

Yacht Details



LOA: 37' (11.3 m)
Year: 1956
Builder: SPARKMAN & STEPHENS
Model: Six Metre
Category: Racing Sailboat

Price: 125,000 USD

**Located in Seattle, Washington,
United States**

Construction

Double planked mahogany over white cedar with steam bent white oak frames. Deck is two layers of okume plywood over yellow cedar deck beams and carlins. The cockpit coamings are mahogany. Topsides are painted with AwlGrip 2000. Call the broker for access to a June 2008 video of her in a travel lift showing off her sleek lines and fast racing bottom.

Engine

Outboard . Tohatsu 9.8 hp with outboard bracket

Remarks

Designed and built for Bryan Newkirk of Toronto, Canada, and named after his grandson. She is double planked in construction, mahogany over white cedar with oak frames. Her deck is 2 layers of okume plywood over yellow cedar deck beams and carlins. She has mahogany cockpit coamings. Buzzy III was an instant success when new and fairly dominated the 6 meter scene in Toronto in the later 50s, winning the Toronto Globe & Mail North American Championships in 1956 and 1957 and many other races. Mr. Newkirk donated Buzzy III to the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in 1958 on the stipulation that proceeds from her sale would go to promote further 6 meter activity on Lake Ontario. Reg Dixon purchased and sailed her in the Toronto area until activity and interest in Toronto was on a steep decline, the class having been supplanted by the newer 5.5 meters. Vic Palmer brought Buzzy III to Maple Bay, BC in 1965 to become part of the largest active community of sixes in the World at that time. Vic sailed Buzzy III in many races in Victoria, Vancouver, Bellingham and Seattle. Dr. Wood Lyda brought the boat to Seattle in 1970 and commissioned S&S to draw modifications for Buzzy III to take advantage of some of the current advances in naval architecture, with particular influence from the 12 meter Intrepid. Her rudder was changed, a 'kicker' added, and her hull shape made more full in the stern area. Her counter stern was also removed to save weight and look more "modern". Buzzy III sailed in the first 6 Meter World Cup, held in Seattle in 1973. Several years later, Dr Lyda sold the boat to Kirk Palmer, Vic's son, who sailed her in the 1979 World Cup in Seattle. Buzzy III eventually made her way north to Comox, where she was out of the water for 5 years. Through her performance of the last 30 years it was obvious that the modifications made to Buzzy III in the early 70's were not altogether successful and also placed her in the limbo of not really being a Classic or Modern. When she first came into the shop at Bent Jespersen Boatbuilders, she was something of a wreck, but it was decided to make her whole again. The underwater modifications were removed and her original counter stern replaced, which added nearly 6 feet back to her original length of 37 feet. Buzzy III received a new deck, cockpit sole, 25 pairs of new frames, new ring frame/mast step arrangement, new rudder, and an Awlcraft 2000 paint job. In the early days, her distinct persimmon color (some say salmon pink) made her easily identifiable, but the current owner decided on the more conservative and traditional white.

Maybe someday she'll be pink again.

Sails and Rigging

Aluminum mast . tapered Zephyr section, aluminum boom. Navtec lenticular stainless steel rod riggin.

- Dacron main Baxter & Cicero
- 3DL main by North.
- #1 Light genoa - North
- #1 Medium genoa - North
- #1 Heavy genoa . North
- #2 high clew . North
- Dacron blade jib
- .5 oz spinnaker . runner . North
- .5 oz. spinnaker reacher/VMG . North
- .75 oz. spinnaker
- 1.5 oz spinnaker
- Other older genoas
- Jib sheets with Tylaska J lock shackles
- Spinnaker sheets
- Spinnaker pole . aluminum
- Anchor, chain and rode
- Barent 22 below deck drive winches for primaries
- Harken 32 STs for runners and mainsheet
- Complete set of original S&S low profile winches (needs refurbishing)
- Various other equipment, lines, spares and fittings