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Motor yacht restorations power ahead

There is something of a glut of big 1930s motor yacht restorations at British yards right now. After the 210ft (64m), 1938 Thornycroft *Shemara* was relaunched last year, the 165ft (50m), 1937-built, CE Nicholson yacht *Malahne* was relaunched, on 14 March, from Pendennis in Cornwall. Like *Shemara*, she emerged as a fabulous *fait accompli* 30 months after going into the shed.

She was built for WL Stephenson – he of Woolworth and *Velsheda*, named after the first parts of his three daughters' names: Velma, Sheila and Daphne. *Malahne* is

Main picture:
Malahne.
Above, left to right: *Shemara*, *Chinda*, *Llanthony* and *RS Eden*

after the second halves of the three names! Dr William Collier of GL Watson, in charge of the design work, has called it nothing less than “the most ambitious motor yacht restoration yet undertaken”.

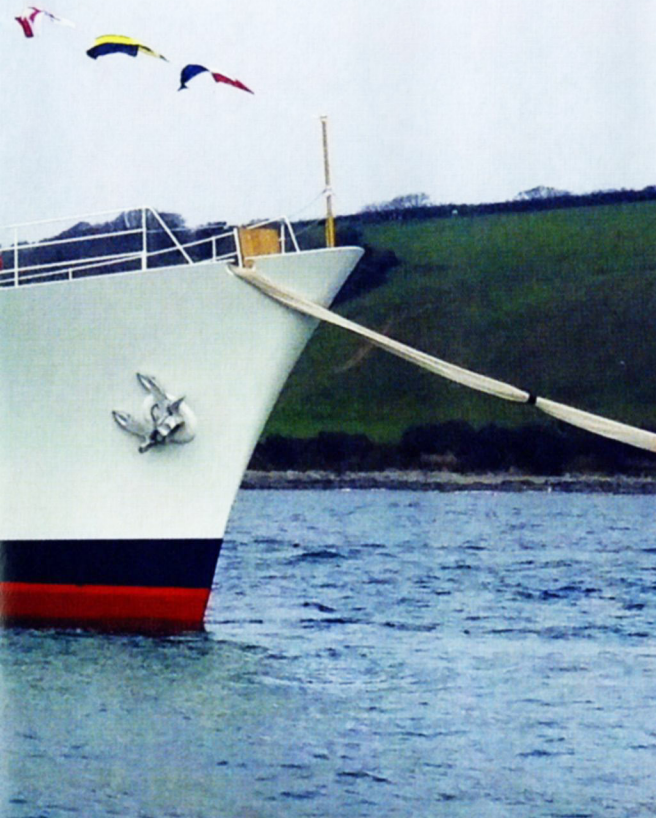
Four days before *Malahne* was launched, the 1930-built 162ft 4in (49.5m) *RS Eden* sailed into Solent Refit on Southampton Water. *Eden* is an American boat, designed by John H Wells. She was restored from 2006-7, but her new British owner has taken her out for assessment. Also at Solent Refit is the 77ft 5in (23.6m)

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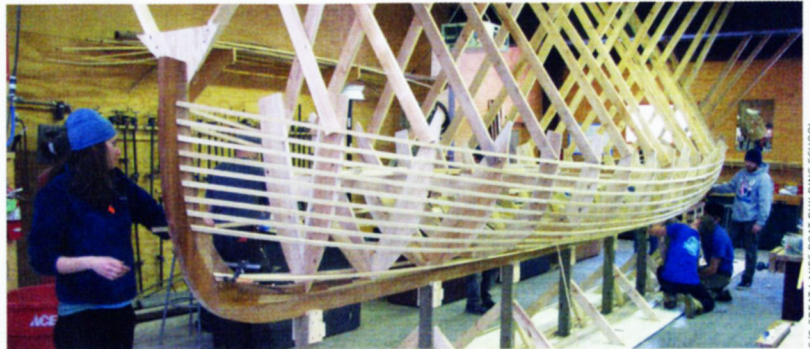
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C/O GREAT LAKES BOAT BUILDING SCHOOL

GREAT LAKES, USA

New pilot gig for Old Ironsides

The Great Lakes Boat Building School (est 2007), has nearly finished the build of a historically-accurate 32ft (9.8m) rowing gig for America's oldest sailing vessel - the 1795 USS *Constitution* ('Old Ironsides'). She's built on Cornish pilot gig lines taken off the 1838 gig *Treffry* which is still actively rowed by Newquay rowing club, and the school's Bud McIntire told us she'd be ready for a graduation day launch on 5 June. The school also built a 28ft (8.5m) whaler for the last sail-powered whaleship, the *Charles W Morgan* (CB318).



C/O BLOCK AND BECKET

BRISTOL, RI, USA

New trad yard

The attractively titled yard of Block & Becket opened its doors for business this January, in one of the world's classic yard hotspots - Bristol, Rhode Island. The founder Keith Brown, an IVRS graduate, specialises in plank-on-frame build, maintenance, restoration and build. Projects include the restoration of a 1937 Herreshoff 12½, extensive work on a 1930 Dawn Corporation motor cruiser, and the building of a replica 1934 John Hacker hydroplane.

DARTMOUTH, UK

New rig for Capt Oates's yawl

Guy Savage has reinstated the original mizzen gunter rig to the 48ft 8in (14.5m) Sibbick yacht *Saunterer*, built in 1900 and later owned by Captain Oates of the 1912 Scott Antarctic expedition. Guy and Chloe have sold her to a new owner, who commissioned the work.

PLYMOUTH, UK

The Vertue of small yachts

As a few recent instances have shown, people throwing serious money at restoring smaller sailing yachts seems to be established as a minor, but growing, trend these days. The recent jobs on *Misty* and *Nausikaa* represent the peak, but we've also reported recently on a professionally-restored *Stella* (and we know of another), and at least one *Vertue*. These are the sorts of boat that are traditionally owner-maintained, often seaworthy and well-loved but also often worn-looking, particularly below. The latest is a *Vertue* from Will Stirling; we hope to cover this at a later date, so we'll keep quiet for now.

Little Ship *Llanthony* nearing the end of a restoration in time to sail in this year's return in May.

Silvers boats have enjoyed a sudden and vigorous renaissance in recent years. Harbour Marine Services in Suffolk have just re-launched their third. She is *Chinda*, a 46ft (14m) John Bain Silverleaf design built in 1938 by Anderson, Rigden and Perkins in Whitstable, Kent. Also at the yard is *Magyar*, for an owner in Bristol. Built by Saunders Roe, she's a sister ship to *Gralian*, featured in CB280.