

PRINCESS

Built 1910 in Port Pirie by Mr Bill Burgoyne and motored to Pt Adelaide with a Hudson Spider 6 car engine in 1937. "Princess" had a forward cabin and a wheel house and a large cockpit.

Herb Charlesworth purchased "Princess" from Bill Burgoyne in April 1935 for 125 pounds plus a smaller launch "Elva Rose" named after Herbs sister. Herb and his son Chappy Charlesworth ran a fishing charter licenced to carry 25 people around the lighthouse for 1/- per adult and children 1/2 price. When Chappy returned from the navy during WW2 he took over "Princess" and replaced the Hudson motor with a Volvo 6 and continued to run the charters, "Princess" was moored at Port Adelaide sailing club.

Chappy Charlesworth did a major overhaul on "Princess" in 1963 including making the wheelhouse larger and cockpit smaller. Searle's boatyard at Birkenhead did most of the work. This overhaul included changing the motor to a circa 1950 Volvo ed6 engine. She was then moved to Royal Adelaide yacht club. "Princess" was then sold to Mr Slater and then to Garry Hisco who brought her to Goolwa. Roly Bartlett bought princess from Garry Hisco. Again she had another overhaul this included replacing the Volvo engine with a 3 cylinder 30 hp Yanmar diesel. Craig and Chris Blacker bought "Princess" from Roly Bartlett December 2011.

Again "Princess" has undergone another major overhaul at Captain Sturt marina and Slipway Goolwa, with most of the work was done by Ron Grooby, Michael Veenstra and Craig Blacker, this overhaul took 18 months and approx. 4000 hours. The overhaul included replacing and extending the roof line, refitting the v berth and shower toilet, relaying new teak decks, new hydraulic steering, replacing the cabin and interior with mahogany timber, lowering the windows, replaced the electrical wiring throughout the entire boat. During "Princess" overhauls her hull has remained original, during her most recent overhaul we have raked her hull seams and re caulked them. "Princess" has her original steering wheel, gear lever, throttle, and horn button and hour meter.