

# FOR SALE

**A UNIQUE  
RESTORATION PROJECT**

*“Carola”*

Tall Ship TS G-73

- Launched 1928  
Frederikshavn, Denmark.
- Winner of the 1984 Tall Ships Race:  
- Bermuda to Nova Scotia -

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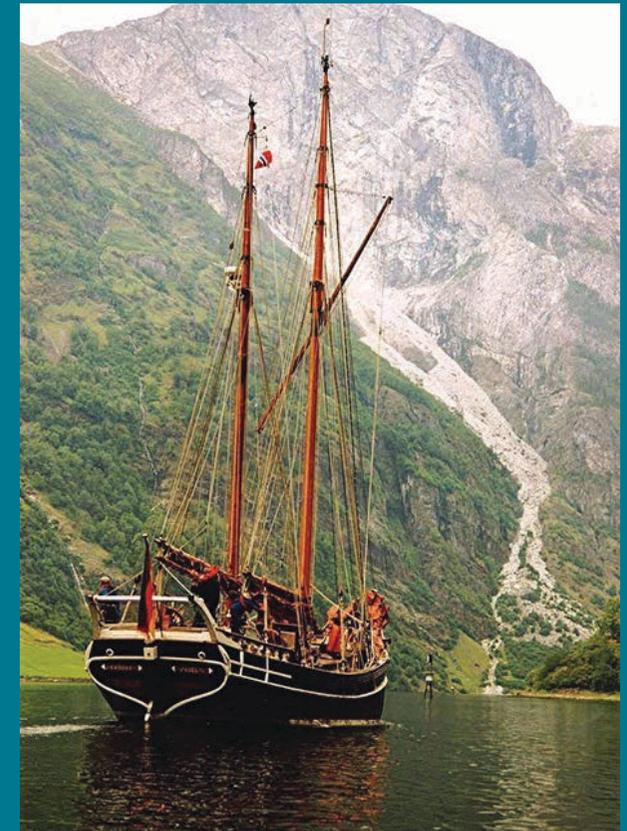
# CAROLA: *THE HISTORY*

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 Læsø 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 Travemünde, 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.

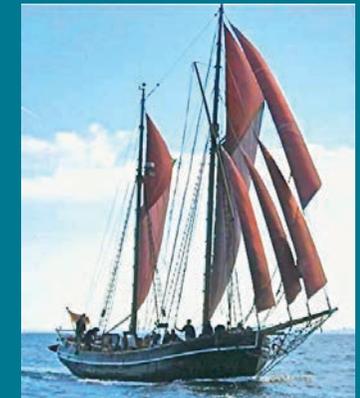
CAROLA'S life is well documented in the official Danish records held in Marstall, Aero Island, supplemented with extensive documentation and a digital photo library that show all aspects of her rig and general layout. Little has changed over 88 years, meaning her new owners are getting an absolutely 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	Oak and lark (larch)
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
SUPERSTRUCTURE	Oak frames 90 X 90mm
DECK	Lark (larch) planks
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 COST** €10,000

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

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