

## **Siena**

### **International Dragon Aus 118**

#### **Provenance for listing on the Classic Yacht Association of Australia**

#### **Boat register**



Siena is an International Dragon Class Keelboat, built in Denmark in 1967 by the renowned Borrensens Boatyard. She is named for the beautiful red brown colour of her Honduras Mahogany varnished hull.

Siena was purchased by Mr Jaemie Wilson in Sydney in 2009. Siena was lovingly restored on Raymond Island from March 2009 to November 2010 by Boat Builder Mr John Johnson (also a timber Dragon owner of 1962 Barnett AUS 82 "Ghost"), with assistance from Jaemie and his family and friends.

Siena is an ex-Olympic trial boat having been originally purchased from Borrensens's by the Victorian Olympic representative crew Mick Brooke, Alan Cain and John Coon from the 1960 Rome Olympics. Siena was launched at Royal Geelong Yacht club, and has previously been campaigned out of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Royal Brighton Yacht Club and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

Siena has a well-known and competitive history in the Dragon Class. She has competed in a number of major regattas over her lifetime including the 1971 Hobart World Dragon Championships and after restoration, the 2011 Brighton World Dragon Championships. Former owners have included the late Mr Alan Cain, Olympic Dragon Representative, Mr Mike Fletcher a former Olympic Sailing Coach and Mr Robert Alpe Former Vice President of the International Dragon Association.

Siena is a classic wooden Dragon and is constructed of Honduras Mahogany planks, oak ribs and teak deck and cabin top. With the switch to fibreglass construction in the 1970s, many teams have favoured newer fibreglass boats. However due to tight class rules, timber boats remain fiercely competitive. It is the timber Dragons that turn heads and stand out from the crowd in any race due to the innate beauty of their varnished timber hulls.

The Dragon was designed in Norway in 1928 by Johan Anker a designer, yacht builder and yachtsman of great renown in the International Metre classes. With her beautiful classic sleek lines, the Dragon is one yacht that demands attention wherever she is sailed.

The Dragon is 8.90m (29ft 2in) long, with a beam of 1.95m (6ft 5in), draft of 1.2m (3ft 11in) and a hull weight of 1700kg (3, 700 lb). Working sail area is 27.7 m<sup>2</sup> (298 sq ft) with a 23.6 m<sup>2</sup> (254 sq ft) Spinnaker. The dragon is raced with a crew of either 3 or 4 people with a maximum crew weight of 285 kg.

The Dragon is a prestigious class having been an Olympic class from 1948 until 1972. Australia's John Cuneo won the Gold medal in the last appearance of the Dragon at the Olympics in 1972.

Today, over 1400 Dragons are registered worldwide in 26 countries, with the class being one of the most active and competitive in the world.

Dragons have had a presence on the Gippsland Lakes since the early days of the introduction of the class in Australia. There has been a recent upsurge in interest in the last 2 years with major regattas being held at Metung and Paynesville including the 2015 Dragon Victorian Championships which drew competitors from as far afield as Perth, Sydney and Hobart to enjoy the fine racing waters of our Lakes.

