

LITTLE MERMAID



Sail No: K3

Launch Date: 1967

Type: 7 Metre Cruiser Racer

Owner: Giles Walker & Sabine Fleurentin

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| Designer: | <i>Werner Siegel</i> | Builder: | <i>YEB Yachtwerft, Berlin</i> |
| Construction: | <i>Mahogany</i> | Sail Plan: | <i>Bermudan</i> |
| LOA/LWL: | <i>10.8m / 7.3m</i> | Beam: | <i>2.64m</i> |
| Draft: | <i>1.70m</i> | Displacement: | <i>7.26 Tonnes</i> |

History

LITTLE MERMAID was designed by Werner Siegel as the third of the 7 Metre Cruiser Racers (five were built-two in GB and three in Germany). The class was a sequel to the 8 Metre Cruiser Racers that had been a success on the Clyde in the 1950's and 60's. She was commissioned by John Shields on the Clyde and built at the YEB yard in Berlin between 1966/7. Her sister, Zeld (K2) was built by McGruer's and then exhibited at the January 1966 Earls Court Boat Show where she was awarded the overall 2nd prize! (She came second to Sir Max Aitken's boat- the main sponsor of the Boatshow!!)

She has been carefully looked after by her three owners, John Shields of Clyde, Chris Cavanagh of Beaulieu and Giles and Sabine- of Cowes. She is carvel mahogany laid on oak frame with a teak deck. Woodwork inside is mahogany, cockpit teak, wooden helm with a boom roller reefing system. She boasts an all-important fridge and an original Blakes Head!

Originally named Pelingar and owned by John Shields, she lived and raced on the Clyde. She was renamed LITTLE MERMAID in the late 90's. Since 1999 she was owned and moored by Chris Cavanagh on the Beaulieu River at Needs Ore Point and is now berthed on the Medina at Cowes.