

CRYSTAL II



Sail No: CL2

Launch Date: 1929

Type: One-Off

Owner: Robin Powell

Designer:	<i>Fred Shepherd</i>	Builder:	<i>A M Dickie & Sons</i>
Construction:	<i>Carvel</i>	Sail Plan:	<i>Sloop</i>
LOA/LWL:	<i>10.6m/6.7m</i>	Beam:	<i>2.4m</i>
Draft:	<i>1.4m</i>	Displacement:	<i>4.97 Tonnes</i>

History

'One of the best, if not the best, cruisers of her size and type ever designed'. Uffa Fox (1934).

Bought by Edwin Ker in Burnham on Crouch in 1954 (reputedly from a director of the LNER) and sailed to the west of Scotland. She spent the next 25 years first at Tighnabruich and then at The Brandy Stone, Oban and her owner used her for extensive cruises on the West Coast. On Edwin Ker's death in 1980 she was sold to R and J Thwaites of South Shian. They sold her in the mid-1990s and she returned to the east coast of England. She was brought back to Essex on a road trailer and underwent a renovation which may have seen her with a new mast and certainly saw the removal of her 1930's doghouse. After sailing her for a few years she was put up for sale in 2002.

Her next owner seems to have got a lot of use out of her, but there is no reliable information about this stage in her life and she passed into the ownership of Ivan Maskell who spent many years restoring her once again. He unfortunately died before finishing the work but enough had been done to show what a superb yacht she was, and the work was completed by a new owner in 2018, and she is now being sailed out of Bembridge IOW.

Although initially a "one off" design, Crystal II now has a sister ship, Daydream, owned, designed and constructed by Lee Scarborough using traditional methods on the East coast of America in 2016.