

Hiltgund

A 50 Square Metre “windfall” yacht
aka *Pegasus* and *Sea Victor* - Sail number V85

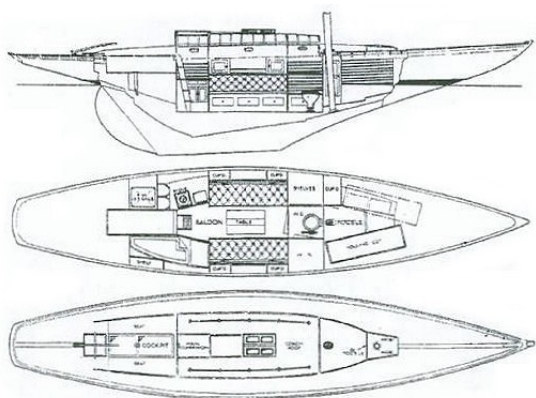


The yard where *Hiltgund* was built

Designed by Karl Martens and built by Matthiesen & Paulsen in 1938 near Kiel as part of the German Naval fleet, *Hiltgund* was originally a racing boat for naval personnel. She first appeared in Lloyds Register of Yachts in 1939 when she was listed as owned by the Kriegsmarine and was registered at Cuxhaven.



After WWII, she arrived in England as part of the fleet of yachts which was requisitioned as war reparations (the *windfalls*). By 1949, she had been renamed *Pegasus* and was owned by the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth where she was house yacht for "St Vincent". In a race on the 4th of June, 1949, she came 5th in a fleet of 10 Fifty Square Metres.



Original layout plan for a typical 50 Square Metre
(adapted from illustrations from *Yachting World*,
December 4th, 1936)



50 Square Metres similar to *Hiltgund*
before the Second World War

It is believed that she was stationed at the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth in the 1960s where she was possibly used by the Royal Marines and known as *Sea Victor* under which name she continued until 1996 when she returned to her original name *Hiltgund*.

By the mid 1960s, she had passed from the armed forces to private ownership. A RORC certificate of rating dated June 1966 gives the owner as Ewing Trawlers Ltd, Port St Mary, Isle of Man. Nothing else is currently known until she was bought by Nigel Gilkes in September 1977 as "an empty hull". It would seem that a considerable amount of remedial work was then undertaken. Certified as seaworthy by a surveyor in September 1980, it must be assumed that she then spent a least a few seasons afloat.

Nigel Gilkes parted with her in late 1984 and the particulars issued by Ancasta Marine Brokerage (Gosport) show a good inventory of sails (even if some were a little elderly), new spars from Procter in 1981, an engine and downstairs accommodation for 5 including galley equipment and heads fitted with a Baby Blake and washbasin.

In 1990, she was acquired by Malcolm Brown who reports her to have been in a bad way - "just a damaged hull". Regrettably, his plans to restore her were never realised.

However, things looked up for *Hiltgund* when Peter Wilson bought her in 1996 and comprehensively rebuilt her at the Aldeburgh Boatyard in Suffolk.



She was re-launched in 1997 and proved quick and seaworthy if a little wet in adverse conditions.

She subsequently enjoyed a successful racing career and in 1998 she was overall third in the Hermes Mumm Regatta. (seen below passing the RYS at Cowes at the Hermes Mumm)

Since 2001, she has been cruised and raced by John & Gilly Bourke and Chris Perring on the West Coast of Scotland. She has competed in the Scottish Series

on Loch Fyne and the CCYC Round Shuna Race as well as cruising between Northern Ireland and Skye. In recent years she has been based at Ardfern Yacht Centre during the summer and wintered at Crinan Boatyard.



Below: *Hiltgund* on Loch Fyne.



Designer: Karl Martens Builder: Matthiesen & Paulsen (Arnis-Schlei)
 Year built: 1938 Construction: Carvel planked, mahogany on oak
 Sails by: Ratsey & Laphorne (1997 & 2008); Nicolson Hughes (2005)
 Mast by: Freeland Yacht Spars (Collars) (2006)
 Engine: Beta BD1005 28BHP (2007)
 LOA: 40' Beam: 8' 9"
 LWL: 29' 1" Draft: 5' 10"
 Displacement: 7.5 tons Hull colour: Red
 Sail area: 50 m² Sail number: V85

More pictures & information can be found at: www.hiltgund.org.uk