

Eileen
62ft Trad
£49,950.00
1903

Great Haywood

Boat Sales



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Boat specifications

Plating specification	Iron
Flat V-Hull Or Keeled	Flat
Built by	Eli Aston of Tipton
Engine make	BMC 2.2
Solid fuel stove	Yes
Recent survey	2006 (Michael Carter)

Eileen was built in 1903 by Eli Aston of Tipton for B. Pearson also of Tipton. Later she was sold to Alfred Hickman of Bilston and carried the number 105 in their fleet. Hickmans were later bought out by Stewart and Lloyds.

She has the original makers cast iron plaque still riveted in position and the BCN plate number 18656.

Her middle history is at present unknown but by the swim had been cut away below the waterline to accommodate a conventional motor boat propulsion system.

In 1967 she was already fitted with a twin cylinder 'Fowler' and later in the mid 70's this was replaced with a twin cylinder Lister when she was in the fleet of Union Canal Carriers.

It is believed that the shortening and motorizing were done on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal some time in the 50's and one feature of her back cabin was the the engine was astern of the boatman's cabin rather like a Severner.

By the 80's Eileen had been fully converted and lay at Chertsey for some years before having the engine removed and becoming a houseboat on the Paddington arm of the Grand Union.

She burst into flames on night in 1988/89 and burnt out. She was then bough by Jim And Mig MacDonald, and restoration has been ongoing since August 1989.

Some steelwork has been done by the owner but the majority of the work, cabin foredeck is by WCFBCo.

She is now fitted with an early BMC 2.2 diesel hidden under the step below the stern deck in the space normally occupied by the coal box.



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