



Boat Archives - 'Donna Tomara'



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Length	40'	Prior Names	New
Year Built	1958	Build No.	40/9
Beam	11'	Hull Construction	Double diagonal mahogany
Draft	3'10	Deck Construction	Teak
Engine Make	Twin BMC Commodores	Superstructure Style	
Engine Size	3.4 litre	Number of Berths	
Engine Fuel Type	Diesel	Location	

History

19 th May 1958	First purchased by a Mr Skyrme.
1963	Article in MBY.
1975 - 78	Owned by Mr Peter Messer. Cruised extensively in Europe and the canals.
1974	New laid deck.
1997	Seen afloat on the North East Coast of England - Source: Mr & Mrs Messer.
	Where is she now?
	Carries a Stuart Turner Generator.
Jan 2021	<p>We heard from Julie Dickinson, the current owner's daughter – "My Dad (Francis Dickinson), a retired marine engineer, has owned her since the 80's, and we virtually grew up on the water! Sadly, in later years, she was broken into and vandalised and that was the start of the downfall of the project. And my Dad, at sea for years, left the boat in care of a friend, who left her out of the water and did not do the promised repairs/work. She's largely lived under covers for the last few years.</p> <p>Anyway, I will get the full details from my father for you. Your photograph is actually the British author Ted Allbury and his family - who owned the boat, I believe, before us. She spent time in the Mediterranean under his ownership. We even had contact with Allbury for a time.</p> <p>We sadly have no photographs from her former glory as they were lost, and she is in a rustic state. But still, could be an amazing project for someone. Alas, I live miles away and have no time and we are so sad to see her just get broken up. She's currently out of the water, at Friars Goose, Newcastle Upton Tyne."</p>
Feb 2022	Julie Dickinson reports that, sadly, her dad has died and her uncle, Blake Lee is going to restore the boat.