

Lucie B was built two years ago and exhibited at the Southampton Boat show in Sept 2006. She is a smack yacht designed and built by Ashley Butler: with the inspiration being taken from traditional boats working in the 19th century. He took the traditional, well-proven working smack design and made it lighter, more roomier below, easier to handle: thus bringing this traditional design into the 21st century.

In fact the design has been so successful that a 42ft version of Lucie B is to be added to the Cornish Crabber range of GRP yachts and the first production model is to be launched later in 2008.

Why for sale?

This is a much loved new yacht by its original two owners: Nico Lethbridge and myself, Richard Kemball-Cook. We had a great 12 mths together with some modest initial cruises. Unfortunately late in the year Nico died after a tragic accident at his chateau in France. I felt it was imperative not to have any uncertainty in the management of such a lovely boat, that I decided to purchase his share from his executors.

Value

Before we took over Lucie B, we commissioned a full survey from Alan Staley, President of the Association of Wooden Boat Builders, who is based nearby in Faversham. Ashley Butler then worked on all the points raised by Alan and these were later reviewed and cleared by the joint owners and Alan.

I feel confident in valuing this fine example of traditional wooden boat building at around the £100,000 mark which is below its original cost. This is well below the VAT inclusive price of a new build today.

On offer is a third or half share based on this value. Lucie B is currently based near Faversham but that is negotiable.

Inventory

Lucie B comes fully equipped with a coastal cruising inventory: also her planned maintenance is up to date.