

## LAUGHING GULL



**Sail No:** 136

**Launch Date:** 1949

**Type:** Sparkman & Stephens Yawl

**Owner:** Barney Sandeman

<b>Designer:</b>	<i>Olin Stephens</i>	<b>Builder:</b>	<i>Jakobson, NY</i>
<b>Construction:</b>	<i>Carvel</i>	<b>Sail Plan:</b>	<i>Yawl</i>
<b>LOA/LWL:</b>	<i>14.5m / 13.41m</i>	<b>Beam:</b>	<i>3.2m</i>
<b>Draft:</b>	<i>1.85m</i>	<b>Displacement:</b>	<i>12 Tonnes</i>

### History

Sparkman & Stephens 1948 design # 844 was built for Percy Chubb II, a wealthy insurance broker and Commodore of the New York Yacht Club in 1948. Given a free hand, Olin Stephens did however have to cater for Chubb's near 7ft height with appropriate standing headroom below.

Built by Jakobson of Oyster Bay, NY she was launched early in 1949. When asked if he remembered the design of LAUGHING GULL, Olin Stephens said: *"Yes, certainly, Mr Chubb was a good friend and client and LAUGHING GULL was his second commission and I gave her stronger overhangs than usual because I found her more beautiful that way, and I have always believed that a beautiful boat is a fast boat"*.

LAUGHING GULL has had three owners. Rutger ten Broeke owned her for 22 years, during which time she underwent a thorough repair and maintenance program. She proved to be a fast, sea kindly boat and during this ownership guided Rutger and his crew through some tough weather, among others; a hurricane force storm in the Skagerrak in the summer of 1996 en route to the Risør Wooden Boat Festival - nevertheless making it to the festival when many other ostensibly stronger larger boats did not get there. She is now located in Poole Harbour and enjoyed as a cruising boat by her current owner.