

General Picton - details

Description:	<i>General Picton</i> was a tender and lifeboat for a Trinity House light vessel on the East Coast from about 1958. She would have been powered by up to 4 oarsmen supplemented by a sail for downwind usage. After her decommissioning in 1978 she was neglected and used for occasional fishing. She was bought by David Picton-Phillips in 1988 and donated to the Society. She was in a poor state and needed considerable restoration; her copper buoyancy tanks, and food and water containers had been removed and lost. After many years of service within the Society it has just enjoyed a much-needed restoration program.		
Usage/status:	Museum 'wet' exhibit #V030	Year built: Acquired:	1958 1988
Sail plan:	Dipping lugsail	Engine:	None
Storage – winter:	Hard-standing	Storage – summer:	Dock
Construction:	<i>(dimensions, builder, materials, techniques etc) e.g.</i> LOA: 16'. Beam: 5'7". Depth (inside): 2'3". Draft: ? Believed to have been built by Robsons Ltd. of South Shields. Clinker-built.		
Equipment:	<i>(rig/sails/oars/trailer/cover/fittings; present or not? Exclude optional accessories)</i> mast & sail, trailer, 2 oars; no cover		
Condition:	Now seaworthy after recent refurb.		
Work done:	1990s by WWMHS: significant restoration. 2024 by WWMHS: many new ribs, new gunwales and rubbing strakes, a rebuild of the lower transom which had rotted, thorough paint job.		