

Basic Detail Report



Louder double tub

Vessel number

HV000735

Primary Maker

H Louder

Description

The 8.1 m long hull is clinker planked in Oregon with a mahogany gunwale, with five strakes per side. It is rigged as a pair with coxswain's seat. There is a cast bronze

fitting for rudder in place but no rudder or yoke, and overall it is about 90% original. It is a rare example of a Harold Louder built craft and only its last known previous owner is recorded, the Sale Rowing Club. A page from Louder's hand written accounts shows he built two tub pairs in 1951-52- they cost 88 pounds and 10 shillings and were built for regional clubs. Harold Louder worked from a shed on the Torrens River beside the bridge on King William Rd in the city of Adelaide. From at least 1917 he was apprenticed to or worked for and learnt from JW Greenland. He was a rowing shell builder and had built this shed in 1913. Sometime between 1934 and 1937 Louder became the sole operator/builder in that shed, as Greenland had moved away and probably retired. Louder remained building rowing craft and doing repairs at the shed until he died in 1972. He also skippered one of the early versions of the POPEYE boats. The shed remains extant on the river front, in use for school boat storage. It is known as Louder's Shed, and is the subject of a possible heritage listing and adaptation to another use to ensure its longevity.

Dimensions

Vessel Dimensions: 8.1 m × 7.8 m (26.58 ft × 25.59 ft)