

NAUSIKAA



Sail No: 1754Y
Launch Date: 1937
Type: 8 Ton Gauntlet
Owners: Philip & Miranda Cotton

Designer:	<i>H G May</i>	Builder:	<i>Berthon</i>
Construction:	<i>Carvel</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Bermudan</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>9.9m /8m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.6m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.7m</i>	Displacement:	<i>8 Tonnes</i>

History

H G May's throwing down of the gauntlet; a challenge to a client, who had jilted his design for another boat, was the origin of the class name. It was May's Gauntlet yacht however that was to prove the superior boat in the subsequent contest. One of the earliest 'series' production boats from the Berthon slip in the late 1930s. May's design concept was for a sea kindly craft with modest overhangs and draft, quite heavy displacement and easily handled sail plan which four people could sail in comfort. Strongly built with auxiliary power enough for foul tides, these small yachts have proved both tough and versatile.

NAUSIKAA was successful along with her larger 12 and 18 ton sisters in the Round the Island Race and has been cruised extensively from Scotland to West Brittany. She has featured in numerous yachting press articles. One of her former owners was in possession for more than 40 years is testament indeed to her character. Substantially refitted in 2013 – 14 on virtually her first outing to the Panerai BCYC Regatta, she proved her worth in beating beat the entire fleet of the British Classic Yacht Club on corrected time in their 2014 Round the Isle of Wight race in often boisterous conditions. The Gauntlet lives on.