

R.T. SEARLES & SONS BOATBUILDERS
1913 - 1977

The 45ft Yacht "**Nerida**".

A gaff rig Cutter designed by Milne of Glasgow for Mr. Tom Hardy (RSAYS) (father of Sir James) launched in 1933, and constructed of grown frames and Kangarilla Blue Gum.

Mr. Hardy was killed in the Kyeema air crash in Victoria along with several other prominent business people.

The "**Nerida**" changed hands several times. During ownership by Colin Haselgrove, he changed the rig from gaff to bermudian and sailed in the Sydney Hobart race which the "Nerida" won in 1950. A Mr. Bagnell also owned the "Nerida" at one time.

The "**Nerida**" is now owned by Sir James Hardy and is back to its original rig and used in Sydney Harbour.

The 32ft Yacht "**Nymphea**".

A gaff rig cutter (1934) planked in huon pine and built for Mr. Jack Kemp (RSAYS) of Kemps Nurseries. In October 1990 the owner was one Harold Hepburn of 8/379 Toorak Road South Yarra Victoria.

The 32ft Yacht "**Soliloque**".

A gaff rig cutter for Dr W Ray (RSAYS) who was police doctor at the time (1935). The yacht was sold and taken to Sydney and later purchased by Mr. Geoff Penfold Hyland and used by him whilst living in Sydney.

The 36ft Yacht "**Solace**".

Designed by W Bailey for Dr Stan Verco (RSAYS) (1936) mast head ketch rig.

The 25ft Yacht "**Janilian**" (Centre-board) for Mr. E Bradwell, Town Clerk, Port Adelaide (1937). At Goolwa.

The 28ft Yacht "**Suellen**".

Neil Cormack design for Mr. Clive Whitrow.

Repairs to ketches, 14 and 16ft life boats, net boats, fishing boats, etc.

After the war, the shed was doubled in size, taking over the slipway used by General Motors Holdens during the war.

40ft Yacht "**Southern Myth**" (1953). Designed by Laurent Giles for Mr. Norm Howard. Sailed in 14 Sydney -Hobart races.

37ft Yacht "**G.I.P.**". Tasman Seabird (1961). Designed by Mr. Alan Payne for Mr. Jim Polson. Sailed in and won Queenscliff to Devonport race.