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Classic 1929 Gentleman's Speedboat

Price: \$88,000



'Malolo' is likely a unique vessel, as no other pre-war runabouts appear to have survived. She was given a *museum-quality* restoration by Mike Lyon and the team at **The Woodshed**, Whangārei. The idea was to keep her as true to her pre-war era as possible. The Ford V8 engine was purchased in California and was rebuilt from the block up by H&H Flatheads in Sacramento. The camshaft was given a *marine grind*. A custom heat exchanger was designed and built by Savage Marine in Christchurch, and professional mechanics and electricians were employed for the installation. An estimated **\$120,000** was spent.

She won the New Zealand Classic Boat Festival at Lake Rotoiti, and Nelson Lakes, on her first outing in 2017. This was also the first time she had been floating since around 1940. She also received enormous praise and viewing at the inaugural Auckland Wooden Boat Show in 2024. Finished to a high and authentic standard, she sports a beautiful dashboard with replica V8 engine dials and varnished kauri trim, a 1940 Italian car wheel and horn, and bronze engine controls from an old Wellington ferry. The beautiful deep red seating was a gift from The Boat Cover Company. The flagpole was also gifted and formerly graced Dave Pickmere's launch *Winsome*.

The bronze rudder was found in a hay barn near Hobbitown in Matamata. 'Malolo' is a Polynesian word for *flying fish*. We believe her construction was commissioned by Zane Grey, the sports fisherman. Francis Arlide was his boatman on all his trips to New Zealand's Bay of Islands. Her expertly hand-painted signwriting on the transom is identical to the original 1929 version, which was discovered in the base layer of paint.

Contact Ian Duncan to arrange a private viewing of this extraordinary vessel.

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Description

VESSEL MAKE AND MODEL: CLASSIC 'FAST LAUNCH' OR SPEEDBOAT

LENGTH OVERALL: 5.7 M

BEAM: 1.6 M

DRAFT: 0.3 M

DESIGNER: FRANCIS ARLIDGE – LIKELY BASED ON U.S. HACKER CRAFT

BUILDER: FRANCIS ARLIDGE, RUSSELL LAUNCHMAN / GAME FISHERMAN

YEAR LAUNCHED: CIRCA 1929. USED UNTIL WWII THEN KEPT ASHORE. RELAUNCHED 2017.

LAST REFIT: TOTAL REBUILD IN 2011 - 2017

TRAILER INCLUDED: CUSTOM TRAILER

ENGINE MAKE & MODEL: FLATHEAD FORD V8, Model 59A, 1942. REBUILT FROM BLOCK UP IN 2014. AS NEW.

ENGINE HORSEPOWER: 85 HP

ENGINE HOURS: 10

ENGINE COOLING: FRESH WATER (HEAT EXCHANGER) SAVAGE HEAT EXCHANGER.

FUEL TYPE: PETROL

FUEL CAPACITY: 80 L

CRUISING SPEED: 17 knots

MAX SPEED: 23 knots

ESTIMATED CRUISING RANGE: 50 NM

TRANSMISSION: FNR gearbox, Universal joint, shaft through strut, rudder.

PROPELLER: BRONZE THREE BLADED

HULL MATERIAL: KAURI HULL. PLYWOOD DECK WITH CANVAS OVER.

CONSTRUCTION: PLANK AND BATTEN, RIVETED AND CAULKED

GLASSED OVER: NO

ELECTRICS: ONE START BATTERY, ALTERNATOR, BILGE BLOWER, HORN.

ELECTRONICS AND NAVIGATION: DIGITAL ECHO SOUNDER, GAS FUME DETECTOR

ACCOMMODATION: TWO COCKPITS FORE AND AFT

EQUIPMENT & SPARES: SOME ENGINE SPARES, PROPELLER PULLER,

GROUND TACKLE: ADMIRALTY PATTERN FOLDING ANCHOR, 3M CHAIN AND 20M WARP

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: CUSTOM FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM.

RECENT MARINE SURVEY: PROFESSIONALLY SURVEYED FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES IN 2017.

EXTRA CHATTELS: ANCHOR, PADDLES, FLAGPOLE, VINTAGE ROD HOLDERS AND LANDING NET.

TRAILER: BUILT 2017, REG. 3N209. CURRENT WOF





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