

MYSTERY II OF MEON



Sail No: 321

Launch Date: 1936

Type: Bermudan Cutter

Owner: Richard Burrows

Designer:	<i>Robert Clarke</i>	Builder:	<i>Moody's</i>
Construction:	<i>Carvel</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Sloop</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>11.81m/8m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.62m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.68m</i>	Displacement:	<i>6.6 Tonnes</i>

History

Robert Clark's award-winning design, the 'Mystery' series, broke new ground in 1935 and Mystery 11 of Meon was the first of the Mystery Class to be built. The concept of this masthead cutter rig with the mast further aft than was usual, thus putting more sail area in the powerful foretriangle and reducing the huge and unwieldy mainsails of the time, was hailed as revolutionary. Her lines are sweet, her construction strong yet light. Her accommodation was regarded as comfortable and spacious.

When the first Mystery was launched in 1936 she received rave reviews for her sailing qualities, proving herself very fast and weatherly with a perfectly balanced hull which allowed the yacht to steer herself even on a beam reach. Some twelve yachts of this class were built but as was common at the time, although the basic lines and rig were identical, variations to the detail varied.