

Lucy Lou - details

Description:	Lucy Lou is a 1920s French-designed motor-sailing yacht designed for family cruising. The original cabin has been removed to offer more cockpit space as part of a recent renovation which should be complete by mid-2026. Donated by an active Member who is renovating her.		
Usage/status:	Society usage afloat; for demonstrations, promotions, & skills transfer. Not a museum exhibit.	Year built: Acquired:	1920s ~2020
Sail plan:	Bermudan sloop	Engine:	Originally inboard petrol; intended to have diesel inboard.
Storage:	Currently in Tern shed. When complete, moor in dock or on legs on slipway.		
Construction:	LOA: 22'. Beam: ~6'. Depth: ~3'. Draft: 9" Built in a French yard to a one-off design. Carvel hull from mahogany strakes over an oak frame with oakum caulking. Aluminium mast & spars (not original). Original cabin has been removed to provide more cockpit space. Original 8 HP Stuart Turner petrol engine, but found to be unrepairable; intention is to have 2nd-hand Betamarine diesel inboard engine.		
Equipment:	Full rig & sails in fair condition; no cover or trailer.		
Work done:	Unknown maintenance history prior to WWMHS acquisition – owned by Ratseys & sailed on Cleddau for many years until purchased by member. WWMHS: remove cabin; overhaul hull; replace iron centreplate; remove/replace engine; replace/refit thwarts etc. Significant rot/damage/wear in keel, rudder & transom will need skilled attention.		
Future plans:	Complete renovations (not attempting to restore to former design) & use by Society for promotional work and skills transfer etc.		