



OAK II

OWNER:

Lorne Berman

ABOUT THE BOAT:

34' 4' draft 9' beam

Designed as a forestry cruiser by Tommy Edwards of the BC Forest Service Marine Division and launched in 1952 at the Marine Station Builders shipyard on the Fraser River.

Hull is red and yellow cedar and fir; frames are bent white oak on 8" centres; trim is mahogany and oak with gumwood guards; fir mast, stainless boom - no staysail.

POWER:

371 Jimmy (GM) 110 HP

GREAT STORY:

Oak II was designed to provide live-aboard accommodation for two forest rangers who conducted forest surveys, monitored logging operations and assisted with fires. For 25 years, she worked around Campbell River and Kelsey Bay then, when the Forest Service retired in the cruisers in 1977, she and her sister ships were put up for auction.

TIDBIT:

One of 11 forestry sister ships nicknamed The Blimps.

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Harbour
Spirit*