

Refanut - Design 1104

LOA: 62' 10" DWL: 43' 9" Beam: 12' 9" Draft: 8' 11" Sail area: 1,903 sq. ft.

Designed to be the fastest yacht in Sweden, *Refanut* performed well enough to claim a more global title. Built at the famous Bengt Plym yard in 1955, she immediately started winning races in northern Europe (including several victories in the Round Gotland Race); then, after a major refit in 1978, she sailed south to the Mediterranean and the Caribbean where she won a worldwide reputation as a fast cruising yacht. During the 1980s, after winning her class in the 1981 Newport Classic Yacht Regatta, she sailed back to Scandinavia for another refit, then on to the Mediterranean and Caribbean again. She remains one of the most remarkable S&S designs—and a superb example of what foreign clients believed they could get from Sparkman & Stephens.

Although very much a creation of the up-and-coming fifties, with aluminum mizzenmast and air conditioning, *Refanut* also recalls the previous generation of deep-keeled ocean racers. She draws a full 9 feet and has the long, lean look of *Dorada* (or, more accurately, *Stormy Weather*). During the 1978 refit, the galley was moved from forward of the mast to starboard midships (where a single cabin had been located); the space forward was then converted into a stateroom for four. As a result, she now sleeps nine in three cabins, including the saloon.

To Rod Stephens, *Refanut* had always been a special creation, "a one-off; like a 12-meter, but with heavier scantlings." That's the tradition.

