

MARCITA



Sail No: 1045
Launch Date: 1957
Type: Bermudan Fractional Sloop
Owner: Classic Sailing Club

Designer:	<i>Alan Buchanan</i>	Builder:	<i>Harry King & Sons, Pinmill</i>
Construction:	<i>Carvel</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Sloop</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>9.44m / 7.31m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.49m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.73m</i>	Displacement:	<i>4 Tonnes</i>

History

Marcita is very much at home in Pin Mill. She was built there in 1957 and apart from a few years in Northumberland with her first owner, then a few years in the Solent, she has spent the rest of her life on the Orwell. She was in the same family for over 40 years until acquired by the current owner. From the board of Alan Buchanan during his most prolific and successful period, Marcita is one of two built to this experimental racing design. Her sister ship is still alive and well in Holland. There is a story that the name Marcita (or little sea) was inspired by a conversation between the then owner and a well-known East End gangster who, as a barrister, he was defending. I am a criminal with a big 'C' but your briefs are just criminals with a small 'c'!

She has been constantly maintained throughout her life, her only main development being a modern rig in the eighties when the then owners decided their life would be easier without running backstays to worry about. 2014/15 we have replaced the bottom 3 planks on both sides, new stainless steel floors and mast step.