

Golden Opportunity!

Want to be part owner in a 51ft (15.54m) Classic racing yacht?



Photo: Dave Allen

Photo taken from 'Sayonara' April 14 2013

'FRANCES'

A yacht of such potential and historical significance.

A 1952 Classic 8 metre A1 class champion.

PROVEN WINNER

3 National Championships (SAYONARA CUP)

4 Victorian Championships

WORLD CLASS

8 metre Classic Yacht

Completely reconstructed and refitted 2003. All new gear, ready to go.
(not raced due to owner's ill health.)

SYNDICATE DETAILS

\$100,000 required

Commitments of \$10,000/ \$20,000 or greater.

Crew in place - No physical involvement required.

For more details

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Description and History

'FRANCES'

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8 METRE SAILING YACHT

Designer and builder, Ernest O Digby

Designed to 8 Metre Rule (Rated 8.14)

Built at Victoria Street, Williamstown, Victoria

Launched 1946

LOA. 51ft. (15.54m) **LWL** 30ft. 9" **BEAM** 8ft. 6" **DRAFT** 6ft 5"

Displacement:- 9 tons **Keel/ballast:-** Lead Construction

Planking :- Hull NZ Kauri, Deck Q/land White Beech laid deck over 6mm ply

Spars Alloy main mast and boom. Alloy spinnaker booms x 2.

Standing Rigging:- Stainless with SS Rigging Screws

Accommodation: - 2 Bunks main saloon, 2 quarter berths (space for more if required)

Galley: - 3 Burner Metho stove, Sink

Head:- Marine toilet (manual)

Engine:- Nil

Safety gear: - Cat. 7. Steering compass, Flares, PFD1 x 7, 2 safety harnesses 2, life ring, fire extinguisher, first aid kit.

CQR Anchor, Chain 5m, Warp 45m

Electrics: - 12v Batteries x2 VHF Radio

Sails: - Mainsail, No.1, No.2, No.3, headsails, Storm: - Main & Jib, Spinnakers 2

Winches: - Bronze - 4 Large self-tailing, 2 Medium halyard.

Pumps: - 2 manual. 1 electric with float switch.

Accessories:- .Fenders, boat hooks, mooring lines, sheets etc. Barometer

Boat cover :- Full size.

Brief History

Raced in "A1" class against other 8 metre rating yachts such as Vanessa, Acrospire 1V, Eun-na-mara, Saskia and Erica J etc.

Awarded the 'SAYONARA CUP' for interstate competition on three occasions, 1951 and 1952 in Melbourne. Lost to Erica J from Tasmania in 1953. In 1954 Frances sailed to Hobart and won the 'SAYONARA CUP' back for Victoria.

Saskia sailed down from Sydney and won the cup for NSW on Port Phillip in 1955

Frances sailed to Sydney in 1956, but failed to bring the cup back to Victoria.

Upon the death of Mr Ernest Digby in 1960, Frances was sold to a syndicate from RBYC and name changed to "Bridgett"

In 1971 Frances was sold to a Hobart owner, and the name restored. During this time the stern was shortened, and successfully used for ocean racing.

In 1981 she was purchased by Alex Morrison and sailed back to RYCV.

In 2002 she was purchased by Capt. Michael Wood, who engaged shipwright Michael Hurrell to restore her to her original design, alter the self draining cockpit, plus other major work. Requires only fine tuning to be a formidable racer again.

'Frances'

Now in top condition and ready to race.