

# MV WINSOME II



## Winsome II Archive Records

Name:	Maude T
Later names: Also Sail / Rego or Fishing Number	Latex-'26b26b32b41b46 W3-'41 {3} '41 / Winsome '46 / Winsome II-'46b74
Material:	Wood - New Zealand Kauri, single skin, Teak interior
Rig:	1 mast (Ctrr)
Rig changes & identification codes:	3
Type	Cruiser + Yacht / Airforce + Launch / Launch
Propulsion:	Single screw right hand
Designer:	Hand, William
Year Built:	1922 / 23
Yard or Job No.	Mechanics Bay Boat Yard
Builder:	Lane, Thomas Major & Sons
Where built:	Auckland, New Zealand
Engines:	Motor 100bhp Stearns petrol Current Nissan patrol SD42
Official Number:	153995
IMO Number:	Unknown
Dimensions (ft):	
• Reg. Length:	27.33
• Breadth:	8.099998
• Depth:	4.8299999
Volumetric 'tonnage' measurements 1 ton = 100 cubic ft	
• Gross:	9.98
• Underdeck:	Unknown
• Net:	1.85
Decks:	1Dk
Deck Erections:	Cw + Ca
Number of funnels:	0
Number of bulkheads:	3
Tanks, etc:	Fuel 400 lt (200 x 2) / Water 200 lt
Freeboard:	5
Stem:	Straight
Figurehead:	Nil
Stern:	Transom
Fate / Status - Year:	2016
Type:	Operational
Details:	Unknown



### Ports and Owners

AUCKLAND @ 24 David Teed (of Epsom): '25 estate of David Teed: c25b26b31 Capt Emanuel: '31b35 W.S.Pratt (Pratt & Virtue in Aus3^1931/10/3): '35 D.Cambie (of Tauranga):

AUCKLAND '32b41 W.S.Pratt: '41b45 Royal New Zealand Air Force:

AUCKLAND '46b48b74b89 Andrew Donovan: '89 estate of Andrew Donovan: HAVELOCK ,NZ '98 Mike & Claire Allan

PICTON NZ'01b10b13b18 Chris & Julia Knowles

### History and Details

V-bottom fast cruiser chine hull. Design speed at least 27 knots. 38' Loa. Three portlights below deck line forward on stbd side, three portlights in fwd coach-house on stbd side. 1923/06/30 reported ordered from builder, to replace Maude T.(ex.Rothsay qv). Teed was the mayor of Newmarket. 1923/12/22 reported had been launched.

1924/12 reported had been in the water for several weeks, owner had spent a week cruising around Waiheke with headquarters at Cowes Bay. 1925/10/31 reported one of the boats away over the holiday, visited Matiatia, Waiheke and the back of Motuihi. 1926 renamed Latex in connection with owners interests in a Malayan rubber company. 1926/04/10 reported visited Mansion Bay, Kawau Island during Easter. 1931/10/03 reported work well forward in preparation for launching for the season. 1932/11/02 registered, Auckland No.10 of 1932. 1933/04/21 reported one of the motor boats at Kawau during Easter. 1935-1941 used for game fishing out of Tauranga. 1941/06 civilian launch purchased for the new Central Flying School at Tauranga & overhauled. 1941/10/05 delivered to the Central Flying School. 1941 register closed upon sale to His Majesty the King. 1941/10-1944/10 based at RNZAF station at Tauranga. 1946/10/23 registered, Auckland No.9 of 1946. Donovan was a ship broker and ship chandler, kept boat immaculate and used it regularly, had gold leaf on combings. 1946 fitted with new motor, 8Cy. Chrysler Royal petrol. Renamed from "Latex" to Winsome II after Andrew Donavon's granddaughter. 1952 Dodger removed and wheelhouse built 1960/08/29 register still open. 1971 fitted with new motor, 230bhp V8Cy. Chris-Craft petrol. c1989 kept at Whangarei Town Basin upon death of owner. 1993 fitted with new motor, 6Cy. Nissan Patrol SD33 diesel. 2005/2006 2 new carriage deck hatches replaced and built by Havelock boat builder Lionel Jefcoate. 2016/12/19 sighted at Picton. Reconditioned engine Nissan TD42 installed 2015 Volvo Gearbox 1:1

port lights in forward coach house on starboard side.

