

Agnes 2' hopes to sail the waters soon from Pembroke Dock

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"AGNES 2 is a close copy of a type of boat which was once common in this area," writes the West Wales Maritime Society.

"She is modelled on a vessel which was actually built on the foreshore at Pembroke Dock at the beginning of the twentieth century and which can be viewed in our museum on Front Street.

"From what we can make out she would have been referred to as a 'Tenby Punt,' a general workhorse of its day, ferrying people and goods around the harbours, taking nets and bait and the catch to and from the larger boats such as the Tenby luggers when they were on their moorings, and carrying out long line fishing in inshore waters.

"The replica was built in our workshop in Hancock's Yard over a period of about two years and is of larch on oak, all the timber being locally sourced.

"She can be rowed by up to four people, and a number of short proving trips were undertaken before the Covid restrictions came into force.

"Her sailing credentials have yet to be established as we only have a couple of old photographs to help us to work out the rigging and the sail plan but we are looking forward to taking her out in the spring, Covid allowing, to get the details sorted out so that, come the summer, she should become a familiar sight on the Haven.

"In the meantime, we now have greatly improved workshop facilities and early in the new year we expect to start work on another new build so that when the society opens its doors to the public again visitors will be able to watch construction in progress and there will be plenty for new volunteers to get their teeth into."