



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MIRROR SAILING

BŁYSKAWICA

15563

BUILT FEBRUARY 1969



1969 - launch at Allhallows, Kent



1971 - Nationals at Newquay



2007 - St Mawes regatta



2018 - Nationals at Ullswater

SPECIAL FEATURES

"Błyskawica" was built by Bell Woodworking and is just a 'standard' Mirror dinghy.

Over her 50 years of life various changes and upgrades have been made.

The lightweight spinnaker chute is a custom design and build by Martin Egan. It allows the tack of the jib to be at deck level level to maximize the end plate effect of the hull on airflow over the jib.

This gaff is custom design and build by Martin Egan. It uses a cross section based on Frank Bethwaite's "short squareback" NSW14 wing mast section which is also used on the Tasar

The fit out and rope colours are identical to that on her sister-ship 69667 - "Bold Forester". This is to allow this boat to be used for race training and practice while "Bold Forester" is kept for circuit racing.

The lower painted band and lacing eye on the gaff is to allow for the mainsail to be reefed if required.

The mast is a Coates Marine with 14SWG walls which, after many years of service, broke level with the spinnaker pole eye, but has been repaired, hence the short external sleeve.

As far as possible metal fastenings (pins, nails, screws) have been removed from the hull structure. All recent repairs have been made with epoxy resin & fillets have been made where possible. She is finished in International two-pack varnish

DID YOU KNOW

She is called "Błyskawica" after the Grom-class destroyer of the same name, built for the Polish navy by J. Samuel White in Cowes 1935-37. The name is Polish for "Lightning"

Most people struggle to pronounce "Błyskawica", so she is also known as "Basket Case" (thanks Ash).

Apart from racing twice a week during the sailing season, she is also used to teach youngsters how to sail, and how to race at Restronguet SC Mirror training sessions.

RACING HISTORY

Generally "Błyskawica" is used for club racing and local village regattas. She was chartered to Japan for the 2017 Mirror Worlds at Restronguet SC.

PRIZES WON

Third in the 1997 Southern Area Championships and 2nd at the 2016 Western Area Championships plus many village regatta wins.

PLACES IT'S BEEN

Mainly raced in Falmouth, Poole harbour and the southern & western Mirror circuit between 1990 and 2000. She raced at the 2016 Europeans at Cork, Ireland and the 2018 UK Nationals at Ullswater.

OWNERS

One—Simon & Martin Egan

FURTHER INFORMATION

One the rare occasions the owner makes a decent start, and goes the right way up the beat, she is still able to hold her own against her Bermuda rigged, GRP, sisters. She was 2nd in one race at the 2016 Europeans.