Yacht Club Centenary Races at Stockholm. He did not excel in the racing there, possibly because his racing experience had largely been in dinghies.

Restoration:

VIGILANT was partly restored in the 1970s when her cabin was extended to provide better accommodation but was then laid up in 1975. She was rediscovered in Loddon, Norfolk by Andrew Thornhill who spent from 1990 to 1994 bringing her back almost to her original condition. She recently underwent an overhaul at the Elephant Yard and is now based in the Western Solent.

She was one of the stars of the show at the Uffa Fox Centenary Regatta in 1998.