References: ([http://www.boatregister.net/RANZS\\_References.htm](http://www.boatregister.net/RANZS_References.htm)): Aus3^1923/6/30, 1923/12/22, 1924/11/08, 1925/10/31, 1926/04/10, 1931/10/03, 1933/04/21: Cbnz 1(P): Chris Knowles: Dux1:HaroldKidd:Ranzs46:Wai1(P): Sighted(P):Wat1:Y74.

Research Notes: Ranzs46 & Wat1 & Y74 says built 1924. Aus3^1931/10/03 spells name Laetex (check).

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# CLASSIC MV WINSOME II



Cruising in the Bay of Islands

Circa 1950's



Anchored in the Bay of Islands

Circa 1960's



Big game fishing in the Bay of Islands -  
Andy Donovan was the owner



Photo from the Northern Advocate, Monday 12  
February, 1973, sent by Judy Donovan, Andrew's  
daughter,, shows Winsome II starting in the first Bay  
of Islands International Bullfish tournament.. The  
start was a Grand Prix style, e.g. drag race



Anchored in the Bay of Islands  
Circa 1960s



Andrew Lusty  
(Lusty & Blundell Marine Chandlery), Andrew Donovan's  
grandson at the helm of Winsome II.

## Winsome II - A Short History (1924 - 2001)

From J R Brown

My cousin Rae Davies has kindly FWD your email to her, with the attachment showing Winsome II in the Sounds.

Rae, Evelyn McGowan and Snow Emanuel are my cousins. Our connection with the vessel is that she was owned by our grandfather Capt A.E. Emanuel. His daughter Myra was my mother.

After a life at sea he came to NZ in the early 1920's from Shanghai, where he was one of the pilots, at a time when the pilots owned the Pilotage Company. As far as I know he was the boat's second owner and as a Member of the RNZYS had Royal Doulton make a crockery set for her which he christened "Latex". This due to the fact that he was an investor in the Latex Rubber Co Ltd, which paid out a sufficiently generous dividend to enable him to buy the boat. Sadly, all that remains of the ship's crockery is a cup and saucer, with the Squadron's emblem and the name "Latex" on it. This is in my possession.

I have many photos of the boat taken at times when the family cruised her to Kawau and the Bay of Islands in the period prior to WW II. It was the visits the vessel made up the Kerikeri Inlet that led to our grandfather being one of the founders of the citrus industry in Kerikeri. His son "Bus", Rae's father, followed by Roger Davies, Rae's husband, carried on the tradition of industry leadership in this field.

As you know Winsome II was commandeered by the military during the war, then post-war acquired by one of the great Characters of the Auckland waterfront, Andrew Donovan, who changed her name from "Latex" to Winsome II; named after his elder daughter. He claimed that the need to change the name arose from an incident when during the night on a cruise to Kawau, he awakened the following morning to find that some wag had corrupted the name on the transom from "Latex" to "Silver Tex"... that time the top selling condom in NZ. As his proclivities in this direction were well recognized by the Harbour boating public, it would seem he made the name change not a moment too soon. Andy re-powered the boat with a big Gray V8 gasoline engine, which due to the very unusual under-water profile gave the boat an honest 20 knots, remarkable for a vessel built in 1924. He also restructured the pilot house to its present-day form.

My personal connection with Winsome II was spread over a number of years from aged 13 in 1948, and then subsequently at a time when I was staying with Andy Donovan. I came to Auckland in 1978 to buy a business and called to see Andy at the marine supplies warehouse of Andrew Donovan Limited. He invited me to stay at his house until I found a place to buy, and because he was such a fun-loving character, it took me about three years before I bought a building and moved out. During this period, whenever the weather was favourable, we would put to sea aboard Winsome II. Due to his advancing years, coupled no longer with the ability to handle as much grog, it usually fell to me to put the boat back in her berth, and a combination of a small rudder and screw, and pronounced "prop-walk" at high revs made her an unusual vessel to handle. But for a vessel built in 1924, she has amazing sea-keeping qualities.

