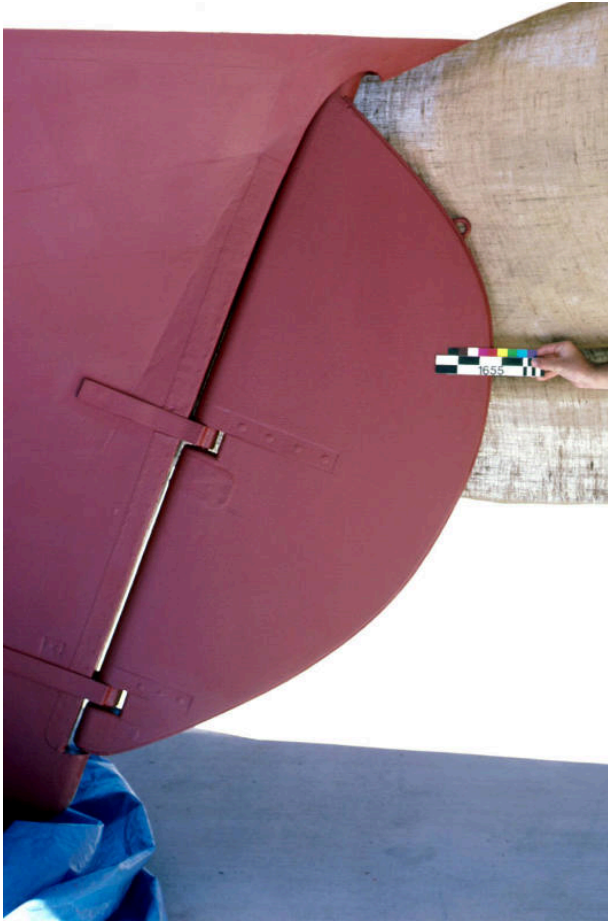


Basic Detail Report



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Title

Rudder from 39 foot gaff cutter AKARANA

Date

c 1987

Medium

New Zealand kauri, greenheart wood

Name

Rudder

History

AKARANA was built in Auckland, New Zealand in 1888 by Robert Logan, an established boat builder in 19th century New Zealand. It was primarily built as a racing vessel and its name derived from the Maori transliteration of the English place name 'Auckland'. AKARANA was shipped by Logan to Melbourne specifically for the 1888 Centennial International Regatta to be held later in the year. In the

Melbourne regatta, AKARANA won a lead up event and then one of the feature races on the programme but fared poorly in another two races when the gear failed early on each time. It then came to Sydney for the Anniversary Regatta in 1889, and won the race for its class on handicap. Logan then sold the boat in Sydney but the new owner and other subsequent owners used the AKARANA mainly for cruising. It was well-known on Sydney Harbour and Broken Bay, and sailed up the Hawkesbury River toward Windsor on one expedition. Over many years AKARANA underwent a number of changes to its keel, rig and layout. After having numerous owners, the AKARANA became neglected in Sydney Harbour up until 1987 and the New Zealand Government purchased the yacht. They funded a major restoration project and AKARANA became a Bi-Centennial gift from New Zealand to Australia in 1988.