

M/V KIYI 1926

A unique fantail yacht

Builder: Schertzer Brothers, Lake Union, Seattle

Naval Architect: Liegh Coolidge

Length: 50' LOA, 46' LWL - Beam 10'4" - Draft 4'0"

Current Power: 110 HP Gas - Chrysler Crown, 2007

Original Power: Hall Scott 100HP to Chrylser Royal 1965

Major Awards: Best Overall Power, Victoria B.C. 1980

Owners: Tom and Patty Henderson



KIYI's origins date to the mid-1920's when Clayton Philbrick of the Seattle Yacht Club was considering the design and construction of a new yacht for cruising Pacific Northwest waters. The archives of the Museum of History and Industry and Pacific Motor Boat magazines from 1925 – 1927 are the sources for much of her history.

Drawings by Seattle Navel Architect Leigh Coolidge indicate calculations for design #541 began in September 1923, the drawings, however, are dated November 1926 and the bids from various builders are dated November 28, 1926. The Schertzer Brothers of Seattle were awarded the commission with a bid of \$5,280.00 including the agreement to build #541 in ten weeks.





KIYI was built in the spring of 1926 to the very detailed specifications of Leigh Coolidge. She is planked with 1 ½" Port Orford cedar from Oregon, mostly full length planks on oak frames. Her house is of Burmese teak as are her rails, covering boards and trim. The pilot House windows are bent glass to a 44" radius. Photos of her launch appeared in the October and December 1926 issues of Pacific Motor Boat.

The fantail stern is proportioned perfectly and her hull runs through the water with very little resistance, making her fuel consumption less than 2gph at hull speed. She carries 245 gallons of fuel and 120 gallons of water.

Tom and Patty fell in love with KIYI at first sight and purchased her in November 1977. She was moored in Ed Monk's boathouse in Port Madison for many years and now resides in Brownsville, Washington. They are committed to preserving this unique piece of maritime history.