No expense was spared on the ship's upkeep. One year she was having a re-fit in a Westhaven yard, when the building caught fire, burning some of the planking on the decks and starboard topsides forward of the waist. This turned out to be something of a bonus, as the slippery painted heavy-duty canvas which covered the decks had allowed prior ingress of water, consequently resulting in rot. The replacement of some of the timbers then became an Insurance issue. Andy was good at turning such problems to his advantage.

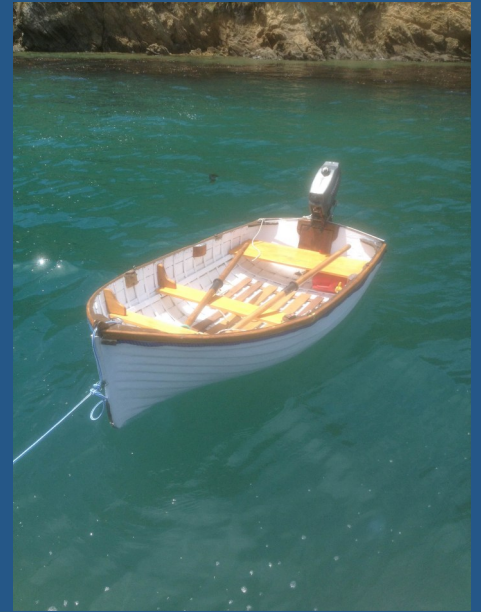
Andrew Donovan died at the age of 78, bequeathing Winsome II to his grandson Andrew Lusty, with whom you have obviously had contact. His email indicates that he expects to be visiting Marlborough in the near future. You will have a lot of fun reviewing the history of Winsome II. I hope the foregoing fills in a few gaps for you.

Kind Regards, JR

# MV WINSOME II



Winsome II on a Jetty in the Marlborough Sounds



Winsome II Tender



Winsome II moored Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sound 2017



Winsome II entering Hell's Gate, D'Urville Island



Winsome II , Queen Charlotte Sound 2017



Winsome II and Earthrace

## WINSOME II

details / words from Harold Kidd. Photos ex Ken Ricketts ex Brian Worthington

Winsome II was built by Lane Motor Boat Co in 1924 for David Teed, the Mayor of Newmarket (after whom Teed Street is named) with a 100hp Stearns engine and named Maude T (about the 4th of that name).

Teed died in 1925, prematurely, and his estate sold her to Captain Emanuel who renamed her Latex (a very long story there).

Emanuel sold her to W S Pratt, the manager of the Northern Roller Mills in 1931 and she was bought for the RNZAF in 1941 for service at Tauranga, a secondary seaplane base and training ground for the US pilots.

She was sold by the Crown in 1946 to Andrew Donovan who removed the, by now clapped out, Stearns and replaced it with a brand new 1946 Chrysler 8 cylinder marine engine, renaming her Winsome after his daughter but added the "II" when he realised that the Pickmeres still had Winsome in Whangarei.

Andrew kept her for many years. He died in 1989. She went to Whangarei where she was kept in the Town Basin. Then she was sold to Havelock where I saw her recently, still in splendid order.

When Andrew registered her on Lloyds Yacht Register in 1964 he put down that her designer was W. Hand, the famous American yacht and powerboat designer of the twenties and thirties.

No mention had ever been made of that before but there is likely to be more than a germ of truth in the claim in that US yachting mags like Rudder and Motorboat and Yachting were avidly followed by New Zealanders, providing more relevant models for our waters than, say, the English mags.

Certainly, it is likely that the design for Maude T/Latex/ Winsome II was lifted from a Hand design published in such a US mag and that US "look" was faithfully reproduced.

