



Swiss Dinghy Association News-sheet

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The website www.12footdinghy.org generates quite a lot of email enquiries. Here are two recent examples:

“About a month ago I purchased a wooden sailboat near Newport, Rhode Island that I think is an International 12. I've been hunting around the last couple of weeks trying to learn more about it and came across an article in Small Boat Magazine that included a link to your website.

I love the boat, but no one in my area seems to know much about them. The previous owner said it was tender for a Yacht called the Atlantide and was left in Newport over 20 years ago.”

The proud owner, Bryan Williams, sent photographs that confirmed that it really is an International 12' Dinghy. The sail does not have a number but does feature the Italian sail logo.



My guess is that the boat was built in Italy, probably in the 1960/70s which would tie in nicely with the time that Atlantide was cruising in the Mediterranean.

Atlantide



Delivered to her original owner in 1930 under the name *Celeta*, this iconic classic yacht was designed by Alfred Mylne and built by Phillip & Sons boatyard for Sir William Burton. She subsequently took part in the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk.

Her latest owner is Jim Clark, owner of the J-Class yacht, *Hanuman*. So, having been the tender to the J-Class *Shamrock* after her initial launch in 1930, *Atlantide* is once again tender to a J-Class yacht 90 years later.

Model Dinghy

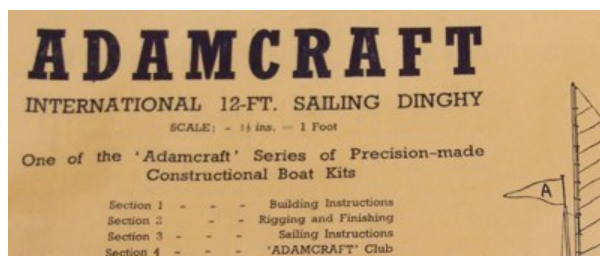
Philip Evans writes:

"I've never owned [a full-sized] one, but in the early 1950s my Dad built me a model of an International 12, made from a kit from Gamages in Holborn, London, for my birthday. Every rib, stringer, plank and rivet are there in miniature. I didn't know what my present was to be as I lay in bed listening to Dad tap-tapping away, so imagine my delight on my birthday. She was, naturally, named Swallow. [Philip was an avid Arthur Ransome reader]"

Although she had no self-steering gear, she could be set up to sail across Clapham Common Pond. Subsequently Dad made me models of Goblin and Lapwing from the Suffolk novels [also by Arthur Ransome]."



These kits were produced by Adamcraft, a company based in the New Forest, England. The completed model was intended to be sailed on a boating pond and came with full sailing instructions. A lead weight at the tip of the centreplate, and narrow side and stern decks, were added to reduce the likelihood of the craft capsizing as it navigated the uncharted waters of the local pond.



6^e Rassemblement BATEAUX DE JAUGES CLASSIQUES - Rolle 2022



In the last newsheet I asked for photos and the results from this event. My thanks to everyone who responded 😊

The Podium

After 3 races the results were:

- 1st Nicolas Saumagne
- 2nd Toni Vogel
- 3rd Alessandro Baldi-Talini



Next year's programme:

Dinghy Regatta at Thun Yacht Club. July 15-16 **Confirmed**

Neuhaus Dinghy Weekend. September 1-2-3 (date still to be confirmed)

There will not be a Dinghy event on the Sempachersee in 2023 – but we are invited to participate in their 'long distance' events. Details to follow.

Dinghy Wanted:

Balz Bruggmann, who sails on lake Zurich, is looking for a competitive wooden 12' Dinghy for regatta and leisure sailing. Contact him at: balz.bruggmann@sunrise.ch

Dinghy for Sale:

At present I have very little information about this boat:

Dinghy, built in 1995 by Colombo Leopoldo, Italy

Mahogany on oak, in very good condition.

Fittings in brass. Beautiful wine-red sail.

4 oars in oak(?). racing gaff.

launching trolley, but no road trailer.

Price 3500 CHF / 3500 Euro

Visible in Zurich

For further details contact: Kyra Gähwiler (kyr@bluewin.ch)

