

'Wangalore' Mr D did quite a lot of cruising to H.S. Vicker Harbor, finally he sold her to Mr M. Karker

'Alexa' Built by A. McFarlane & Sons well known Boatbuilders of Birkenhead, for Mr. Wylie. she was designed by Fife. Alexa was well known for her large spread of sail, like most of the big yachts her topmast was about the same length as her mast, this could be lowered down or a yachtman would say housed in heavy weather I believe Mr Wylie found he needed a fair size crew to manage her even although he always carried a paid crew like all the other big yachts he sold Alexa to Mr. E. Belt. he kept her at Port Vicent for a large part of the summer, & she was eventually sold to Mr. Len Wallen who raced her regularly. Mr Wallen started his yachting career as the owner of a Glenker built yawl called 'Caprice' on selling her he had Stovall built by Ben Weir and was quite successful with her, on selling her he had a smaller yacht of U.S. design built & called the 'Nanyka' he also 'Nanyka' & late in life had another yacht. He of all yachtmen probably ^{had} one of the longest careers as a yachtman. Mr. Wylie on disposing of 'Alexa' contacted Fife to design a very unusual type of yacht he wanted her to be about 30' long, draft no more than 3'6", good beam & head room a good turn of speed, the gill to set from the stem & Boom not to extend over the stern. Fife's reply was He could not design a yacht that would meet his need. He was then advised to have talk to a young boatbuilder John Fraser of ~~Birkenhead~~ Birkenhead, he designed the yacht 'Utika' which filled Mr Wylie's requirements although not a beautiful looking yacht she was one of the most useful yacht one could imagine. He overcome the draft by putting in a centre case with a winch arrangement, he also overcome the problem of head room by increasing the height of the cabin & although she was rather unusual it was not out of place & fitted into ^{the} design very well, the cockpit ~~was~~ had ample room owing to the beam being carried to a big transom.