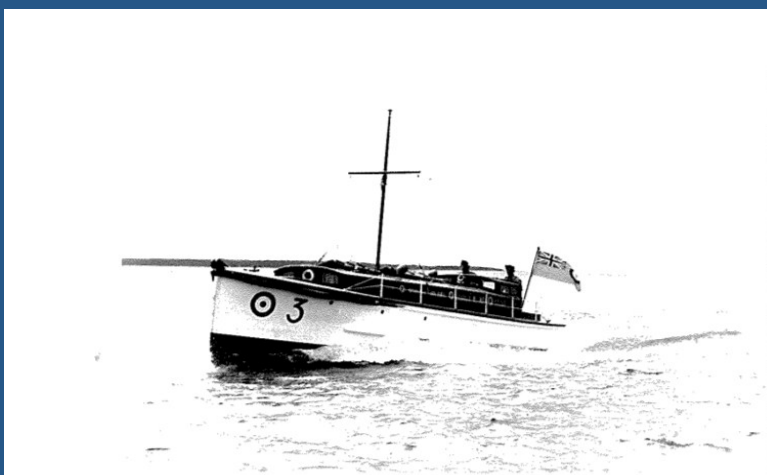
Despite what the Register of British Ships says, Pratt did not own her through to 1941.

She was owned in Tauranga by D Cambie from about 1935 onwards and used for game fishing which is why she was taken over by the RNZAF for Tauranga work in 1941 as a local launch in good nick, I imagine.

**Note** – Winsome II has been featured before on [www.waitematawoodies.co.nz](http://www.waitematawoodies.co.nz) but with poor photos – the above photos warranted an updated post. Alan H



MV Maude T  
Waitemata Harbour Circa 1930s



MUS 05014—RNZAF Marine Craft W3  
'Latex' in Tauranga Harbour Circa 1944



Tauranga during World War II



### *Complete re-wire 2016 to 24V s*

- Water Pump
- Bilge Pumps
- 24V Outlet Socket
- Winch and Motor
- Wipers
- Uniden VHF x1 (constant feed)
- Fusion AM/FM Radio BT (constant feed)
- Garmin GPSmap 751 XS Chart plotter touch screen
- Classic Instruments (oil, RPM, Temp, Amps, engine hours)
- Cabin Lights
- Nav Lights:
  - Anchor
  - Masthead
  - Port/Starboard
  - Stern Light
- Spotlight
- Solar Panels (battery maintainers)
- Horn
- Solar Extraction Fans (x3)
- Gas Detector (constant feed)
- Battery Isolating Switches
- 2x Deep Cycle Domestic Batteries 2 x 12V
- 2x Starter Battery 2 x 12V
- Starter Motor
- Alternator

### Facilities

- Head—Mid-ships
- Hot Water Shower—Aft
- Fridge - Electric
- Two Burner Gas Stove

## Winsome II

Owners Martin & Gail Newton 99-03  
242 TAHIERE RD R.O.S WHANGAREI  
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- 1 Renewed Stem: Puriri limb (green)
- 2 Renewed Shaft Log: NZ HTL KAUKI
- 3 " Garboard planks " "
- 4 New Copper Bolts, Stem to Stem except those under Engine  
Work done by Shephwright BRUCE Black  
Matapahi Bay Russell BOI.
- 5 Slipway Ran by Brian Soper now in  
cycH Runs Black Cats @ Lyttelton Harbr
- 6 Pre 99 owner John Dennistonwood  
now in Otago ?
- 7 Cruising partner Winsome @ BOI owned  
by Dave Pickmere @ Oneaki, Whangarei.
- 8 Been told when owned by Andrew Denavon  
she ran a big black cheu beautifully  
detailed with a glass top engine box.  
she had gold goulding along swage line  
below gunwales.  
She out preformed many of modern  
vindex launches and proved a capitant  
game fishing boat in Russell her  
mooring was in front of the Duke of Marlborough  
tavern Russell.

Should I find any trinkets or photos, shall  
forward them to you.  
Thank you for taking care of her  
happy cruising to you all.

M. J. Newton 1/09

