

After being warned for the last 30 years not to buy a wooden boat, I found a boat I could not resist (after having GRP boats). It is called Musidora and is a 35' Bates Starcraft which was at Penton Hook Marina.

Having been out of the water for the last 15 years this boat has been meticulously restored by a true gentleman called Terry Dann who had served his time with Bates and worked on this boat as a young man.

He has his own boat repair business and has been doing Musidora up in his spare time which is why it has taken so long.

We first viewed the boat in August 2019 and even though it was still out of the water, we gave him a deposit that day. There were some jobs he needed to finish and we wanted some extra work done such as a generator, heaters, battery chargers, an inverter and new front windows (because they were scratched).

The generator is a Fischer Panda fitted by Lyndon Evans, who is an excellent engineer who works with Terry and also served his time at Bates. While Terry and Lyndon were getting on with their jobs, we got the Trim Shop at Penton Hook to make new leather upholstery, carpets, curtains and a full cover, they did a great job.

At the end of November 2019, the boat was gradually put back into the water after being dry for 15 years. The boat already had a survey which was done during the renovation period and we had another survey once it was back in the water and all was well.

Our first trip was at the beginning of September 2020 to Windsor Marina which is her permanent mooring.