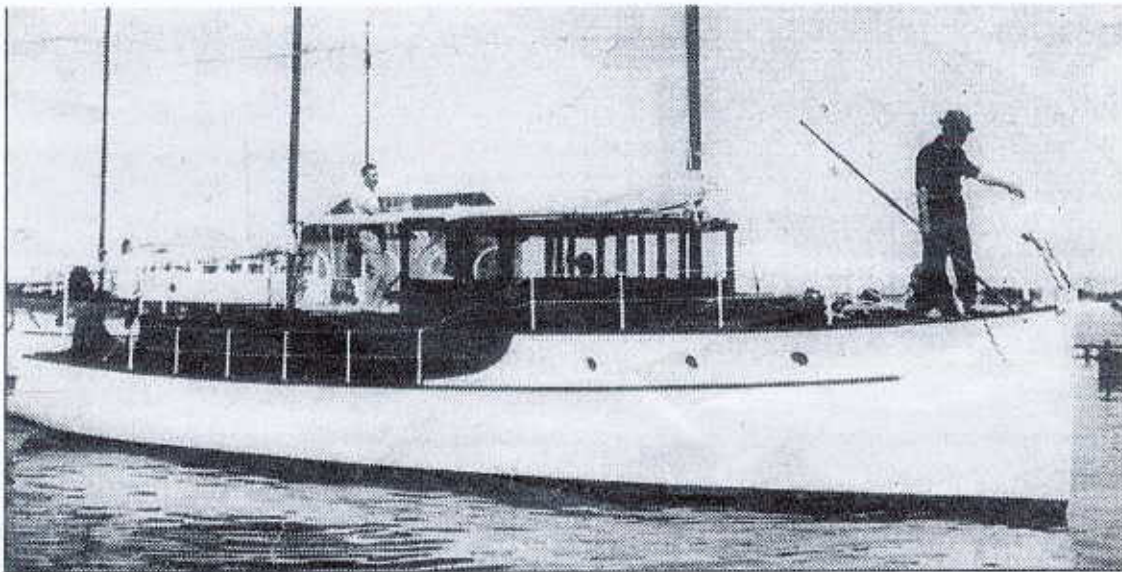


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The **"Kurrewa III"** sailed in the San Francisco to Honolulu Race (2 weeks on the one tack).

The yacht was taken over by the RAAF during the war and served in the Darwin area. The **"Nautilus"** is back in Sydney under its original name and rig. (Gaff rig ketch).

The 45ft motor launch **'Para'** for Mr. S R Delmont of Unley, launched in 1929, was also built of 1½ inch jarrah planking with New Zealand kauri topsides and deck. The **'Para'** was used by the Navy Auxiliary Patrol during World War II, leading to some criticism. She was stationed at Birkenhead. The **'Para'** was the last large vessel built at Largs Bay.



The **'Para'** at the Royal SA Yacht Squadron at Port Adelaide

The workshop was moved to Jenkins Street in 1929 (next to the RAN boatshed) and a partnership was formed by RT, RW, EG & LG trading as R T Searles & Sons. A slipway was constructed.



The first boat to be built was the 66ft Motor Launch **"Martindale"** for Mr. J T Mortlock.

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Before commencing building, the original "Martindale" (60ft) was rolled into the shed and dismantled saving any material that could be used in the new boat (66ft).

The new "Martindale" was designed by R T Searles and dry launched in July 1932. The planking was 1½ inch jarrah and New Zealand kauri with a 1 ½ teak deck.



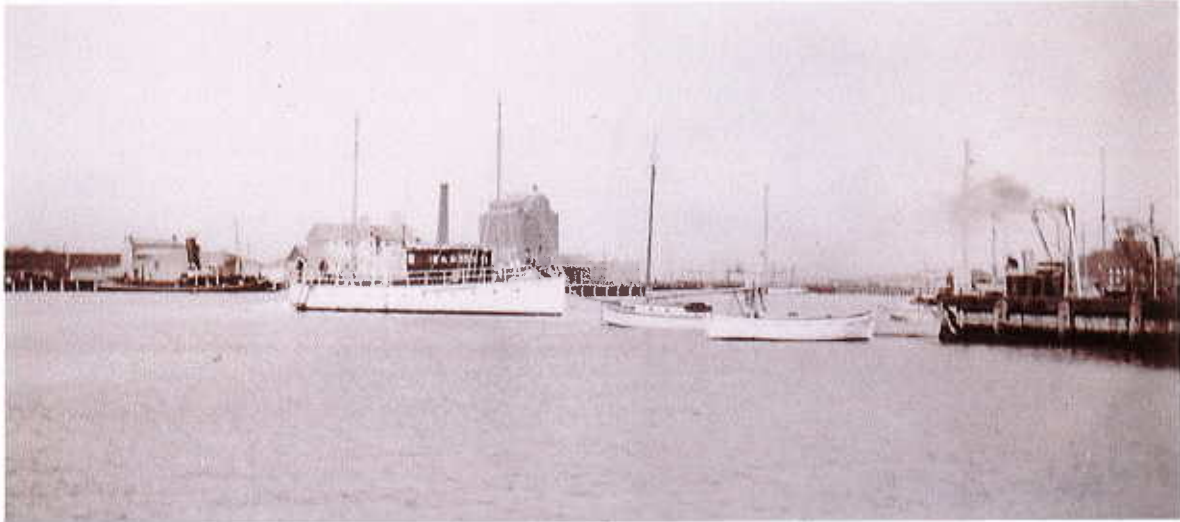
The same engine was installed, a 2 Cylinder Semi Diesel Vickers Petters engine of 40 h.p.
After a few years a 6 Cylinder Gardner diesel of 102 h.p. was installed.



The "Martindale" cruised many times to Port Lincoln and Coffin Bay.

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The "Martindale" was taken over by the Navy during the war and used in patrol work in the Philippines area.



The Martindale anchored off the slipway after launching.

After the war it was refitted at our boatshed back to pre-war condition.

The vessel was owned by a succession of people, including: Mr. J T Mortlock of Adelaide, Mr. H Halstern of Willunga Reef; Mr. Barr Smith of Mt William Station, Victoria; Mr. Perc Puckridge of Port Lincoln; Mr. Gordon Abbott of Hawkesbury River, New South Wales and Mr. V Nash of Potts Point, Sydney.



The "Martindale"

Many yachts and motor launches were built, including: