

# HUMBER KEEL "COMRADE"

Warrens Ship Yard built the Humber keel "comrade" at New Holland in 1923. It was actually built as a lighter to be towed behind another



vessel. It was rigged as a keel with halliards, winches and other gear Manufactured in Barton upon Humber by Wades Foundry. " Comrades first owner was Turner Carmichael of Hull who named her Warda. Her next owner was John Taylor who then changed her name to Ada Carter, which had been his wives maiden name. It was in 1929 that she became known as " Comrade " after Taylor had exchanged her for an old keel and a cash settlement with Arthur Schofield. Arthur Schofield had an Ogle

semi diesel engine fitted, which drove a propeller by a shaft fitted through the quarter. After a few years of sailing and motor-sailing he then fitted the better Lister Diesel Engine which necessitated an aperture being made so that the propeller spun in the centreline. The keel rig was also removed at this time which was in 1942. In 1953 Arthur's son Fred and his wife took over the ownership of "Comrade" and had a 31hp Lister Engine fitted to replace the 21hp which had been fitted in 1942.

The H.K.S.P.S.Ltd. bought the "Comrade" from Fred Schofield in 1974 and with his help and guidance restored her to Keel rig by 1976. Fred Schofield was the first skipper to sail a Keel since the mid 1940's. He retired as the Societies Keel Sailing Master in 1982. He wrote a book entitled " Humber Keels and Keelmen" which contains a wealth of information about keels on the Humber as well as the story of the " Comrade" The H.K.S.P.S. Ltd. continues to sail the " Comrade " on the Humber and can often be seen passing under the Humber Bridge. The sight of the Keel and the Sloop " Amy Howson" on the river makes history come to life.