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« MAALISH »

1959



Owned by the current proprietor of A.A.Coombes Boatyard of Bembridge, IOW. Despite the fact that Coombes built 6 Normandies, "Maalish" was built for his parents in 1958 by W.A.Souter & Sons of Cowes, IOW.



Sailing area : Solent since construction (updated March 2023)

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« AMITIE »

1961



« Amitie » 8,5 mètres, was built between 1962 and 1965 by Dr Peter Meffan of Nelson, N.Z. In 1975 she was bought by a Mr Nicholl who kept her til 1993. He says "A beautiful little boat that had a great influence on our family. "



Photo : « Amitié » passing through the entrance of Lyttleton Harbour, Christchurch. NZ.

Present owner identified and assumed to be still in NZ.

Sailing area : Lyttleton, New Zealand. (updated March 2023)

NY12 «GILLIFLOWER» 1960

Owned by John Walden from 1984-1989.

« In 1984, I decided to take up sailing again. I considered the Vertue but it was designed for single handed sailing. Then I found that the same designer, Laurent Giles, had designed a slightly larger version call the « Normandy ». I scanned the adverts in the yachting press and found one based in Lymington. This one was called « Gilliflower », named after a South African flower. I had her surveyed, which established that a lot of work needed to be done, but a sensible price was agreed and I had her moved by road to the farm. It was a major task renovating her but I managed it successfully.

Gilliflower was restored to her normal glory in about six months and I had her taken to Poole Harbour. Having a deep keeled boat is quite different and Poole has plenty of shallow areas and odd Sandbanks which are exposed at low tide, so one has to keep within the marked channels, some of which are very narrow, only a matter of a few feet.

I kept Gilliflower for about 5 years and had a lot of fun with her, mainly in and around Poole Harbour and the south coast, but she was not designed for cruising and I decided to look for something more suitable. »

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