

DIDO



Sail No: GBR719R

Launch Date: 2003

Type: Spirit 46

Owner: Suzie & Daniel Anthony

Designer:	<i>Sean McMillan</i>	Builder:	<i>Spirit Yachts</i>
Construction:	<i>Cold moulded</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>14.14m / 10.31m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.81m</i>
Draft:	<i>2m</i>	Displacement:	<i>4.5 Tonnes</i>

History

DIDO was the second of the Spirit 46's and was built for racing. Under her first owner, Tom Hill, she won the Three Peaks Yacht Race from Barmouth, North Wales, to Fort William in Scotland, and in 2014 she was shipped to the Caribbean for the Panerai Antigua Classic Regatta and the Caribbean 600.

DIDO changed ownership in 2017, and her new owners have loved racing her in the Solent. As a modern classic, she has competed in the Cowes Spring Classic Regatta and British Classic Yacht Club Regatta, as well as the Hamble Classics. She has enjoyed close class racing with her sister ships, Helen of Durgan and Whisper, both Spirit 46's. The pandemic didn't stop her racing, with Dido competing in the fortnightly Charity events organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club. This series saw short-handed sailing as necessitated by the national guidelines. The full crew were back on board for the Hamble Classics and the postponed Cowes Spring Regatta.

We look forwards to a great sailing season in 2021, with plans for DIDO to head to the Channel Islands to compete in the first Spirit Yacht Regatta, planned to take place in Guernsey in August.