

Sevillana - Notes by Peter Selby, January 2018:

She was originally built for Frank Cooper the marmalade man (Coopers) Terry Dann the boat builder at Penton Hook was an apprentice at the time with Bates and remembers working on the build.

Built in 1952 (we think).

At some point in her life the name was changed.

Some 17/18 years ago she was bought as a bit of a wreck by Alfi Hitchcock who employed among others Terry Dann to refurbish her. Alfi then changed the name back to Sevillana . Having spent a couple of years and £100,000, Alfi decided to recruit some sharing partners. Anna Friel and David Thewlis bought a share and Anna then persuaded me to buy a share. In more recent years Admiral Sir James Perowne joined our merry gang.

In 2006 Sevillana won the “Bates Wheel” for the best Bates built boat at the Thames Traditional Boat Rally in Henley. At the same time, she also won the “Rearden Plate” which is voted by all attending SCOC members at the rally as the 'peoples' choice' best Star Craft.

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The current owners are:

Alfi Hitchcock

Peter Selby

Sir James Perowne

Andrew Sturdy