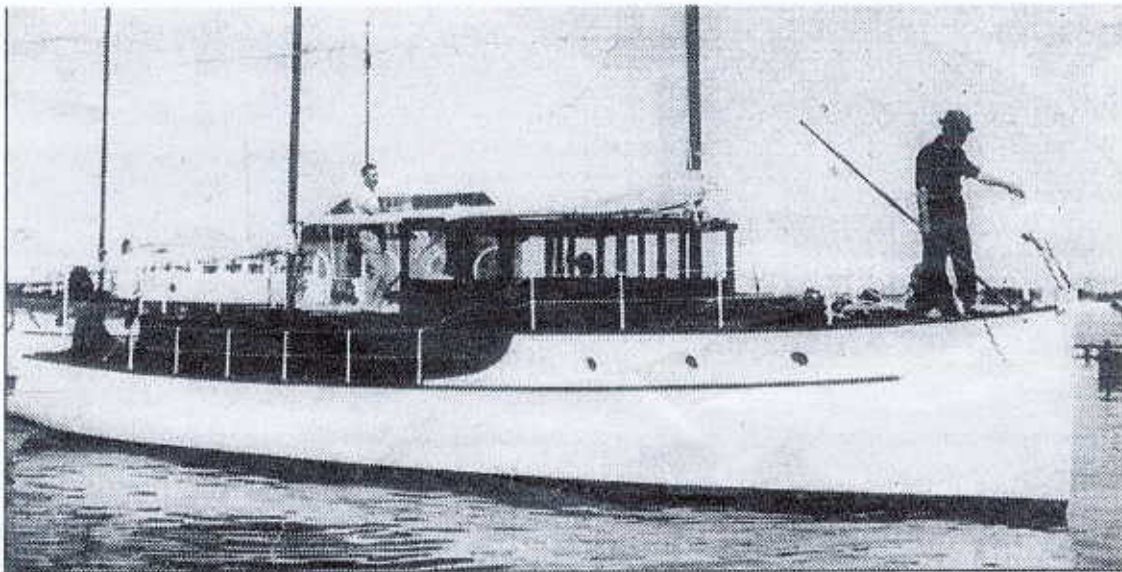


R.T. SEARLES & SONS BOATBUILDERS
1913 - 1977

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.