Compass K3 - details

Description:	*K3* is a Compass boat: a traditional net fishing boat of the type used extensively on the Cleddau from the late 19th century until the mid 20th century to catch salmon and sewin. *K3* was donated by Ken Morgan of Llangwm. Compass boats were ubiquitous in the upper reaches of the Cleddau, especially around Llangwm and Hook, where the shape of the river was ideal for salmon fishing. The boat would be 'anchored' across the flow and the fish trapped in the net. The museum has an excellent model illustrating the technique.		
Usage/status:	Museum 'dry' exhibit #V002, displayed in main museum building	**Year built:** **Acquired:**	~1900s ~1990
Construction:	*(dimensions, builder, materials, techniques etc) e.g.* LOA: 13'. Beam: 5'. Depth (in/side): 22" Boats were usually around fourteen feet long and built of larch or elm on oak frames. Pitch pine was sometimes used for the stem and transom; with many of the fishermen having close association with Pembroke Dockyard, this proved a valuable source of timber! Their carvel-planked hulls were usually caulked with oakum and sealed with molten pitch. No two boats were identical, there being no template – just the expert eye of the boatwright.		
Equipment:	*(rig/sails/oars/trailer/cover/fittings; present or not? Exclude optional accessories)* none; no cover or trailer		
Condition:	Poor. Not seaworthy.		
Work done:	By WWMHS: - patched its holes with builder's foam to make her buoyant, so as to get her across Johnson Pill to our slipway.		
Future plans:	Preserve within display showing fishing technique.		