

▪ The Nefertide story

20 years ago Nefertide (build in 1937 at Sjöexpress varvet in Stockholm) was left at an old slipway in Hundested Denmark.

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Together with the yawl MEJT 2 (build at Neglings varv in Stockholm in 1911) Both were under restoration but alas, the owner purse was empty. Mejt 2 Designed by Albert Andersson to the painter Anders Zorn, was sold with a brand new mast and rig from the bank (who held the original tiller carved by Zorn as collateral), to a consortium in Århus for further restoration.

Nefertide was taken over by Peter Molich from Hundested Boatyard together with the Naval Architect Jens Stephensen in settlement for unpaid bills!
The new 140 hp. motor was removed by Volvo, and much of the original equipment was pilfered!
But we reckoned that we could shine it up and install a new motor, to be ready for sale in a few months

Not just so

Once placed inside the yard the restoration began and we quickly realized that this was not just at quick fix. Nefertide had been well kept, cared for and varnished until a couple of years ago. But the internal structure was a mess. A light composite construction with galvanized steel frames, rusty floors along the chine and 22 mm mahogany planking and after 65 years of banging about-----!!!

We had to make a quick decision. Scrap yard or a full restoration.
Had we known HOW much work we actually later had to overcome, it would probably been the scrap solution. But fortunately we are stubborn owners and Nefertide was defined as an "idle hour" project. Let us work on the boat when yard load is slack.



New planking. The young man (Daniel Sterndorff) looking at the photographer was apprentice then. He is now partner and co-owner of the boatyard!

Nefertide motor launch 1937 Lidingö Sjöexpress Värvet.
Built by Henning Forslund for Direktør Carl-Axel Søderlund. Name Nefertide

Data: LOA 12.2m x LVL 10,8 m x B 2.6 m x D 1.4 m Draft 0.8 meter
Engine 150 hk Kermath Seafarer speed 19.5 kn.

Sold 1940 to Kgl Flottan as ÖWS MB 149
"Snappopp"/Nefertide As "inspektionsbåt for CMKO".
Marin Kommando Öst. Admiral launch



As Admiral launch the hull was painted light gray with the the letters ÖWS in white on each side
New Engine 1960 Chrysler Crown. Speed 14 kn.
New Engine ?? Ford V8 380 hk (gasoline) Speed more than 30 kn.



New triangular chine shifted in both sides



Before
Stripping. Everything out. Roof, bulkheads installations damaged or rotten planks and longitudinal chines



After



Sold 1975 (when Kgl. Flottan sold all remaining wooden vessels)
to Åke Gröndahl who renamed it Nefertide

New engine Volvo PMD 40 A diesel. Speed abt 20 kn.

- Private ownership under extreme care!!

Mid 1990. Sold to Rolf Schiemann (who also bought Anders Zorns MEJT fra 1911)

New engine Volvo KAMD 42 265 hk

Both vessels were mistreated for 5 years and ended up in Hundested Boatyard where Volvo collected
the new engine and both vessels were sold as settlement for unpaid bills!

Nefetide sold in 2001 to Peter Molich, owner of Hundested Boatyard
and Jens Stephensen, Naval Architect and boat enthusiast

The rest is history

New engine. Lombardini Common rail LDW245JMT 240 hk Tier III

Speed ? more than 20 kn.



Before



After

The old floors were made of galvanized steel but were corroded and had to
go. So everything red in this picture is changed



Before



After

New Stainless Steel Floors tough out. New bottom longitudinals



Hull as finished

Final hull treatment: Hull covered with thin fiberglass fabric glued and filled with navy gray epoxy resin. To ensure a much stronger hull and complete watertightness. Same method used, in restoring the launches from the Royal Danish Yacht "Dannebrog"

No shortcuts!

So that what we did! 16 years professional work with respect for all the original construction details. On an "off and on" basis.

Now we can truly say that Nefertide is as new. (or seven stronger than it left Sjöexpress Värvet in 1937) But we are now too old to continue! (and there is no cure for that!)

Not much is left to do, but we need and look for a new owner (preferably a Stockholmer!) who can take over and treat her well in the future

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Jens Stephensen & Peter Molich

