



## **PERRYDALE PROJECT FILE:**

### **Project: The re-fitting of Hummingbird**



### **Background:**

Kia Ora is a 45' cruiser stern narrowboat built by Black Country Narrowboats in 2003 and was laid out in one of their standard formats and finishes:

A large cruiser stern which lead into a bedroom dining facility, made up of a pullman dinette that converted into a double bed with wardrobe to the side. A small side bathroom then linked to a second bedroom facility and the cabin concluded with an open plan galley cum living area.

The galley was a small L shaped area with forest green finish and between here and the saloon was a small multi fuel Willow stove. The saloon area featured freestanding furniture, in this case a dining cum work table with chairs.

At the very front was a built in unit with door to the side leading to the small front deck.

The ceiling and upper cabin sides were lined in wood panels and the lower sides and floor were carpeted in sage green.

The owner had wanted a brand new Perrydale boat but did not want to wait the lead time and also wanted to divert some of his funds to other projects. He spends part of the winter in New Zealand and was looking for a liveaboard for when he was in the UK

### **The Transformation:**

The transformation took place over a 4 month period.



The roof and upper cabin sides were repainted to give a fresh, new feel to the interior. The carpet was completely removed and replaced with laminated oak panels on the lower sides and solid oak flooring in the living areas and feature tiles in the bathroom and galley to both look good and provide ultimate cleaning ease on damp cruising days.

The rear bedroom/dining area was changed into a permanent bedroom with plenty of storage options for liveaboard needs. This comprised: cupboard storage to the side of the entry steps, wardrobe storage above the feet, extensive storage below the bed and a small cupboard above the head.



The original bathroom was very cramped and so the second bedroom was ditched in favour of sharing the additional area between a new bathroom and larger galley.



900/900 quadrant shower

As already referred to, there is no longer a second bedroom, this area is now part of the refurbished bathroom and galley.





In addition to more storage space the stylish galley also has an electric Neff oven and matching 5 burner LPG hob; butlers sink with shower tap and a full sized fridge and separate freezer.



The cabin concludes with the saloon; the Willow stove is replaced with a diesel Refleks for ultra convenience, this is set on the floating tray system to meet RCD regulations. In the corner instead of the units there is a large L shape sofa that converts into a double bed for occasional visitors. On the opposite wall is a flatscreen TV with soundbar above and boombox built in under the sofa.





### **Challenges**

One of the biggest challenges with re-fits that require a layout change is working around the existing windows placement. In addition the client also wanted 2 side hatches adding within the galley/living area.

It is never desirable to move the location of an existing fireplace and so again the revised layout took this into account.