

## Rustler Rustler 31 Class Sloop



**Year:** 1966  
**Location:** Poole  
**LOA:** 31' 5" (9.58m)  
**Beam:** 9' 0" (2.74m)  
**Draft:** 5' 0" (1.52m)

**Remarks:**

1966 Rustler  
spending  
(200

... since with the current owners  
... new sails (2011) reconditioned engine  
... She has been sailed extensively in the  
... Atlantic crossings turning heads as she goes.

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## Mechanical and Rigging

### **Engine**

Re Conditioned Bukh DV20 ME 20HP Diesel Engine (Installed 2008)  
Engine Mountings (New 2008)  
Exhaust (New 2008)  
Supply Pipes (New 2008)  
Morse Controls (New 2008)  
3 Bladed Bronze Propeller (New 2008)  
Shaft (New 2008)  
Ambassador Marine Stripper (New 2010)  
Head Gasket (Replaced 2015)  
Exhaust Elbow (Replaced 2016)  
Serviced including new anodes annually.

### **Rigging**

Sloop Rigging  
Silver Anodised Aluminium Selden Spars  
Standing Rigging (Replaced 2011)  
Running Rigging (Replaced 2011)  
Mainsail Slab Reefing  
Selden Alley Spinnaker Pole (New 2011)  
Selden Furlex (New 2011)  
Removable Inner Forestay with Highfield Lever

### **Winches**

Genoa x 2 Lewmar 40 2 speed self tailing  
Spinnaker Sheet x 2 Gibb 6CR 2 Speed  
Halyards x 1 Barient 17 2 Speed  
Reefing x 1 Lewmar 6 single speed

### **Sails**

Main Offshore/Ocean Hood Sail (New 2011)  
Genoa Offshore/Ocean Hood Sail (New 2011)  
Working Jib Coastal (Unknown Make and Age)  
Storm Jib Lymington Canvas (Age Unknown)

### **Electrics**

2 x Yuasa 12V 115AH Batteries (New 2017)  
Switched  
Prestolite 110 Amp Alternator (New 2013)

### **Ground Tackle**

35Lb CQR Anchor  
8mm Chain 50M long (New 2010)

## Inventory

### **Navigation**

Navigation lights  
Sestrel Minor Compass  
Raytheon ST60 Speed Indicator (installed 2010)

Raytheon ST60 Wind Indicator (installed 2010)  
Raytheon ST 60 Echo Sounder (installed 2010)  
Raytheon ST60 Log (installed 2010)  
Navman Tracker/Plotter GPS (installed 2010)  
Furuno 1624 Radar (installed 2010)  
Navman DSC/VHF Marine Radio with cockpit command mic (New 2011)  
Raymarine ST2000+ Autohelm (New 2012)

### **Safety Equipment**

Lifebouv

### **Other**

1 x Whale Bilge Pump  
Guard Wire  
Spray Hood  
Dodgers (New 2011)  
Fenders  
Boathook  
Sestrel Clock  
Sestral Barometer  
Crockery  
Engine spares including Filters Belts Etc..

## **Accommodation**

### **Forward cabin**

V Berth  
Opening Hatch  
2 Reading Lights Storage below on Port  
Side

### **Companion Way**

Starboard Side Storage and Shelving  
Port Side Heads  
Jabsco Sea Toilet (New 2017)  
Drop Down Sink  
Mirror  
Side Light

### **Saloon**

Settee Berths Port and Starboard  
Pilot Berth to Port  
Taylor Oil Burner  
Side Lights  
Storage  
Shelving  
Storage below bench seats  
Full-Size Chart Table

### **Galley**

Gimbale Eno Twin Gas Burner and Oven  
Sink  
Hand Pressurised Cold Water  
12v Coolbox



Dedicated Plate and Mug Storage  
Food Storage

## Remarks :

**1966 Rustler 31 Class Auxiliary Sloop.** Having a proud heritage and has had many upgrades since, including complete new Selden mast, boom, Furlex and rigging (2011) new Hood sails (2011). A reconditioned engine (2008), new navigation equipment fitted (2010) along with many more additions. Having been sailed extensively in the past.

## Owners Comments

A beautiful and original Rustler Class 31ft, auxiliary sloop. Built by Russell Anstey Yachts in 1966 for the Royal Armoured Corps Yacht Club. This was the 7th hull to be built to the design which was later developed into the Rustler 36. The original design was a joint project between Kim Holman and Russell Anstey (hence the name) which quickly became well known for balance, seaworthiness and a surprising turn of speed.

We bought her in 2008 and done almost every conceivable job on her to bring her up to scratch, including a new engine installation with reconditioned Bukh 20. New bespoke Seldon mast with boom, rod kicker, Furlex and Hood sails (all 2011). Teak cockpit grating, tiller, toe rails (2011); full Raymarine ST60 instruments and ST2000+ autopilot (2010); new gas hob and oven (2012), much internal woodwork and refitting; Taylors heater (2013), Jabsco toilet (2017)... the list goes on, with tens of thousands spent.

This is a proper sailing boat. She has almost three tons of lead ballast encapsulated in the keel, is stiff and powerful and a joy to sail. She has a snug but safe and comfortable interior with full headroom. She has a full Admiralty size chart table. We have cruised her extensively all over the channel, every port and harbour from Brest to Cherbourg, all of it fabulous sailing. I only wish we had time for the sailing I had hoped for. She is fitted out with the best possible kit for long distance sailing. This one has clocked tens of thousands of miles, but others of her class have undertaken high-latitudes and numerous trans Atlantics. Where she goes is up to you - she has never given us a moment's worry in a vast range of conditions, including upwind in a full gale.

She attracts attention wherever she goes and is a real head turner.

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