

AEOLUS



Sail No: K21
Launch Date: 1989
Type: 30 Square Metre
Owner: Richard Hargreaves

Designer:	<i>Knud Reimers</i>	Builder:	<i>Zarin, Sweden</i>
Construction:	<i>Cold Moulded</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>12.19m /8.68m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.38m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.52m</i>	Displacement:	<i>3 Tonnes</i>

History

The "Square Metre" rule was widely adopted in Baltic/Scandinavian countries from 1908 and promoted at the various international meetings trying to agree on yacht design rules, by Johann Anker amongst others. Knud Reimers was an apprentice of Henry Rasmussen and started designing yachts in his own practice from 1930 and designed his first 30 Sqm in 1934. One of which was built in Cowes by Uffa Fox. He was well known for his Metre and Square Metre rule boats, but his most famous design was the Tumlare.

Over the years Reimers developed his 30 Sq.m design culminating in his last one in 1972 - SWE 222 "Natt och Dag". AEOLUS is one of several (7?) built after Reimers death in 1986, by Jansson and Zarins in Koping, Sweden, to the lines of Natt och Dag. She is of composite construction – cold moulded and sheathed in epoxy and glass. The deck is also cold moulded with a teak coach roof and cockpit.

AEOLUS represents a significant stage in yacht design history and a pedigree in a class renowned for elegance and speed. In 2008 at the 100 year Jubilee regatta for Square meter yachts in Sweden, in the 30 Sq.m's (of 39 entries) AEOLUS came 12th , SWE222 came 4th and SWE225 (one of the 7 sisterships of AEOLUS) came 3rd overall.

It has been necessary to do significant repair work at Elephant boatyard which has rescued her from inevitable decline. She is now once again providing elegant racing in the Solent