

Mirror - details

Description:	The <i>Mirror Dinghy</i> class marks a significant event in sailing history, i.e. the availability of a family sailing dinghy in a 'flat-pack' design that anyone with DIY skills could build, at an affordable price. As well as sailing quite well (with its classic red sails), it could be rowed effectively and would take a small outboard motor, e.g. for fishing, and was easy to transport. It was designed by Jack Holt and sponsored by the <i>Daily Mirror</i> newspaper. Over 100,000 have been built with later designs having aluminium masts and GRP hulls. Our craft is number 61776 and could be seaworthy with a little work. It's often used to introduce children to the joys of boating; holiday-makers driving to Wales could be seen trailing their Mirrors (packed to the gunwales with bags & boxes – and even their pets!).		
Usage/status:	Museum 'wet' exhibit #V029, stored in Boat Shed	Year built:	?
		Acquired:	?
Sail plan:	Gunter rig main with simple jib; some carried a spinnaker. Later ones may be Bermudan rig.	Engine:	Could take a 2 HP outboard
Construction:	LOA: 10'10". Beam: 4'7". Draft: 9" & 2'4" with dagger board. Built by 'anyone with DIY skills'. Plywood stitch & glue method. Designed by Jack Holt (a prolific designer) & Barry Bucknell (DIY TV expert).		
Equipment:	full rig & sails, oars, trailer, no cover		
Condition:	Good but needing some attention before being seaworthy.		
Work done / needed:	Previous work: unknown. Now needs minor repairs (see recent survey)		
Future plans:	Useful for kids to play in (on dry WWMHS land!) as introduction to sailing.		