



REPLICA HANDLINER: AnnA

OWNER:

Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives

ABOUT THE BOAT:

AnnA was built in 2005 as part of the Sunshine Coast Museum's Handliner Replica and Migration project. AnnA is a faithful copy of Hubert Evans's own boat, which is preserved and usually on public display in the Sunshine Coast Museum. AnnA uses authentic original carvel planking construction methods and materials. AnnA is painted blue instead of green (like the original), because otherwise most people would not be able to tell them apart.

BUILDERS:

Construction was directed by local boatbuilder and small-boat historian Larry Westlake with the help of many volunteers.

HISTORY:

Hubert Evans' boat is an example of the Handliner or Hand Troller type of commercial salmon fishing skiff used only on the West Coast, probably from the early nineteenth century or before, up until just around the Second World War. They troll-fished under oar power alone - the sail was just for travelling.

TIDBIT:

The replica's name AnnA is a tribute to Hubert Evans' wife Anna. "Behind most strong men, there is a strong woman." The name is spelled with a terminal capital to make it a true double-ender, like most Handliner boats, and also a perfect anagram, for the sake of additional symmetry and amusement. Female names for boats are a very strong tradition the world over, which is a tribute in itself.

*Pender
Harbour
Spirit*

