

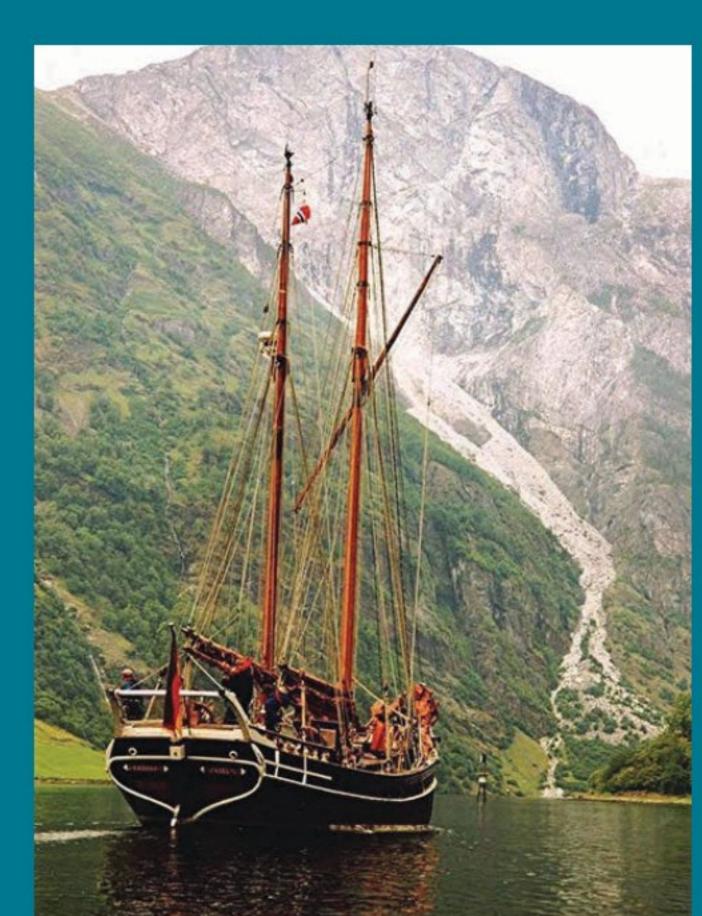
CAROLA: THE HISTORY

CAROLA was launched in 1928 as 'Flora'. In the 88 years she's been afloat, she has had two distinct careers: commerce and sail training. Built in Frederikshavn, Jutland, Denmark, and rigged as a traditional galleass, or ketch, she was fitted as a kvase with a seawater hold for transporting live fish to Denmark's major cities. She operated out of Vesterø Havn, on Læso Island in the Kattegatt. Around 1960 she was converted to carry dry goods and passengers.

In 1974 she was acquired by Hans-Edwin Reith, Chairman of Blumenthal Shipping, in Hamburg and renamed CAROLA after Reith's wife. Taken to Travemunde, Germany, her hull, rig and sails were completely restored and she was fitted out as a gentleman's fast cruiser. In 1976 CAROLA crossed the Atlantic to participate in the American Bicentenary Tall Ships events in New York and Boston. Afterwards Reith became a founder of Germany's civilian sail training movement. In 1984 CAROLA won the Tall Ships race from Bermuda to Nova Scotia, powering through a violent Atlantic storm that damaged several competitors and sank one boat with the loss of half her crew. CAROLA was inducted into the Tall Ships International fleet with sail number G73.

Reith campaigned CAROLA in classic and Tall Ships events in Europe and the Baltic. She became one of the most recognized boats in the heritage fleet, due to her beautiful lines and her captain's noted competitiveness. Following the death of Reith, CAROLA was acquired in 1995 by Kiel-based sail training organisation, Verein Jugendsegeln e.V., who continued to tour the Baltic with teenage crews. In 2011, while under full sail near the Kiel Canal, she crashed into a freighter damaging her bows. Her current owner, Australian Arctic explorer Earl de Blonville is now offering her for sale as a classic restoration project.

CAROLA'S life is well documented in the official Danish records held in Marstall, Aero Island, supplemented with extensive documentation and a digital photo library that show all aspects of her rig and general layout. Little has changed over 88 years, meaning her new owners are getting an absolutely original, authentic classic vessel with an exceptional provenance that includes hard work in big seas, Atlantic crossings, major national and regional events and the prestige of being one of the few winners of international Tall Ships races.





CAROLA: THE CLASSIC BOAT

Ship's Details:

LAUNCHED 1928

BUILDER Christian Nielsen,
LOCATION Frederikshavn, Jutland, Denmark
MATERIAL Ook and lark (large)

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TONNAGE 33.2 BRT, 17.2 NRT.

SHIP TYPE Classic Danish galleass
RIG Two-masted gaff ketch

CONSTRUCTION Oak planks on oak frames, nailed and screwed

OUTER PLANKS 50-60 mm thick FRAMES 140mm X 250mm, spaced. 170-180mm

EXTRA FRAMES Steel stiffening frames under masts

DECKHEAD BEAMS Oak 100 X 120mm

Oak frames 90 X 90mm

SUPERSTRUCTURE Oak frames 90 X 90mm
DECK Lark (larch) planks

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BULKHEADS Two watertight bulkheads

MASTS & SPARS Lark (larch)

BALLAST External on keel, 2/3 of ship's length

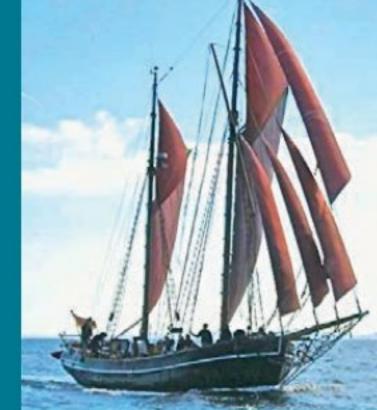
NOTE Straight iron keel with no hogging.

DIMENSIONS LOA: 22.7m
LWL: 17.24
Beam: 4.82m
Draft 2.4m

Airdraft: 20m SAIL AREA 200sqm

ENGINE Volvo Penta MD70K 145hp diesel









CAROLA: THE RESTORATION PROJECT

LOCATION Rudkobing Harbour, Denmark

CONDITION Is afloat and can be moored alongside.

Small leak in bows can be easily sealed.

Hull generally solid with no hogging

Deck & coach houses generally solid.

Masts & spars serviceable, with all fittings

Restoration can be undertaken afloat.

Standing rigging wires & screw complete

Engine, pumps and steering complete.

NEEDS Bow stem, frames and planking
Bowsprit, with rigging
Foredeck frames and planking
Hull caulking - limited
Deck caulking – limited
Replace: running rig, sails
Restore: engine & generator

REMOVAL Towed behind or alongside a ship
Craned onto barge & towed by ship

PURCHASE €10,000

COST

COMMENTS CAROLA could realistically be restored and put back into the Tall Ships fleet within a year.

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