

NYACHILWA



Sail No: 1004

Launch Date: 1952

Type: Fractional Sloop

Owner: Graham Dallas

Designer:	<i>William Fife III</i>	Builder:	<i>Fairlie</i>
Construction:	<i>Mahogany on oak</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>10.36m / 7.31m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.51m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.71m</i>	Displacement:	<i>5.5 Tonnes</i>

History

Sistership to NYATONGA, whose keel was laid before WW2, but completed under Archie McMillan at Fairlie in 1951. NYACHILWA was launched in 1952, to the same design, for Lt-Col G & Capt P Mackie-Campbell who registered her at Greenock. I believe her name has Malawi connections: the country was formerly called Nyasaland, and there is large lake called Chilwa. In 2005 she was advertised for sale in Coecles Harbor on Long Island, NY. I paid a deposit over the phone to Steve Corkery without having seen her, flew out the next week and completed the sale. Fife expert Simon Grillet was recommended to me by Don Costanzo, and the boat was shipped to UK on a RoRo. Over the next 2½ years she was completely rebuilt/restored. I kept her for a while on the Orwell, but now have a mooring (and a house) in Faversham, Kent.

Completely rebuilt 2005-2007 by Simon Grillet at Iron Wharf, Faversham. Approx 35% new hull planking, complete refastening, new stems fore & aft, new wooden and iron floors, some new hull and deck framing, new stringers and clamps, new traditionally laid & swept teak deck. Interior largely original. Mast original, boom later, all new rigging and new custom chainplates. New engine and systems