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Traditional values - modern methods



- *Portsmouth's traditional Victory Class one design racing fleet has secured its future for the 21st century.*

The black-hulled, clinker-built wooden day boat- familiar to Solent sailors and visitors to Cowes Week for nearly 75 years - has been built in glass resin plastic to ensure the continued success of one of the most popular day boat racing classes on the South Coast.

The new 'GRP' Victory day boat - which is a faithful replica of one of the most successful yachts in the class - and now competing alongside its wooden siblings, guaranteeing that the competitiveness of one design racing for which the Victory class is renowned will survive in the Solent for generations to come.

Identical to her wooden predecessors, the new 'GRP' Victory shares its strength, weight and excellent sea-keeping qualities. Thanks to meticulous design and manufacture the 'GRP' Victory will compete on level terms.

The decision to move to modern glass resin plastic building methods was dictated by the significantly lower costs of manufacture compared with a wooden equivalent and the easier and lower maintenance routines which are more compatible with busy modern lifestyles.

It is a bold and imaginative initiative which combines the strengths of traditional one design racing with modern practicality. Success depends on the skill of the sailor, rather than the size of his or her pocket!



- **VICTORY** With an ageing fleet of boats the Portsmouth Victory Class began to look at options of how to preserve their fleet through the building of FRP boats. After a Nationwide search
- **David Heritage Racing Yachts** were appointed to produce the mouldings and build the 1st GRP Victory boats. The main reason for choosing David Heritage Racing Yachts was based upon reputation and their established Etchells expertise
- The 21' racing day boat is one of several specifically designed by Alfred Westmacott for Solent racing conditions. The composite Victory will have the same appearance as the original boats with wooden trim on a composite black hull and deck coloured according to the owner's sailing club or taste.
- The class and **David Heritage Racing Yachts** have been meticulous in ensuring that the new boats will be of the same weight and weight distribution as those existing so that both types of boat can race evenly against one another as befits its strict "one design" philosophy.
- The new boats will be available in bare hull form, completed hull and deck and a complete sail away version. Prices to be confirmed.
- The building of the first composite boat, Z 73 is being funded by the Class and is expected to be sailing early April 2007. It will be available for a trial sail/race by anyone interested.
- Further David Heritage Racing Yachts & Victory Class information can be obtained from this website or Jeremy Lear of the Victory Class at 0044 2392 383176

Vital Statistics



- **Principal Dimensions** LOA 20'9" Beam 5'10" Draught 2'6" Ballast 9.75 cwt - 10.5 cwt (trimming ballast may also be provided) **Displacement** 1.25 tons **Sail Areas** Main 171.69 sq ft 15.95 m2 Jib 63.51 sq ft 5.9 m2 Spinnaker 187.3 sq ft 17.4 m2 **Construction** Hull Single skin fibreglass Deck Balsa and plywood core Rudder Plywood Designer Alfred Westmacott Builder David Heritage Yachts Ltd of Cowes **Technical Details** Keel Internal Ballast Sails Batt Sails of Bosham Spars Collars of Oxford Deckwear Harken or Holt - To purchaser's specification

Construction and Options

The Construction of the New Victory mould and fibreglass boat has been done in such a way as to allow for changes to the rig and deck layout.

Lower shroud positions are adjustable to allow for the different rig configurations. i.e. Portsmouth Aft lower position and no runners. Gibraltar forward lower shroud positions and running backstay.

The deck fittings can also be laid out to an owners own specification, with large areas of plywood in the deck core to allow for most designs.

Hull and Deck and Antifouling colours are optional and a 2 colour deck is also available

If you have any questions please call at any time on (+44 1983 280065)



Strong Class Association



- Funding for the design and construction work has come from the Class's own resources and a talented and dedicated team of members has spent four years bringing the new build project to its successful conclusion



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