

## NORWEGIAN MOTORVESSEL «MÆLAR» EX SAILCUTTER «MYRTLE»

The cutter was built in 1892 at the shipyard S. Richards & Co. Lowestoft, England, sailing vessel. It was named "Myrtle" and the first owner was J. Thatcher in Kessingland. In 1902 Henry Forster, Lowestoft new owner and the vessel was fishing registered LT.445. In 1904 the H. R. Boardley also from Lowestoft, new owner.

Where was it purchased from Lowestoft in England in 1911 and given the name "Mælar". Buyers deputy Andreas A., Anders A., Aksel A. Alfred A. Kvalevåg and Mandius Olsen Fosen all from Avaldsnes, Karmøy, Norway.

The cutter was 57.9 feet long, 16.8 feet wide and 7.3 feet deep. The vessel received Certificates 05/06 1916 call sign MNSV. Tonnage was 34.2 gross and 17.2 net. At the same time got the assembled a new 22 hp engine Rapp 1916, as the first engine in the vessel. When fishing registry was created got the 08/12 1920 fiskirinum R-12-AS. From Avaldsnes was the cutter into she was sold Jelsa / Rennesøy in 1922 and used as a fishing vessel.

Here was the Mælar a short period of probably sometime in 1922 to 4.6 in 1923 and listened to Knut Frøland, Jelsa and Berdinius Brimsø, Rennesøy. It was Knut who stood as guiding owner. The cutter was not fisheries registered, and was most probably used as a cargo vessel. But was purchased as a fishing vessel from Kvalavåg Avaldsnes in Karmøy.

Knut and Berdinius sold the vessel to Edward and Georg Andreassen in Skutvik in Hamarøy in Nordland. It got fiskirinum N-3 HM. Where was the most likely used to fish transport, as this was a discussion when it came into the fishery register, and because of discussion about being able to be in the registry, so it got first approved label letter 06/08 1925. 24/11 1931 shall it being sold from the bank after a foreclosure for Albert Kjøpsnes from Kjøpsvik, Tysfjord, Norway and got fiskirinum N-23-TF. In 1934, the new call sign LGVM. In 1939 it was fitted into ein new 30 HP Wichmann. During World War II cutter requisitioned by the German Wechmacht. Around 1945 it out of fisheries registry Tysfjord. But in the Norwegian ship list stood cutter operating completely until late 80's, but has probably gone out long before, probably first in the 50s.

Something known to "Mælar" when it belonged Kjøpsvik says on Facebook.

"I Ebbe Michaelsen can remember that" Mælar "while lying on the shore below Bjørnsen workshop Kjøpsvik harbor. As children, we climbed often up in the wheelhouse where we found cans of condensed milk which we drank. Later it was towed to Storvika, in inner Tysfjord. Where did it his final "resting place". For many years it was only the ribs sticking out of the sea. It's all gone now. "

Emma Kristensen match. "That's right, Ebbe, I can remember that it came to Storvika. Think it had to be in the first half of 50s. Still believe one can find some remains on the shoreline there»