



SALE PRE OWNED

traditional Essex fishing smack (early 120 000 € ALL TAX INCLUDED

Description

Fly, Historic Essex Fishing Smack (1805–1842) One of the oldest sailing vessels still afloat and sailing worldwide

We are privileged to present for sale the remarkable “Fly”, an authentic Essex Fishing Smack and one of the oldest and rarest sailing vessels still actively navigating today. Built between 1805 and 1842, this engine-less wooden gaff cutter was originally commissioned for wild oyster dredging in the Thames Estuary. Over the centuries, she has successively served as a working fishing vessel, a fast police cutter, and even in discreet cross-Channel smuggling operations, embodying a living testament to Britain’s maritime legacy.

Measuring 15 metres overall with a hull length of 10.98 metres, a 3-metre beam and a 1.20-metre draft, Fly displaces approximately 7.5 tons. Her hull, crafted in larch and oak, reflects traditional British shipbuilding excellence. She carries an authentic gaff rig with a bark-tanned linen mainsail, partly handmade, and spars comprehensively overhauled in 2022.

Despite her historic pedigree, Fly benefits from carefully integrated modern equipment, including VHF, large-screen GPS/depth sounder, solar panels, full anchoring gear, and an inflatable tender powered by a 20 HP Honda outboard engine. She remains true to her original spirit as a pure sailing vessel, preserving the integrity and sensation of traditional seamanship.

Her restoration has been conducted with exceptional care and respect for authenticity, ensuring structural integrity while subtly adapting her for comfortable private use. The hull is sound and robust. Below deck,

Specifications

YEAR

1900

LENGTH (M)

15.00

WIDTH (M)

3.00

ENGINE MANUFACTURER

Honda

HORSE POWER

1 X 20 HP

General

Type Sailboat	Brand traditional	Model Essex fishing smack (early 1800s)	Flag Français
Current Location Golfe du morbihan			

Engine Room

Engine Honda	Horse Power 1x20CV	Fuel gasoline
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Electricity/air Conditioning

Heating System

Navigation Equipment

GPS	VHF	Speedometer
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