

Notes on KAYS VENTURE by Nick Hughes (son):

My father, Martin Hughes, is the owner. He bought Kays Venture in July of 2012, from the previous owner at Bray Marina, Windsor.

She really was in terrible condition, with a huge amount of rot, and mould throughout the structure. All the wiring was in poor repair, and both engines required work. That is a basic list, but the boat needed a complete overhaul. Luckily, my father is an enthusiast, and over the last five years, with the help of myself and a local shipwright, and at no small cost, has saved her. I have literally spent hundreds of hours on her.

I will attach some pictures, as she has been modified at some point to add a Fly Bridge. You will see the amount of work required, including the removal and replacement of the complete upper structure of the boat, such as the rot. Behind every panel was mould and rot, with water leaking through every deck.

Both engines have been stripped and overhauled, and she has been completely re-wired. This really doesn't give the amount of work justice. Unfortunately, the rebuild has not been to original spec, due to a lack of pictures, and some original parts were missing. But she is now a sound, and useable boat, with many years ahead of her.

She is now moored at her new home, in Conyer, Kent.